



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

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A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

SERVING THE LARGER CHURCH

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

One of the expectations and privileges of being a pastor in the United Church of Christ is the serving of the larger church. In my role as a pastor over the past 27 years, I have always served beyond the local church. The main reason for me is that local churches are stronger when connections between us are strong.

This past year, I have been the Chair of the Youth & Young Adult Committee of the Kauaʻi Association; and I will continue to serve on this committee in the coming fiscal year. In this capacity, I work with committee members, youth (middle & high school students), their families and others to make sure that there are opportunities for the young people on our island to learn, grow in their faith, and serve the church and community. I have also served on the Council and Board of Trustees of the Hawaiʻi Conference, including the chairing of the Administration Missional Team, which oversees and supports the creation of the Conference budget, the work of the personnel committee, creating agendas for our meetings, working with consultants, etc. Finally, I have served as a trustee on the Board of Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA. This final role is important

because we must provide good theological education for our future ministers and leaders in our churches and communities in order for churches to continue being vital and relevant.

Beginning in June, I will be ending my terms on the Hawaiʻi Conference Council and Board of Trustees. Instead of renewing those terms, I have decided to accept the role as Chair of the Advancement Committee at Pacific School of Religion. As is the case for most theological institutions today, PSR is looking for new and larger streams of income in order to increase and enhance what it can offer students. In my role, I will be working with the President of the school, staff, board members, advancement committee and others in order to significantly increase gifts to PSR. I would be happy to visit with anyone who would like to learn more about PSR or is interested in making a donation to the school.

Thank you to the members of Koloa Union Church for encouraging me to serve beyond our local church. We are a stronger congregation because of the work we do for the larger church!

Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Alan Akana



MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

Please join us as we celebrate MOMS!!!
Sunday, May 14, 11:30 am.

**FAREWELL/APPRECIATION LUNCH**

Please join us at this FAREWELL/APPRECIATION LUNCH, Sunday May 21, 11:30 am. This special lunch is for Mike & Fran Johnshoy and JoAnne Machin, who will be moving to the mainland. These 3 have been such active volunteers over the years. We want to show them our great appreciation.

STAMP OUT STAMPS In this day & age of 'recycling', what can a used postage stamp do? It can be torn off the corner of an envelope, be placed in the jar in the narthex of Koloa Union. Then they are bundled and sent to Honolulu's Women's Board of Missions then sent to a tiny village in Germany where most residents are disabled. They turn our 'raggedy, taggedy' stamps into clean smooth ones. From there the stamps enter the "Stamp Collector's Markets" throughout the world. This little German village then earns money to support themselves and the entire town. Graceleanor Baird

**ALOHA HOUR**

May 07—Odo Honjo Foley
May 14—Ito Rebb Shim
May 21—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
May 28—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
June 04—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
June 11—Giovanni Osuga Strong
June 18—Odo Honjo Foley
June 25—Ito Rebb Shim
July 02—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey

**YOUTH CAMP
WAINEKE in KOKEE**

June 9—13, 2017

They may ask for help with food preparation and supplies. There will be hikes, scavenger hunts, confidence building activities.



Details to follow.

USHERS**APRIL**

Virginia Dunas
Doug Duvauchelle

MAY

JoRae Baptiste
Debbie Gunning

LAYREADERS

May 07—Debbie Gunning
May 14—Kerry Mori
May 21—Doug Duvauchelle
May 28—Graceleanor Baird
June 04—Phyllis Kunimura
June 11—Angela Dressel
June 18—Larry Chaffin
June 25—Virginia Dunas
July 02—Kei Osuga
July 09—Rosemary Smythe

Our Prayers: Prayers for guidance & strength for Jose Bulatao, Bully Kapahulehua, Stacie's mother,



