



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

September 2017

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

PLANNING FOR A GREAT FALL

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

As we “gear up” for the fall, there are some really exciting things on the horizon. We are planning our sanctuary enlargement and enclosure, which you can read about in the capital campaign report. This will allow additional seating, which is greatly needed for special occasions, such as Christmas Eve, Easter, funerals and memorial services. It will also allow us to comfortably fit everyone on Sunday mornings during Advent and the winter months when our “snowbirds” are here.

On November 12, Kōloa Union Church will be hosting all of the churches of the Kauaʻi Association for the Fall ʻAha Mokupuni. This afternoon and evening event will consist of special presentations and/or activities for young people as well as adults, a worship service and dinner. It will be an exciting time for us to show off all of the new improvements of our capital campaign! We will need lots of volunteers to set up, greet, help with parking, serve and clean up on that day. A signup sheet will be available in October. Please save this date on your calendar!

We also have two fantastic stewardship themes and fun activities in September and early October. “Aloha: The Greatest

Commandment” and “Changing Lives, Transforming the World in 2018” will help us to celebrate this year’s outreach activities and prepare for meaningful outreach in the coming year. God has called us to look beyond our walls and consider how we might bring aloha to others in our community and throughout the world.

We are also planning good music, including songs from our choir...a celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation...and something entirely new on Saturday, September 23: Breakfast on the Beach! (I hope you’ll join us for a delicious and fun time in the pavilion at Poʻipu Beach.)

I trust that you will join us, as you are able, and invite as many friends as you can to participate in all of our fall activities!

Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Alan Akana



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This year's theme is *Pay It Forward: Who is My Neighbor?* In the past year, we have been active volunteers at Koloa School, NTBG, Salvation Army, Nana's House, Lawai International Shrines, distributed Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and gifts. Let us know if you are aware of families in need. Money accumulated in the "Spare Change Jar" buys gift cards for single moms. Thanks to all our volunteers. If you would like to help, contact Judyth Foley.



Our theme for 2018 will be: "Changing Lives, Transforming the World!"

ALOHA HOUR

- Sept 03—Giovanni Osuga Strong
- Sept 10—Odo Honjo Foley Dunas
- Sept 17—Ito Rebb Shim
- Sept 24—Smythe Chaffin Mc Coubrey
- Oct 01—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
- Oct 08—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
- Oct 15—Giovanni Osuga Strong
- Oct 22—Odo Honjo Foley Dunas
- Oct 29—Ito Rebb Shim

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USHERS

- SEPTEMBER
- JoRae Baptiste
- Debbie Gunning
- OCTOBER
- Sheryl Ramos
- Kei Osuga

LAYREADERS

- September 03—
- September 10—Larry Chaffin
- September 17—Virginia
- September 24—Kei Osuga
- October 01—Rosemary Smythe
- October 08—Edie Moe
- October 15—Kerry Mori
- October 22—Debbie Gunning
- October 29—Kaylee Alapai
- November 05—Doug Duvauchelle

Our Prayers: Prayers for guidance & strength for Belinda Bartels, Bill Dressel, Phyllis Kunimura, Judy Gulde, Amy Sugano, Margaret Clark, Jack & Rowan (2 children, requested by Sharon McCoubrey), Patsy (church member friend), Cori Swanson, Andre Yasis, Rochelle Lorenzo, Noelle (Christine's daughter), Becky (Cathy Evan's friend), Fay Bartels, Carl (Steve & Yvonne's neighbor), Shellee Riggio, David Vitt, Francisca Padua. Kanaina Smythe, Jose Bulatao, Stacie's mother, Ella Batalucco, Jean (Joy's friend), Barbara Johnson, Lizzie Macaninch, Steven, John Kube, Vernon Fu, Linda (Edie's sister), Joseph Alapai, Brenda, Jo Duvauchelle, Ted Asahi, Tiff & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of peace and comfort for Emiko Akana and Miyeko Yamane: prayers of comfort for the families of Lucky Thompson, (Rev. Jeannie Thompson's brother), Patsy Palama, Jell Melrose, Larry Gates.



WORKDAYS COMING UP Dates to be determined. We would like to pull weeds from the front berms, some trimming; also looking for lava rocks and blue rocks for edging the garden plots. We will pick up the rocks. Thanks.



CHOIR REHEARSAL begin on Thursday, September 7, 7 pm. in the sanctuary. Please let Kathleen Dahill know if you are interested in joining the choir. New singers are always welcome. Let Kathleen know you or a friend would like to sing a song or play a musical instrument during our worship services. Solos, duets, trios, quartets and ensembles are welcome!



