



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

February/March 2017

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Announcing “Alan Akana Gallery”

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

For several months, I have been looking for an ideal space to open an art gallery in Koloa to feature my watercolors. My motivation is that I want to share my gift of painting the beautiful flowers of Hawaii with more people. My son Palani will set up and manage the gallery, hire additional workers as necessary, and then find his replacement as gallery manager when he leaves at the end of this coming summer. Even though I found a couple of really good spaces, I have not been able to secure any of them in a timely manner. Therefore, I asked the Church Council at our January meeting and then the Congregation at our annual meeting for permission to open the gallery in the living and dining room area of the parsonage. I am very grateful for the Congregation’s unanimous vote in favor to host the gallery at the parsonage for up to six months!

I will remain working full-time at the church and painting on a daily basis while Palani runs the gallery. I have also agreed to the terms of receiving 49% and the church receiving 51% of the net profits of all sales at the parsonage for every full month in which the gallery is hosted at the parsonage. This way, the church remains the primary financial beneficiary of the

gallery and will not risk its tax-exempt status at any point. I will also purchase a small business insurance policy for liability and property damage.

As I consider some of the spaces in the area where I have inquired or made an offer, I am confident that one of them will become available in the next six months. In the meantime, I am deeply grateful to have use of the parsonage on a temporary basis and look forward to sharing my art of Hawaiian flowers with even more people!

Please visit the gallery on our grand opening on Sunday, February 26, from 1-5; and drop by and bring friends after that during our regular gallery hours: Sunday 1-5 and Monday through Thursday 10-5.



Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Alan Akana

You are invited to the Grand Opening of

Alan Akana Gallery

Featuring the Flowers of Hawaii

At the Smith Memorial Parsonage

3281 Waikomo Road, Koloa

Sunday, February 26, 1-5 p.m.

For those who are able, you are requested to park at Koloa Union Church.

PRAYERS & SQUARES

Koloa Union Church joined this worldwide ministry in November 2016, thanks to Cathy Evans and Angela Dressel. We are Chapter 1228. Look it up on the internet and there we are on their world map of chapters! Angela Dressel hosted the first 3 gatherings at her home. We will now meet at the church every 4th Tuesday, 2—5 pm, and every 3rd Saturday, 10—2 pm. First gathering: February 28. Please come when you can, stay as long as you wish. Bring your sewing machines and associated tools and any fabric you can gather.



ALOHA HOUR

February 5—Giovanni Machin Osuga
 February 12—Odo Honjo Foley Dunas
 February 19—Rebb Ito Shim
 February 26—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
 March 05—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
 March 12—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
 March 19—Giovanni Osuga Machin
 March 26—Odo Honjo Foley Dunas
 April 02—Ito Rebb Shim

WAINKE YOUTH CAMP

February 16—20, 2017

Details to follow.

Asking for help with food: prepping, buying supplies, etc.

Contact Sheri Fu

Penny has sign-up list.



USHERS

FEBRUARY

Sheryl Ramos

Kei Osuga

MARCH

Phyllis Kunimura

Graceleanor Baird

LAYREADERS

February 05—Edie Moe
 February 12—Kerry Mori
 February 19—Debbie Gunning
 February 26—Doug Duvauchelle
 March 05—Graceleanor Baird
 March 12—Phyllis Kunimura
 March 19—Angela Dressel
 March 26—Larry Chaffin
 April 02—Virginia Dunas
 April 09—JoAnne Machin

Our Prayers:



prayers for guidance & strength for Fay Bartels, Al Pugsley, Jerry (Phyllis Kunimura's nephew), Lizzie Macaninch, Jim Priest, Steven, John Kube, Harriot Siegrist, Dave Ellis (friend of Sam/Karen Tucci), Vernon Fu, Jo Johannesen, Shore Strong,, Linda (Edie's sister), Daniel Tunney, Joseph Alapai, Sheila Heathcote, Brenda (Judyth Foley's daughter), Jo Duvauchelle, Tamiko & Ted Asahi, Tiff & Kimo Marrotte;
 prayers of peace and comfort for Don Coffman, Emiko Akana, Mieko Yamane.

