



# Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

June 2017

## ***A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA***

### **Thank You for Your Generosity**

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

I want to take this opportunity once again to thank everyone for your generosity, faith and commitment to the church and our mission. As we approach the two-year anniversary of our capital campaign, we have given together just under \$250,000! This is an inspiring amount for a church our size! I hope most of the people reading this will make it to our Capital Campaign 2-Year Anniversary Celebration on June 4, when we celebrate just how much we have done so far! As I look at our overall commitments of just under \$300,000, I am confident that we will achieve all of our goals and complete all of our projects by the end of 2018. I want to send a special thank you to those who have already completed your commitments and also to those who made generous one-time gifts over the past two years. When we first started talking about a capital campaign, we decided to move forward in order to be a more inviting and welcoming community of faith. When I consider the improvements to our grounds and the inside of our sanctuary, we look more inviting and welcoming than ever!

Our special mission offerings continue to increase as well. At our Church Council meeting this past Sunday, Debbie Gunning, our Stewardship Chair, announced that our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing this year amounted to \$3,066, which is likely an all-time record for our church! Last year's OGHS total was \$1,773. Combined with the gifts of congregations throughout the country, we are

making a HUGE difference in the world for people suffering from natural disasters, violence and warfare, forced relocation, and many other challenging situations. I was especially pleased that our Sunday School children really stepped up to the plate this year and gave \$79 (mostly in coins)!

Most importantly, your ongoing generosity to the church's general fund is increasing as well. Our net income for January through April was \$4,192. Even though we don't have a lot of "wiggle room" and are certainly not being excessive in our spending, we have paid all of our salaries and bills with a bit left over. We also paid \$2,000 to Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) to the denomination a little early.

As the summer months approach, I invite you to continue your generosity and remember to fulfill your financial commitments to the church before or after vacations so that we can begin the fall with a solid financial base. We are hoping to give some attention to the parsonage grounds over the summer: most of the trees need trimming—for the health of the trees and for safety; we would like to plant some new trees and plants; and we want to replace some of the outdoor furniture in the parsonage yard, which has broken over time and is primarily used for church events.

Aloha nui loa!  
Kahu Alan Akana



It's THAT time again..... **ROCK & BOWL!!!**



Friday, June 30, 2017, 7—9 pm, \$14  
There will be a sign up sheet for bowlers,  
bumper lanes, ages.  
Questions? See Bonnie



Join us for our  
**FATHER'S DAY LUNCH**  
Sunday, June 18, noon  
After Sunday Service  
Ladies: See Penny for sign up sheet

***ALOHA HOUR***

- June 04—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
- June 11—Giovanni Osuga Strong
- June 18—Odo Honjo Foley Dunas
- June 25—Ito Rebb Shim
- July 02—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
- July 09—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
- July 16—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
- July 23—Giovanni Osuga Strong
- July 30—Odo Honjo Foley Dunas

**YOUTH CAMP  
WAINEKE in KOKEE**

June 9—13, 2017

A sign-up list will be posted for help with  
food preparation and supplies.  
There will be hikes, scavenger hunts,  
confidence building activities.



Details: See Tiffany

***USHERS***

**JUNE**

- Sheryl Ramos
- Kei Osuga

**JULY**

- Phyllis Kunimura
- Graceleanor Baird

***LAYREADERS***

- June 04—Phyllis Kunimura
- June 11—Angela Dressel
- June 18—Larry Chaffin
- June 25—Virginia Dunas
- July 02—Kei Osuga
- July 09—Rosemary Smythe
- July 16—Edie Moe
- July 23—Kerry Mori
- July 30—Debbie Gunning
- August 06—Doug Duvauchelle

**Our Prayers:** Prayers for guidance & strength for Dorothy Brooks, Phyllis (Edie's friend), Allen Caldwell, Francisca Padua, Kanaina Smythe, Art Furuta, Cedric Ramos, Jose Bulatao, Bully Kapahulehua, Stacie's mother, Ella Batalucco, Billy (Patsy's cousin), Jean (Joy's friend), Barbara Johnson, Al Pugsley, Jerry (Phyllis Kunimura's nephew), Lizzie Macaninch, Steven, Dave Ellis, Vernon Fu, Jo Johannesen, Shore Strong, Linda (Edie's sister), Daniel Tunney, Joseph Alapai, Sheila Heathcote, Brenda, Jo Duvauchelle, Ted Asahi, Tiff & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of peace and comfort for Emiko Akana and Miyeko Yamane: prayers of comfort for the family of Harry Lau.





## “Maika`i Hana Hou!”

(Creating Goodness & Beauty Once Again)

Our Capital Campaign 2-Year Anniversary  
Old-Fashioned Church Picnic and Talent Show!