FALL STEWARDSHIP PLANS

“Aloha: The Greatest Commandment”

“Changing Lives, Transforming the World in 2018”

“Aloha” is not just what we do; it is part of our identity as a church. By our very nature, we share love and hospitality with others; and by doing so, we change lives (including our own!) and transform the world around us. Beginning September 10, we will spend time in our worship services for four weeks in a row celebrating the ways we share aloha with others and exploring new ways to reach out to those around us. We will also each prayerfully consider what our own commitments will be to our outreach and mission in the coming year, culminating on October 1 (World Communion Sunday) when we bless our financial commitments to the church for 2018. May we all participate in prayerfully imagining what we might do for others and in committing to a bold vision for the coming year!

Address Updates

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Kahiu and Palani made it to New York!!!
 Next stop: Palani's apartment.
 Next stop: COLUMBIA U!!

THE BRIDGE: Kauai to College A Ministry to High School Students

We held the initial public meeting for The Bridge here at Koloa Union Church a while ago and, until recently, our church hosted the financial resources of the organization while its leaders completed the process to become a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity. Dr. Susan Davis, clinical psychologist and President of The Bridge was in church last week with an update and to meet anyone interested in learning more about supporting The Bridge. The Bridge is currently supporting ten active mentoring pairs helping island youth in their quest for college admission. If you are interested in mentoring or supporting The Bridge, contact Susan Davis susandavisphd@gmail.com or 650-464-1654. Mark your calendars for this year's gala: “Bossa Nova Brazil!”, Sunday, December 3, 2017, Koloa Landing Poipu.

AUNTY NIELE'S NEWSY NOTES

By Penny Osuga

NOTE: Penny Osuga is Auntie 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 Auntie Ni'ele at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: kucpenny@gmail.com.

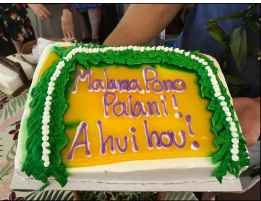
Thanks, **Dan**, for the Capital Campaign updates and for upcoming renovations!!! BRAVO to our choir and composer, **Kathy Dahil!!** Cutest rendition of "New York, New York" for **Palani's** farewell Sunday. Loved **Chris'** soft-shoe dance!!!! Thanks to **Aloha Hour** ladies for a fab



panels our church carbon offset was 541# and saved the life of 6 trees!!!! How great is that?!?! Was great having former pastor, **Rev. Susumu Yamane** "in the house"! Always fun having **Chris & Tara** home:



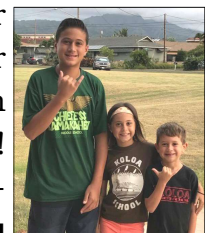
our son.in.law & dtr. **Koloa Union** enjoyed another *Koloa Plantation Days Parade!* Thanks to **Peter** for the golf cart, thanks to the decorators, un-decorators, riders, walkers! "Many Cultures, One Community"



luncheon for **Palani!!!** Also had a very nice champagne reception for **Palani...**we will miss him as he goes off to **Columbia!** Had lots of August birthdays—we won't mention ages—**Doug, Becky, Bonnie, Debbie, Kei!** Sorry if I missed mentioning anyone. **Debbie** did another 10 mile walk!! She is amazing!!! Thanks to **Al & Carole Pugsley!**



Another school year started on August 7!

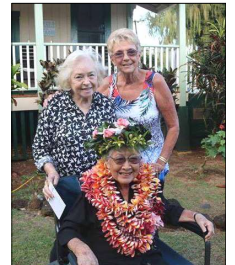


What happened to school starting "after Labor Day?" **Kahu** and some church members/friends attended the 17th annual "Pilgrimage of Compassion" at the **Lawai International Center.** Grand Master of the ancient shakuhachi (Japanese flute), **Riley Lee**, performed. He is the son of our former

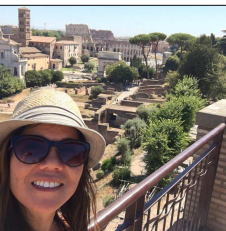


With the help of our photo voltaic

church members, **Sheridan & Mary Lee.** Had a long “catching up” conversation with **Ida & Duane Verschoof!** They are doing fine and send their *aloha* to all!! **Kei & I** had a fun 5 days in *Sapporo* again-we were there last August, have gotten to know the city very well: where to eat and shop, train rides, day trips, perfect weather. Love these < 4 smiling faces! **Joni** is in Italy attending a wedding!! **Caleb** broke his elbow!!!! Ouch! Yippee!! **Bill Dressel’s** back surgery = a success!! Look how straight he can now stand, he seems much taller now, huh? Keep up the good work at *St. Mary’s Acute Rehab* in San Francisco!! **Kairi** is so cute in her kimono!



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Celebrated **Jo Duvauchelle’s** 90th!!! A family-filled, food-filled, fun-filled, friends-filled evening on the beautiful lawn of the **Smith Memorial Parsonage!**





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SUNDAY EVENTS

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