Erin Garlie Adams, Betty Kataoka, Julie Akre, Ella Batalucco, Billy (Patsy's cousin), Jean (Joy's friend), Barbara Johnson, Al Pugsley, Jerry (Phyllis Kunimura's nephew), Lizzie Macaninch, Steven, John Kube, Dave Ellis, Vernon Fu, Jo Johannesen, Shore Strong, Linda (Edie's sister), Daniel Tunney, Joseph Alapai, Sheila Heathcote, Brenda, Jo Duvauchelle, Tamiko & Ted Asahi, Tiff & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of peace and comfort for Joanne Gagner, Emiko Akana, Mieko Yamane; prayers of comfort for the families of Hartwell Blake, Glorita Doctor McIntyre, Jeannie Pacarro,

Saturday, May 13, 4 p.m. Na Himeni Concert at Hanapepe Hawaiian Church

Hanapepe Hawaiian is planning our 4th annual Na Himeni concert; an evening of remembering na himeni that shaped our faith through the years; with the intent to also keep the unique arrangement of na himeni alive and to provide our kupuna with an evening of special recognition and appreciation. Our program includes Kenneth Makuakane, Cindy Combs, and our church pianist.

Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m. Installation Service for the Rev. Malcolm Carr

Lihue Christian Church invites fellow UCC congregations to the installation service of the Rev. Malcolm Carr. Kahu Akana will take part in the service.

Saturday, May 27, 9 a.m. Kauai Association Youth & Young Adult Beach Clean-up

The youth and young adults from UCC Congregations throughout the island will meet at Donkey Beach to learn about the importance of taking care of our oceans and beaches, and clean up the beach. Details to follow.

Looking ahead:

Sunday, June 4 Koloa Union Church Two-Year Capital Campaign Celebration

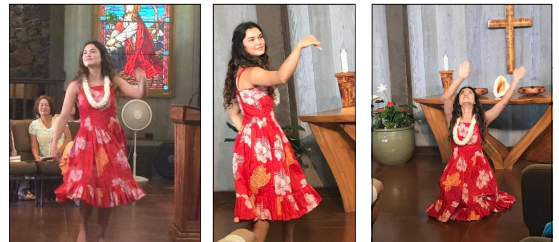
"Maika'i Hana Hou!" (Creating Goodness & Beauty Once Again!) was our theme two years ago and is still our theme today. We have done an amazing job so far: moving our entryway into the parking lot, resurfacing and striping the lot, landscaping and outdoor lighting, adding a walkway and arbor, new sanctuary furniture and fans, adding tinting and decorations to our windows, and so much more. It is definitely time to celebrate all that we have accomplished in the last two years! Join us on June 4 for a worship service celebrating our capital campaign and then a great luncheon to follow!



Krayson (and helper) selling delicious chili bowls!



Aunty Jeanie found something to buy at the rummage sale!!!



Kahu's cousin, Ana Akana treated us to her beautiful hula dancing



Taking down and packing up "unsold" merchandise



Rummage Sale shoppers



Tree trimming of church monkey pods. The tress look so happy. Can you spot the tree trimmer high in the trees???

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.

Ahhh, springtime at **Koloa Union**...always so much fun-stuff happening. Thanks to **Judyth** and her crew for serving a meal at *Hanapepe Salvation Army* on March 29. My least favorite thing to do is public speaking. My even lesser favorite (is that grammatically proper?) thing to do is ask for \$\$\$\$. I must commend and thank **Debbie Gunning** for being our *Stewardship Chair* for many years. It is a thankless position to accept, but she does such an amazing job. She is the reason we are recognized in the national list of "most giving" UCC churches—because of **Debbie's** heartfelt pleas and your generous giving to several special missions throughout the year. This year's *Men's breakfasts* were well-attended at the **Olympic Café** in Poipu. Thanks to all the men for keeping this tradition going over the years. We await

Enjoyed the 6 am **Sunrise Service**, Kukuiolono Park. About 60 attended, watched the sun rise presenting the entire South Shore....God's creation, folks. I went to Texas to visit our 3



grand boys!

