



# Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

## **A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA**

### **“A NEW VISION, NEW OPPORTUNITIES”**

As we enter the fall season, it is time once again to reflect on our blessings and consider what God might be leading us to do in the coming year. During the month of September, we will be reflecting in particular on what the upcoming year might look like. I have been working with Virginia Dunas and Rosemary Smythe—Stewardship Committee Co-chairs—in determining a theme for 2019, and we decided to focus on gratitude, welcoming and sharing; we came up with this tagline for the year ahead of us:

***“With gratitude, welcoming all and sharing our blessings”***

After reflecting on this theme for the month of September, I invite you to join me in bringing your 2019 commitment cards to church with you (they will be mailed soon) on September 30th. Please prayerfully consider what amount you might commit to that truly represents your gratitude for all Kōloa Union Church gives to you and our community. We will ask God’s blessing upon our commitments during the worship service on that day and then celebrate during an extended Aloha Hour with a special meal and talent show. Please consider participating in the talent show, and bring friends and neighbors.

Over the summer, our Deacons and Council members have been reflecting and imagining even beyond 2019; we have been working together on a new vision statement for the next three years. After coming up with ideas and priorities together during a day-long retreat, the Deacons and Council have both spent time

separately talking about a new vision for our church. It is now time to share it with the congregation. Keep in mind that it is still in draft form so that church members and friends have time to reflect and respond to me or the Church Council before it is approved later in the fall. As you read the statement, remember that a vision statement is to provide focus and energy to where we are heading, but not to include everything that we plan to do during the next three years; and it is not to restrict us or hold us back from our dreams or from using our gifts.

### **Vision Statement (Draft—To Be Edited/Approved)**

In September 2021, Kōloa Union Church is an Open & Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ, and people in our community know that truly all individuals are welcome here without judgment or condemnation. The celebration and love of our diversity unites us.

Our beautiful sanctuary is filled most Sundays with people of all ages and backgrounds.

We are overflowing onto the picnic table area outside.

Moore Hall is a very attractive and inviting space.

We have created an attractive, peaceful, safe and useful space on the west end of our property.

A large covering allows people to comfortably eat, play, attend live performances and hear everything happening in the sanctuary.

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The area is beautifully landscaped and has a nice "outdoor" feel.

There is plenty of storage for tables, chairs and items for various groups.

There is a safe area where the children play and two nicely appointed restrooms.

We have a thriving music and arts ministry with our choir and small group ensembles of all ages performing traditional, contemporary and Hawaiian music, and dancers and other artists who regularly participate in worship services.

Our members and guests give generously and joyfully to the general fund and special funds. We no longer depend on borrowing from our permanent funds in order to cover our normal expenses.

We are known throughout the island for our mission, vision, sense of welcome, ministry to youth and those who are lacking good health and basic resources.

### ***ALOHA HOUR***

- Sept 02—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
- Sept 09—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
- Sept 16—Giovanni Osuga Strong
- Sept 23—Odo Honjo Dunas
- Sept 30—Ito Rebb Shim
- Oct 07—Smythe Foley McCoubrey
- Oct 14—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
- Oct 21—Ramos Baptiste Stoner

A public relations person keeps us in the spotlight.

Please let me or any of our Deacons or Council members know if you feel that there is a priority missing or if there might be better words for communicating our vision.

Sincerely,  
Kahu Alan Akana



### ***USHERS***

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

### ***LAYREADERS***

- September 02—Rosemary Smythe
- September 09—Edie Moe
- September 16—Kerry Mori
- September 23—Debbie Gunning
- September 30—Kaylee Alapai
- October 07—Doug Duvauchelle
- October 14—Graceleanor Baird
- October 21—Jean Odo
- October 28—Angela Dressel
- November 04—Larry Chaffin

**Prayers for comfort and strength** for victims of Hawai'i's hurricane, volcano, earthquakes and floods; prayers of comfort and healing for Kahu, Debbie Pearson, Casey Moody, Katy Tyler, Judyth Foley, Charlotte, Sue Ellen Nesbit, Jane, Mark Schory, Skip Hance, Jim Semph, Kilane, Sherri Mudd, Judy Hunt, Galen Kaohi, Steve Sparks, Bob Hammerquist, Sandy Ramsay, Mahina Anguay, Bobbie Bulatao-Franklin, Van Pribilovics, Scott Coffey, John Pekoe, Rowan, 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 Joshua Bradbury, Stu Burley, David Osuga, Louise Isherwood, Officer Bronson Kaliloo; prayers of peace and comfort for Alison Koepfgen, Paul Parongao, Emiko Akana and Miyeko Yamane.