Saving Trees

We were gifted with photovoltaic panels for the church last fall. We also have PV panels at the parsonage. We hope to save trees and our environment. In that same thought, we are offering paperless reports, newsletters, minutes. If you would prefer just reading our newsletter online, as opposed to us mailing you a hard copy, please let Penny know. Thank you.

Henry Opukaha'ia Scholarship Offering, Sunday February 26

Each year around the end of February, churches throughout the Hawaii Conference, United Church of Christ, collect the Henry Opukaha'ia Scholarship Offering. Henry Opukaha'ia was a young Hawaiian convert to Christianity who is credited for inspiring the first missionaries to sail to Hawaii from New England in the early 1800's. This offering goes into a fund to support clergy training by providing financial aid for seminary, postgraduate and continuing educational expenses. Appropriate programs include a seminary course of study, post-seminary studies or continuing education. We will collect the Henry Opukaha'ia Scholarship Offering on Sunday, February 26.

Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras/Pancake Supper/Fat Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 pm

It is the day before Ash Wednesday marked by feasting and celebration before the observance of the Lent fast. Started in the Middle Ages, restricted and perishable food during Lent was all consumed on Shrove Tuesday to avoid spoilage and waste. Join us for a pancake supper.

Ash Wednesday, March 1

We mark Ash Wednesday as the first day of Lent. It follows Shrove Tuesday. It is traditionally a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for receiving or reaffirming baptism at Easter. We will begin the evening with a Soup Supper at 6 p.m. in Moore Hall and then move into the sanctuary at 7 o'clock for the service of the ashes. This year during Lent, we will reflect on the "Beatitudes" from the Gospel of Matthew. There are times in our lives when we do not feel very blessed. There are also people in the world who do not appear blessed at all. Yet, Jesus made it clear that every human life is blessed by God and every person deeply loved by God. We will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1, with "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Each Sunday in Lent, we will focus on another type of person who is blessed by God, and at our reflection time on Wednesdays after our soup suppers, we will spend some time reflecting on the theme of the previous Sunday. This will allow us some time to let the message "settle in" and respond to it in our conversations. Please sign up if you would like to provide soup for dinner.

Ash Wednesday, March 1:

6 Soup Supper in Moore Hall

7 Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary

Wednesdays, March 8 through April 5

6 Soup Supper in Moore Hall

6:45 Conversation, Reflection and Prayer in Moore Hall

Lenten Soup Suppers

Each Wednesday in Lent (March 1—April 5), we will enjoy a soup supper at 6 p.m. and then a time of reflection afterwards in Moore Hall. This year's theme is "Living With Our Blessings" from the beatitudes in Matthew, Chapter 5. Please sign up to bring soup if you are able.

Church Council & Deacons Gathering, March 11, 9am—1pm

We plan to look ahead to the coming year, evaluate and assess.

Church on the Beach, March 12

Our worship service will begin at 11:00 am on Sunday, March 12, at the main pavilion at Poi'pu Beach (across the street from Nukumoi Surf Shop). Bring a potluck dish to share. Bring your lawn chairs! There will be no worship service at the church that day.

AUNTY NIELE'S NEWSY NOTES

By Penny Osuga

NOTE: Penny Osuga is Aunty Niele, our reporter for this column. Niele is the Hawaiian word for "nosy." If you have any news to share in this column, please contact Aunty Ni'ele at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: kucpenny@gmail.com.

Always great having associate members, **Dan & Joy King**, visit! **Judyth** worked so



hard on our holiday community outreach projects. Lucky,

she got a respite for a week, went to California to visit family. **Debbie** was in northern California, also visiting family. **Angela** hosted the first (and 2nd and 3rd) *Prayers & Squares* quilting gathering. We appreciate her commitment to this significant ministry. Thanks



to **Graceleanor** for bringing KUC friend, **Betty Bell**, to church one Sunday. Really, really nice having our "snowbirds" back with us. One of these "birds" shared that **Ed Baker** turned 90 in October! Thanks to