*Celebrating the Generosity and Gifts Of  
Our Donors and Volunteers*

Pentecost Sunday  
June 4, 2017  
10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Buck,  
Conference Minister of the Hawai`i Conference (UCC),  
Will Be Our Special Guest of Honor

We will collect the Strengthen the Church  
Special Mission Offering

Bakers, please contact Becky Sakimae to bring a homemade pie.

Performers, sign up with Doug Duvauchelle when you arrive  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> if you would like to share your talent.

***Everyone is invited to wear something RED for Pentecost!***

# 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'e le at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: [kucpenny@gmail.com](mailto:kucpenny@gmail.com).



Our **Miss Ella Batalucco** won a Koloa School writing contest, then won on the Kauai level, then won 3rd in the state level!! Theme: "What is Your Story?" She is in 3rd grade!! High five to

**Ella!!!! Dan & Naomi** flew off to New York to visit family AND to see late-night talk host, **Seth Meyers!** Thanks to **Kerry Mori & Vernon Parongao** for being available to fix our electrical issues! Thanks to **Dan, Bill, Kahu** for the

truckload of flora purchased from the **NTGB!!** Had a yummy **Mother's Day** lunch! Thanks, **Rodney**, for the



delicious hekka, thanks **Taylor, Matt, Kei, Diki** for the egg rolls, for working the kitchen/washing dishes. Thanks, **Sheryl**, for **Dad's** potato salad! So many pitched in to make it a lovely meal. **Mahalo! JoAnne & Lynn @** Mother's Day Brunch at the **Lava Lava Beach Club!! Lee &**



**Carol Bowen** toured Iceland! **Lee:** "life is truly good."

Always great having friend, **Cathy Evans**, here for a visit. And she always brings friends to church!! Enjoyed having



**Dorothy & Jerry Brooks** visit from Oregon! Thanks to **Naomi & dad, Rev.**

**Yamane & Dan** for doing so much weeding & maintenance on the street side berms—looks awesome. **Rev.**



**Yamane** said he left "some" weeds for US to pull!!! So proud of our **Karen Johnson, Chris & Kathy Dahill, Becky**

**Sakimae** who were part of the Spring Chamber Music Kauai! It was a fabulous presentation!



**Sharon McCoubrey** had about a month on the mainland visiting family and friends!!

Congratulations

to **Palani!** He just turned 24!! AND was granted a fellowship at **Columbia U!!!** Thanks to everyone (& Aloha Hour team) for the grand "appreciation/farewell" celebration and lunch for **Mike & Fran Johnshoy** and **JoAnne Machin**. These three members will be moving to the mainland (Minnesota & Iowa). They have been the epitome of "volunteerism" and we appreciate all they have done and taught us over the years. We will miss them tremendously!!! **Lee Bowen** quote "they cannot return if they don't first leave." "**Dr. Beach**" did NOT select any Kauai beaches for his top 10 this year! Seriously?!?!?

**Strengthen the Church**

**Special Mission Offering-Invest in the Vision**

This is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared on local and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

**Summer Book Group**

***Convictions* by Marcus Borg**

Kahu Akana will lead our summer book group at the parsonage on Wednesday evenings, beginning on June 14. The group will gather at the parsonage at 6 p.m. for dinner and then discuss the book *Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most*, by Marcus J. Borg. Kahu can order books for \$10 (includes shipping). In this book, Borg reflects on his life and how he developed his most bedrock convictions—and why they matter. Here is an excerpt from the book: “Imagine that Christianity is about loving God. Imagine that it’s not about the self and its concerns, about ‘what’s in it for me,’ whether that be a blessed after-life or prosperity in this life. Imagine that loving God is about being attentive to the one in whom we live and move and have our being. Imagine that it is about becoming more and more deeply centered in God. Imagine that it is about loving what God loves.” ***Please sign up on the bulletin board at church so that Kahu knows how many books to order and how much food to prepare.***

**`Aha Pae`aina on Maui**

**Kahu and Bonnie to Attend**

Kahu Akana and Bonnie Kakinami will attend this year’s `Aha Pae`aina—the annual gathering of the Hawai`i Conference (United Church of Christ). They will be flying to Maui on June 15 to attend the 2-day gathering.



May Day 2017 for some of KUC kids!



Hugs and Aloha to Mike & Fran Johnshoy & JoAnne Machin



Kahu blessing Mark & Tricia Ruiz's new "Hawn Asian Fusion Food Truck" at Warehouse 3540 in Lawai- "Roots In Culture"—yummy!!!



3 generations of cuteness!!!



The 3 Musketeers???



Our fabulous choir @ Aha Mele, Hanapepe UCC



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## **KOLOA UNION CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY EVENTS**

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

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