## **CELEBRATION & TALENT SHOW**

At Kōloa Union Church

*“With gratitude, welcoming all and sharing our blessings”*

Sunday, September 30, 2019

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### **NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

“Love of Neighbor”

Each year in the fall, Kōloa Union Church participates in the Neighbors in Need special mission offering sponsored by the United Church of Christ. Funds are used to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. This year’s theme is “Love of Neighbor.” Let us join other UCC congregations throughout the country and love ALL of our neighbors in need...and let us give generously to this year’s special offering! We will collect the Neighbors in Need special offering next week, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Thursday, 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Fall choir starts on Thursday, September 6. Bring your voices and your friends. You will enjoy being part of this melodious group under the direction of Kathleen Dahill.

### **PRAYERS AND SQUARES**

Tuesday, September 11, 1-4 p.m.

All are welcome to participate in this ministry of making quilts and prayer squares for those members of our congregation who are experiencing a life crisis. Our next gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, at Koloa Union Church from 1 to 4 p.m.

### **LECTIO DIVINA**

Wednesday, September 12, 7-8:30 p.m.

Join us at the Parsonage for a time to quietly reflect on the Scriptures. We will meet for Lectio Divina at the Smith Memorial Parsonage (3281 Waikomo Road). In Christianity, Lectio Divina is a traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God’s word.

### **WELCOME THE NEW PASTOR AT LIHUE UNITED CHURCH**

Sunday, September 23

Details to follow.

### **CHURCH BREAKFAST**

Tuesday, September 25, 7:30 a.m. Kalapaki Joe’s Poipu

Everyone is invited, bring a friend. Please contact Michael Horning or Penny Osuga if you plan to attend.

# 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).*

Per MSN: Hawaii is the 3rd happiest state! I vote otherwise! Did you hear **Bonnie & Debbie** spent a few days in a Waikiki beachfront condo to celebrate their bdays? **Becky** was at home with **Krayson & Kron**. "There is enough 'bread for the soul' for ALL of us." **Bill & Angela** visited New York, Hamburg, Norway (12 day cruise around the fjords), top of the world at North Cape & Virginia!



1st day of kindergarten for **Kron**, 1st day of high school for **Krayson!** Always great having **Paul and Bobbie Ueunten** visit. Celebrated **Toyo's** 102nd



birthday!! We need more of this church "duo" **Peter & Becky!** Had a good turnout at the *KAUCC Youth gathering* hosted by **Koloa Union Church** at the parsonage on August 19. Our favorite, **Kiawe Roots**, donated food!! **Amber** and mother, **Lynette**, were on the front page of the

Garden Island at the **Weinberg Gym!** **Diki** and his three daughters



at our aunty's 99th birthday celebration! **Paul, Joni, Sydney, Caleb** flew to Seattle for Labor Day weekend: went to a Seattle Sounders game, went vertical on a very high climbing wall, spent time with cousins. The **Shims** enjoyed



a stay-cation at the Kauai Beach Resort even with a bit of rain. Made a sad trip to northern California to attend a memorial for **Kei's** older brother. Thank you for your condolences. After returning we went to Japan on a planned trip. Weather was perfect, not too hot, sushi and ramen were fabulous, seafood so very fresh. We worried about Hurricane Lane from afar. Got remnants of a typhoon while there. A



beautiful "Prayers & Squares" quilt for **Judyth** made by our talented church ladies. Got a call from longtime church friends, **Duane and Ida Verschoof** in Michigan. They are doing well, send their aloha to all. **Sharon McCoubrey**

celebrated a birthday for several days (I heard)!!! Her sister, **Sandra** is visiting to add to the festivities. I know they went to **Kiawe Roots** for dinner one night!!! Thrilled beyond words~~~**Kauai Poke Co.** is officially open Thursday, September 6! Warehouse 3540 in Lawai Congratulations and high fives to **Taylor and Van Sakimae & Mark and Jamie Baldwin!!!!!!!** I went, I saw, I ate! !!!



Game #1—**Kauai High 32, Waimea High 0.** **Kaylee** is our awesome kicker! *Church on the beach:* Thanks to **Doug** for putting together a wonderful service and giving a great sermon (*The Value of Asking Questions*), **Chris** and **Kathy** for the creative music, **Becky** and **Van** for showing up early to hang banners, everyone for a yummy potluck lunch and for making this such a special time, **Bonnie** for organizing Bingo and **Mike** for being the best “Bingo number caller.” About 50 attended with a sprinkling of visitors. Per sermon: *questions unlock doors of discovery for you; unasked questions are a lost opportunity to connect with people; questions precede discovery, discovery precedes action, action precedes change.* **Kauai’s** south shore hosted another marathon/half marathon. It



always wreaks havoc on our traffic, but brings lots of attention and \$\$\$ to our island. Run into **Bob & Judy Gulde** at **Kiawe Roots** all the time!! Was great bumping into church friend, **Gayle Bryan**, at Safeway. We’ve wondered where she’s been: SoCal. Good having her back on island.



Kron: future deacon as he did a great job handing out Sunday bulletins!!!





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**SUNDAY EVENTS**

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

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