

Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

JUNE 2019

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

By Rev. Sarah Jones

It is utterly amazing to me how quickly the last three months have flown by! It seems like just yesterday that I was preaching on the first Sunday of my time with the congregation while Kahu Alan has been on sabbatical! I remember that afternoon I was leaving for Lana'i with my girls for a short spring break trip.

I have truly been blessed by the time I have spent with the congregation of Koloa Union Church. I want to share with all of you that the biggest thing I noticed is the joy that congregation members have about being part of the church and attending worship. I always felt that everyone who was there on Sunday mornings really wanted to be there, and that's so important and healthy in a congregation! I never got the sense that people were attending out of obligation, but because they truly love the church, the other members, and Kahu Alan. That is what has stood out to me the most and has been such a blessing. Everywhere I go, it is a joy to worship with the congregations I meet, but in this case, there's just a little extra enthusiasm and it's contagious!

I've been so grateful for the way you have welcomed me and my family and have been receptive to my messages. It has been a wonderful experience. I know you are eagerly awaiting Kahu Alan's return, and he will have wonderful sermons to share for weeks to come about his experiences in Europe, to be sure! I look forward to seeing many of you around the Kaua'i Association and (hopefully for routine visits) possibly at Wilcox Hospital. Again, please know how much you each have blessed me during the past three months.



[Koloa Union Church members and friends want to express our utmost gratitude to Rev. Sarah as our "short-term interim" pastor. We have enjoyed and appreciated your Sunday messages. We have enjoyed getting to know your family better: Don (who makes delicious brownies), Jack, Irene, Maggie. We appreciate your being so committed during the busy Easter season. It's been a blessing working with you. *Mahalo*]

PENTECOST SUNDAY, June 9, 2019

Celebration of Our "Open & Affirming" Status
In the United Church of Christ

Kahu's First Sunday Back after His
Sabbatical in Southern Europe for the Past
3 Months
*(It is also the 29th anniversary of his
ordination!)*

Enjoy a Special Luncheon during Aloha Hour!

For Pentecost this year, you are invited to get
into the Spirit of the celebration
by wearing a color of the rainbow: **red,**
orange, yellow, green, blue or purple.

We would like to take a photograph of the
entire congregation
immediately following the worship service.

When you arrive in church, you will receive a
rainbow sticker on which to write
*a blessing you have received from being part
of Koloa Union Church.*

ALOHA HOUR

June 02—Odo Osuga
June 09—Ito Rebb Shim
June 16—Smythe Foley McCoubrey (Father's Day)
June 23—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
June 30—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
July 07—Giovanni Strong Osuga
July 14—Odo Osuga Dunas
July 21—Ito Rebb Shim

MEET THE HAWAII CONFERENCE MINISTER NOMINEE

Monday, June 3, 5-7 p.m.

All church members and clergy are urged to
attend to meet with Rev. Dr. David Popham,
our Hawaii Conference minister nominee.
It will be a pupu potluck at the Lihue United
Parish Hall. All `Aha Pae`aina delegates are
encouraged to attend this evening session so
you will be equipped to cast your vote at the
`Aha Pae`aina on Oahu.



USHERS

JUNE

Rosemary Smythe
Kei Osuga

JULY

Christine Kube
Graceleanor Baird

LAYREADERS

June 02—Rosemary Smythe
June 09—Michael Horning
June 16—Karen Johnson
June 23—Kerry Mori
June 30—Debbie Gunning
July 7—Kaylee Alapai
July 14—Graceleanor Baird
July 21—Kei Osuga
July 28—Michael Horning
August 4—Shyrl Matias

Prayers for comfort and strength for immigrants and refugees, and victims of natural disasters and victims of bullying; prayers of comfort and healing for Fay Horner, Steve Sparks, Dee, Mamie Powelson, Willie K, Rev. Richard Kamanu, Todd, Karl Bartels, Susan, Martha, George, Tara Foley, Val, Larry Chaffin, Gary Struwe, Lizzie Macaninch, Rick, Casey Moody, Kitty Tyler, Jane, Mark Schory, Skip Hance, Kilane, Judy Hunt, Galen Kaohi, Mahina Anguay, Bobbie Bulatao-Franklin, Van Pribilovics, John Pekoe, Rowan, Cori Swanson, Rochelle and John Lorenzo, David Vitt, Francisca Padua, Jose Bulatao, Ella Bata-lucco, Steven, Brenda, Jo Duvauchelle, Ted & Tamiko Asahi, Tiff & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort and peace for the family of Gabriel Cataluna, Valerie Green, Jack Odo; prayers of peace and comfort for Shyrl's daughter Margo and Miyeko Yamane.



OPEN & AFFIRMING

Last October, I was honored to be asked to chair the Open and Affirming (ONA) committee as we worked our way to be officially designated an ONA church in the United Church of Christ. We have an awesome group of members and friends, Kahu, Becky Sakimae, Lee Anderson, Tiffany Marrotte, Penny Osuga and myself. We met regularly creating a draft covenant, presented it to the congregation at our annual meeting. Then a final covenant after Kahu’s Bible studies and input/suggestions/ideas from the congregation. A unanimous vote to accept our very own covenant was beyond exciting. The UCC was informed and Koloa Union became the 5th UCC church in the state of Hawaii to have this designation! We celebrate this new chapter in the life of Koloa Union Church on Sunday, June 9. Thank you all for taking this step towards being so accepting and loving to all God’s creations. Your humble servant, Michael Horning



STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

Sunday, June 9. This special mission offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of the United Church of Christ local congregations. Your support will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a *just world* for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Thank you for your generosity.



