

Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

JULY 2018

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Creating a New Vision

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

Three years ago, our leaders met to prayerfully consider our mission, vision and priorities for our church. From that time together and with participation from the rest of the church, we created:

- a brand new mission statement, which is now part of our Constitution and Bylaws
- a 3-year vision for the church
- priorities for the coming months

Since that time, we have made wonderful progress as a church, including the following reasons to celebrate:

- 39 new members and increased attendance
- a significant increase in our general fund income
- a successful capital campaign with major improvements to the church building and grounds
- Over \$5,000 to the church's youth fund
- \$15,000 to our permanent funds (payment on borrowed money)

On Saturday, June 23, our leaders met again. We spent a good part of the morning

celebrating our progress. The remainder of the morning and the entire afternoon sessions were devoted to considering where God might be leading us as a church. Our next steps are for our Council to create and recommend to the congregation a new Vision Statement for the next three years. Just like the previous Vision Statement, which began with the words, "In June 2018..." our new vision will place us three years into the future, as we imagine who we are and what we have accomplished.

I am very excited to work together with our Deacons, Council members and congregation on a new vision and priorities for Kōloa Union Church! I invite you to pray for our church leaders as we continue to listen for the voice of God and pay attention to what God is doing among us. I also invite each of you to share your input with us as you feel so led. It is important that the entire congregation feels comfortable participating in this important effort. You will be hearing more about it during the summer, and we should have a wonderful new vision and priorities in the early fall.



Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Alan Akana

Summer Book Group Continues.. "Becoming Wise"

This summer's choice for our book group is *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living*, by Krista Tippett. The author is one of the preeminent voices in religion in the 21st century, having interviewed many of the great religious thinkers and leaders of our time. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings, from June 20 through August 1 (but NOT on July 4), at 6 o'clock for dinner followed by a discussion led by Kahu Alan Akana. Please sign up so that Kahu knows how much food to prepare for dinner.



ALOHA HOUR

July 01—Odo Honjo Dunas
 July 08—Ito Rebb Shim
 July 15—Smythe Foley McCoubrey
 July 22—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
 July 29—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
 August 05—Giovanni Osuga Strong
 August 12—Odo Honjo Dunas
 August 19—Ito Rebb Shim

Strengthen the Church Offering

is one of 5 special offerings collected each year for the United Church of Christ ministries in Hawaii and in the nation. Your support provides for the growth of new UCC ministries with full time leadership support and development of spiritual life for the youth and young adult ministries. KUC will be accepting your generous donations for this offering for the entire month of July. Please make your donation in the special envelopes provided or make a note on your check for :



Strengthen the Church Offering (STC).
 Mahalo for your donation!

USHERS

JULY
 Graceleanor Baird
 Christine Kube
AUGUST
 Virginia Dunas
 Doug Duvauchelle

LAYREADERS

July 01—Debbie Gunning
 July 08—Kaylee Alapai
 July 15—Doug Duvauchelle
 July 22—Graceleanor Baird
 July 29—Jean Odo
 August 05—Angela Dressel
 August 12—Larry Chaffin
 August 19—Virginia
 August 26—Kei Osuga
 September 02—Rosemary Smythe

Prayers for comfort and strength for Hawaii Island volcano and earthquake victims and Kauai flood victims; prayers of comfort and healing for Mark Schory, Skip Hance, Rev. Susumu Yamane, Jim Semph, Kilane, Sherri Mudd, Judy Hunt, Galen Kaohi, Steve Sparks, Bob Hammerquist, Sandy Ramsay, Stu Burley, Mahina Anguay, Alison Koepfgen, Bobbie Bulatao-Franklin, Van Pribilovics, Scott Coffey, John Pekoe, Rowan (requested by Sharon McCoubrey), Cori Swanson, Rochelle Lorenzo, Shellee Riggio, David Vitt, Francisca Padua, Kanaina Smythe, Jose Bulatao, Ella Batalucco, Barbara Johnson, Lizzie Macaninch, Steven, Vernon Fu, Joseph Alapai, Brenda, Jo Duvauchelle, Ted Asahi, Tiff & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort and peace for the families of Dottie Ann Hance, Rev. Ron Williams, Richard (Wink) Winkler, Becky Breedlove (Cathy Evans' friend); prayers of peace and comfort Emiko Akana and Miyeko Yamane.



Pacific School of Religion Thank you to all who made gifts to Pacific School of Religion on or after "Seminary Sunday" on May 20th. We raised \$500 at Kōloa Union Church and a check for that amount was mailed to PSR, where Kahu serves as a Trustee and is Chair of the Advancement Committee, which oversees all of the fundraising efforts of the school. For more information on PSR, talk to Kahu or check out the website <www.psr.edu>.

Stewardship Update Thank you to our generous donors to the church general fund! Your gifts allow us to pay our salaries (Kahu, Penny, Kathleen, our cleaning lady and yard man), insurance, utilities, etc. Although our budget lists specific line items, please keep in mind that every dollar we spend is to fulfill our mission "to worship and serve God...and sharing aloha with everyone." Our annual goal for general fund income in 2018 is \$140,130. As of May 31, 2018 giving to the general fund is \$43,159. Since we are a bit behind in our giving, the Church Council voted on June 17 to borrow \$10,000 from our youth fund, to be repaid before December 31, in order to pay salaries and our current bills. There are a few ways you can help us fulfill our financial obligations. First of all, pray for the wellbeing of our church and that we will continue making progress in our financial stewardship. (Our giving has increased significantly during the past few years!) Secondly, if you are heading away on vacation during the summer months, you can give your offering before you leave. For those who are able, please consider giving for two or more months in order to help us through the "lean summer months."