Yone for being our "teller" every Sunday, taking the time to tally offerings and donations. Thanks to **Rodney** for taking down and removing our very tall Christmas tree AFTER **Becky & Lynn** "un-



decorated" it. Thank you to an anonymous donor, the front sanctuary windows



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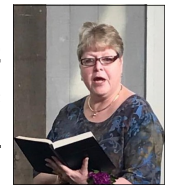
have been tinted, bird of paradise decorative film has been installed!!! Gorgeous! We are blessed indeed!!! **Betty Kataoka** recently turned 94 and still does her yard-work! Amazing lady!!! Had a fun movie night: thanks to **Doug, Becky, Bonnie,**



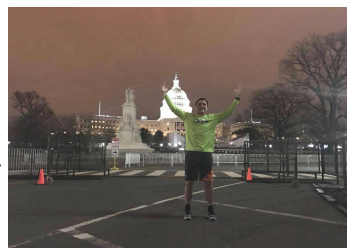
Debbie!! For the movie, hot dogs, popcorn AND root beer floats! The "men's breakfast" has started up for the spring. They are meeting every Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at the *Olympic Café* in the *Poipu Shopping Center*. Thank you, **Janet Long**, for gifting us with your beautiful voice/solo. Here's a quiz



for you: guess where **Garrett Sakimae** is in this picture below??? And, guess what **Kron** is doing in this picture!!



F u n times, e h ? Had a visitor w h o



applauded the **Kauai Humane Society** in their mission of caring for and sharing homeless animals. This visitor, **Nancy**, shared a great story about her granddaughter with Asperger Syndrome, how



welcoming **KHS** was, how participating in the **KHS** program calmed her granddaughter and had a huge positive effect on her demeanor. **Nancy**

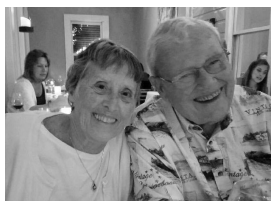
was even more impressed when she discovered she was chatting with **Naomi**, a **KHS** board member!!! The family actually adopted the dog, **Knox**, flew to California and drove hours back to Canada. Could not resist sharing this picture of 2 of **Santa's** cutest helpers, singing carols in front of **Sueoka Store**!!! Here is **Ella** with her Sunday School project: "God has a plan for you." On January 17, **Kahu Alan** talked about **Rosa Parks**, "the first lady of civil rights", during his sermon. There was a visitor in the congregation who had met **Rosa Parks** and had even been to HER home!!! It was like our history books became alive!



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Kelsey Duvauchelle was home for a visit!! Congratulations to our friends, **Duane & Ida Verschoof**, as they cele-



brate their 60th anniversary—wintering in Florida. **Kung Hee Fat Choy** from the **S a k i m a e o h a n a ...** Look who we caught cruising



the aisles at Costco!!! **Bonnie** was busy at the newly opened **Kumu's Cupboard** which offers teachers free supplies.

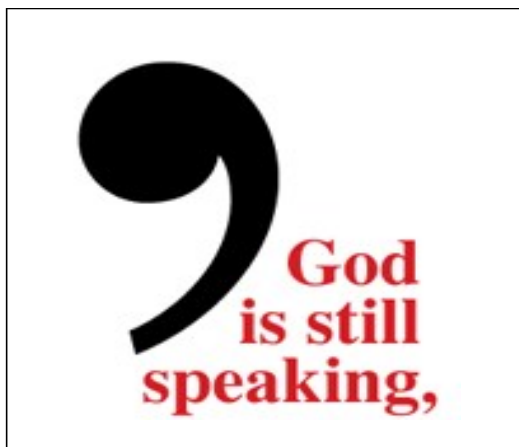


She also became a **grandma** to this gorgeous baby girl on January 25!!! Congrats!! Thanks, devoted KUC members, for a successful annual meeting!! **Caleb** was "student of the month"!!!! Enjoyed meeting **Al & Kathy Oliver!** (I hope I am close with this next statement)...he is an assessment consultant for our **Hawaii Conference**. **Judyth**, our **Outreach Chairperson**, received the nicest thank you note from one of the families who received a "holiday food box." **KHNL** tv announced we live in the "healthiest state!" Here we go..... **Judyth, Sharon, Missy** have started sorting the rummage sale donations. **Rummage Sale** on April 22. We will alert everyone when volunteers will be needed. Check this out: FULL HOUSE at church!





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SUNDAY EVENTS

**10:30 a.m. Sunday School and
Worship Service**

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