FATHER’S DAY LUNCH

Sunday, June 16 after Sunday service. Join us as the church ladies prepare a lunch worthy for the men of Koloa Union Church.



PARKING NOTE

Thanks to all who have been making parking more manageable on Sunday morning! Those who are carpooling and parking at the school and/or on Waikomo Road have made a big difference in creating room for the elderly and those who have trouble walking.



ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

Tuesday, June 25, 7:30 a.m. Join the church members and friends for a fun, relaxing breakfast. Location TBA.

SERVING SALVATION ARMY LUNCH

Wednesday, June 26. We serve lunch whenever there is a 5th Wednesday in a month at their Hanapepe facility. Let Suzanne know if you are able to help.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Maika `i Hana Hou!

The new ladies’ bathroom in the back is up and running, privacy partitions have been installed, handicap ramp is done. All projects are near completion. Thank you for your patience during construction, and for everyone’s generosity to the capital campaign to make these projects possible!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GRAND FINALE

Tentatively, Sunday, June 30 after Sunday service celebrating the culmination of our three year Capital Campaign.



SCENT-FREE ENVIRONMENT

We have members, and a kahu, who are highly allergic to various scents, often resulting in coughing, sneezing difficulty breathing and speaking, as well as other symptoms. Heavy perfumes and colognes are particularly troublesome. We are requesting that our church be, as much as possible, a “scent-free” environment during worship services, social activities and meetings. We realize that there is no way to keep all scents away, and we plan to continue having fresh flower arrangements each week and leis for special occasions, but we do ask everyone to be sensitive to the needs of those around them when it comes to perfumes, colognes and lotions.

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.

Dan & Naomi enjoyed two weeks in Italy (Sicily, Palermo, Rome)! **Karen Johnson**



enjoyed walks, plays, time with family and friends in the "city by the bay"—San Francisco!

Miss Carmela was part of the amazing, magical "Disney's Mulan 2"



There's a GIOVANNI sign in the background!!

presented by the Kalaheo School

Drama Club!!!! Thanks to **Vernon, Parongao** and **Rodney** and **Bully** for cleaning the church's clogged rain gutters IN the rain! Thanks,

Kathleen, for a very special Cinco de Mayo song. Thank you, **Rev. Sarah** for your amazing Sunday sermon messages. Our **Gabby Rebb**,

works very hard so he can travel the world! He was recently in Georgia, Poland and Belarus!



Great having **J e r r y & D o r o t h y Brooks** here

for a visit—

Dorothy was a short interim pastor for us a while back. **Kei & I** were in "sin city" for a week, our annual trip with classmates and family. I heard **Shellee** was also there visiting her dad. **Kimo and Tiff** enjoyed some Honolulu time at the Monster X Truck Tour at Aloha Stadium! **Sharon** flew to California to spend time with her sister, friends, family. **Edie** is soon flying to SoCal to spend time with her sister. WOW—thanks, **Doug**: in honor of Mother's Day he sang "Wind Beneath My

Wings"!! And to **Tiffany** for another powerful message "I Am Strong!" And to **Kathleen** and our talented choir for "Precious Mothers". **Bill & Angela** are enjoying an east coast cruise and time in the city enjoying fantastic Broadway shows! Enjoyed a fantastic Koloa School May Day program. Wonderful seeing all of "our" kids dancing hula. **Sydney** was the May Day Queen!!!!



The men did a superb job with prepping and serving Mother's Day lunch! We ladies were treated to a delicious lunch, salad and desserts!!! How do we equal (or beat) that for Father's Day????

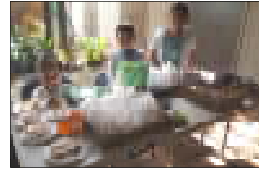




they bump into.....our Kahu on his way home from his 3-month sabbatical! Yep, same flight!!!! Church youth made \$450+ at their May bake sale!!! Congratulations to



Lee and Carol Bowen visited “stan” countries!!!! Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan. I don't think they actually slept in this structure they are standing in front of??



all our graduates: **Isaiah, Toby, Ella, Foster, Sydney**—sorry, I know I missed a few. Remember, school is out for the summer



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Cathy Evans is the “hostess with the mostest”....just saying. **Joni** went on a Na Pali cruise with some girlfriends!!! **Jo Duvauchelle** was in a May Day program and she represented



Kahoolawe!!! So cute!!! **Ezra** ringing the bell indicating the start of church. The matriarchs of the church: **Aunty Jo (92), Nancy Yamase (94) and**



Cathy Evans is on a 6 week trip to India (after two months on Kauai) visiting friends and sites. Then a month in Northern India with Hands On Global, providing medical services. **Becky, Debbie, Cathy, Steve, Yvonne** went to hear **Karen Johnson** at the fabulous Kauai Chorale. Was awesome having



Lucy Ceballos (94). Thanks to these wonderful ladies (**Becky, Jean, Judyth, Belinda, Suzanne, Brenda**) for



serving the lunch at Hanapepe Salvation Army! Thanks, **Fay**, for playing the organ during Sunday



service while **Kathleen** is visiting family on the east coast. **Dan and Naomi** spent a week on the east coast, too, visiting family. At the airport, getting ready to fly home.....look who

Cammie Matsumoto in church recently. Always great having her visit. **Bonnie** was super busy with a family reunion here on Kauai. Thrilled to hear **Elizabeth Mares** is recovering after back surgery! We send her healing hugs. Until next month.....



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SUNDAY EVENTS

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