Kōloa Plantation Days Open House Koloa Plantation Days at the Parsonage Koloa Union Church To Host Reception "Plantation-Style Living: An Afternoon of Art, Stories and Refreshment" Monday, July 24 4-6 p.m. (Lecture at 4:30 by Kahu Akana). Please sign up to help with this special outreach to the community. We want people to volunteer to greet, give tours of the parsonage, oversee the refreshment table, and more. Most volunteers are requested to arrive between 3 and 3:30 p.m. Guests will tour the beautiful house and learn about the history of the early missionary doctors in Koloa who once lived on the property and how the arrival of Dr. James and Melicent Smith in 1842 shaped the history of Koloa. At 4:30 p.m. Kahu Akana will share stories about the Smith-Waterhouse Family, the building and land, and his watercolors of the flowers of Hawai'i. You will also enjoy live entertainment, plantation iced tea and homemade cookies. Participants and volunteers who are able are requested to park at the church.

Kōloa Plantation Days Parade — "Landmarks in Time"

We will be a "walking unit" with the extended golf cart for those who prefer to ride from Koloa School to Anne Knudsen Ballpark. The parade starts at 10 a.m., participants will need to park at the church, walk to Koloa School. We are looking for volunteers to decorate the golf cart on Friday, looking for theme-related attire, roads will be closed from 9am to 12:30pm.

Molokai Experience Kathleen Dahill and Virginia Dunas were part of a small volunteer group in Kalaupapa. These are their words—Kathleen: Kalaupapa is a place of serenity, a feeling of reverence layered with a deep sadness that still reverberate in many of the old buildings. That being said, there is also a sense of peace, hope and tremendous love. Every island in Hawai'i nei, has deep connections to this special place; Virginia: Kalaupapa and Kalawao, Moloka'i have much of the majestic beauty in the world with their 2000+ foot pali separating it from "topside," the rest of Moloka'i and the world, surrounded by the clear blues and greens of the ocean. Quiet. No restaurants, no shopping, no phones, very limited access. Spiritual solitude abounds in the Mana of the 'aina and the UCC Kanaana Hou United Church of Christ and its many other churches.

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.

Was nice meeting **Jean Thompson's** son, **Charlie** from Napa. Sorry I didn't get a photo. Celebrating **Palani's** 1st year at *Columbia*; he is spending the summer on an island in the *Panama Canal* doing field research. Loved having our Texas "ohana" on island for two weeks: **Jim & Patti &**

hosting a yummy Father's Day lunch. Look who graduated from 8th grade~~**Asher and Reign!** And pre-school~~**Kron & Tobi!!**



Louie. Missy's daughter, **Melina**, travelled to Bali and Australia!! Thank you, **Kahu & Virginia**



for representing **Koloa Union** at the annual "**Aha Pae'aina** on Oahu where we were again recognized for being a generous "5 for 5" contributor. Had a successful art gallery open house. Around 60 attended, enjoyed **Kahu's** talk on the volcano, purchased artwork, enjoyed refreshments and delicious snacks (thanks to **Taylor & Van**). **Jean Odo** represented Kauai at a suicide training on Oahu. **Rosemary** spent much deserved "down time" at her Oahu family home. **Kahu's** sister, **Allison**, and sis.in.law, **Julie**, were

Very productive **Leaders Retreat** at the parsonage. 12 attended sharing their visions, dreams, hopes....breakfast and lunch were delicious! Was awesome having **Toyo, Mel & Bliss Nishida** in church!!



Dan, Naomi and friends golfed in Scotland and Ireland! **Tiffany** heading to HNL with



13 Kauai youth: **WRYE** (Western Regional Youth Event). Cousins **Kron & Jayden** in church!! Great having church friends, **Cathy Tebo &** new wife, **Tammy**, on island and in church!! **Cathy's** parents were in the first wave



here for a visit. Enjoyed **Dan & Joy King's** Kauai visit. We found some time to meet for lunch. Thanks to the church ladies for

of snowbirds coming more than 35 years ago. Check out the bench in front of my office: donated by the **Tebo** family!!! **Sakimae** ohana: a day at Kalapaki. Guess



where the **Batalucco** ohana visited? They've had a busy start of summer. Thanks, **Mike**, for reading the **Father's Day** poem,



written by **Kathleen!** Eight attended this month's "Thursday morning breakfast" @ **Kalapaki Joe's Poipu**. Great food, even



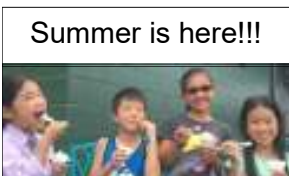
better company & conversations. Fun having **Rev. Dan Spacek** join our praise music team! He is on sabbatical from Auburn, CA. **Ella**



received a "pule ko aloha" from our "**Prayers & Squares**" girls! Looked who popped in for a visit while on island for a few days!!! Yep, **Jerry!** **Maya & Olivia** start church by ringing the bell. **Fay**



Bartels is in Washington with **Belinda**. While cleaning, they traced a definite connection on the family tree with **LTG John M. Schofield**—yep—as in **Schofield Barracks** on Oahu!! **Karen Johnson** is traveling to "the city by the bay" and Oregon! **Krayson** went to a Junior Life-guard class recently!!! **Pat Chaffin** was in Costa Rica for her granddaughter's wedding! Was so so so nice running into **Lynn Mori!** She looks amazing!!!



Summer is here!!!



Caption this.....



KIAWE ROOTS



Alan Akana Art Gallery Open House 6.3.2018



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Mahalo, Dan!!



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SUNDAY EVENTS

10:30 a.m. Sunday School and
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