Celebrated birthdays for the 7 y.o. and 5 y.o., helped with homework, baths, teeth brushing, went to martial arts classes, saw some friends, had the best snuggle time with them. We are thrilled to welcome 7 baptisms and 6 new members to our church ohana on Easter



Sunday!! **Naomi** just returned from a trip to Japan! Lots of shopping, relaxing, cherry blossoms, sake? Visited **Aunty Chito** recently with **Joni, Sydney, Caleb**. Stopped to visit **Toyo & Kathy**, unfortunately they were napping. We have 3 new picnic tables at the church!! They will add comfortable seating, thanks to your generous donations to our **Capital Campaign**. Three lovely ladies relaxing after choir



Yone, Jeanie, Jo



practice. **Aunty Jo** celebrated her 90th bday!!!! **Missey Foley** did the



your return next year. They seem to enjoy their male-bonding

I don't think I am a hoarder, BUT I found their WEDDING INVITATION in my desk drawer!!!

time!! Great having **Paul Ueunten** in



church. Congratulation to **Kimo & Tiffany!** Ten (!!!!) years of marriage AND vow renewals.



Such a great write-up and picture of **Al Sugano** with his orchids in the Garden Island! And, thanks, **Al**, for schelpping in our trash can from the curb every Wednesday morning. You da bess!!! "By the grace of God, I am what I am" wonderful words in **Kahu's** Easter Sunday sermon.



florals for a SoCal wedding! Her talent is famous!!! **Palm Sunday:** kids did a great procession and fabulous Easter play "You Can't Have Easter Without ..."



Thanks to **Rosemary, Becky, Debbie, Bonnie, Amber** for the Easter leis! 30 foot orchid



and ti leis to adorn our cross! **Amber** learned how to make ti leaf leis!!! Yippee! **Aunty Dottie** is certainly smiling down on us now. Thanks also to my friend, **DVM Mike Woltmon**, for all the white dendrobiums. Thank you, **Missy**, for the beautiful altar flowers. Backing up a bit: The children enjoyed coloring 15 dozen eggs on *Good Friday*. Thanks, **Uncle Doug & Aunty Penny**, for the pizza lunch. Then Easter Sunday service, egg hunt and lunch at the parsonage.



Bonnie spent Easter on Oahu with family and granddaughter, **Hana**. **Karen Johnson & Becky** were on Oahu: hiked Mt. Tantalus (!!!),



went to 2 operas @ Hawaii Children's Theater. Thanks to **Bob & Bridget Hammerquist**



for the beautiful koa bench. THEN we had our annual rummage sale, made \$1670 for the youth. Under **Judyth's** guidance the volunteers worked for hours on end organizing, selling, cleaning, packing. Thanks, to **Peter & Bruce** for making "dump runs."



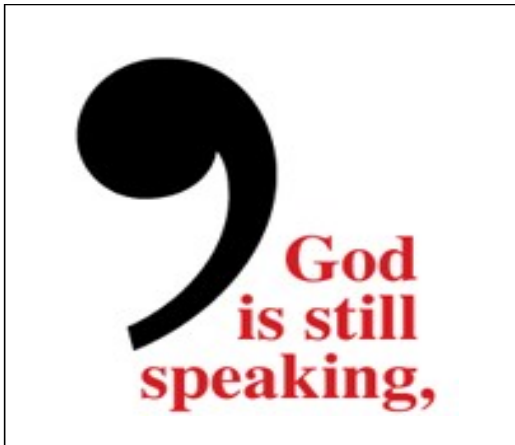
The 1st volunteer crew, even from Alaska!



Uncle Diki will soon be even more famous: **Sam Tucci** teaches a Hawaiian History class at a state college in New Hampshire. **Sam** interviewed and filmed **Diki** at his Lawai home where **Diki** shared his stories of living and growing up on Kauai.



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SUNDAY EVENTS

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