

Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

AUGUST 2019

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Maika`i Hana Hou! (Creating Goodness & Beauty Once Again!)

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

When I returned from my sabbatical, I was so pleased to see the progress from our capital campaign and also to hear about the upcoming projects over the summer. Here are some of the improvements since I left for Europe on March 4:

- Ø There is a beautiful new women's restroom.
- Ø The men's restroom has a new floor, mirror, towel dispenser, and paint.
- Ø The church office has been enlarged and new shelving has been added.
- Ø My office was painted and new fans were installed.
- Ø The sanctuary floor has been re-surfaced and stained.
- Ø The walkway from the parking lot to the sanctuary was stained.
- Ø There are new light fixtures on the outside of Moore Hall.
- Ø The broken accordion doors inside the Hall were removed.
- Ø A lot of obvious yard work has taken place.

I am amazed by how much has been accomplished in such a short amount of time. I am also impressed by how well our new plants and trees are growing. By the end of the summer, we plan to install a new capital campaign plaque, door signs and directional signage. I am truly amazed at how much we have accomplished in the last four years. All of this has happened because of the generosity of the members and friends of our church!

Therefore, it is time to have one final capital campaign celebration! We have scheduled it for Sunday, September 15, during the worship service and Aloha Hour. I am happy to announce that our brand new Conference Minister for the Hawai`i Conference of the United Church of Christ—the Rev. Dr. David Kentner Popham—will be our guest preacher that morning! FYI, this will be his first day on the job, so we are especially honored to have him with us! The rest of the details will be forthcoming in the September newsletter. *Please plan to be there and invite every friend, relative and family member you can think of to come and see our beautiful church and celebrate our successful capital campaign.*

Aloha Nui!
Kahu Alan Akana



This is an Email Scam:

How are you? Have you got a minute ? I need you to complete a task for me discreetly. P.S. I am in a meeting now and can't talk , so just reply here. I will be expecting a read from you soon.

Thanks

Rev. Dr. Alan Akana



This was recently sent to one of our church members. And a few years ago someone created a fake Go Fund Me account using our Kahu Alan's name AND photograph to receive money by pretending to be an Oahu family who had experienced the tragic loss of their teenage son! Sadly, there are people out there who will deceptively use the names of pastors and other leaders to illegally receive financial gain for themselves.

Watch for: 1.When someone claims to be the pastor or church official but uses a different email address. Kahu will always use revdocakana@gmail.com or doctorakana@gmail.com. 2.When someone asks you to deposit funds electronically (we will always ask you to mail donations/gifts to "Koloa Union Church.") 3.There are a lot of typos or awkward language. Do not click on any links, do not send money. If in doubt, don't hesitate to contact Kahu Alan or Penny via phone or email.

ALOHA HOUR

August 4—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares

August 11—Ramos Baptiste Stoner

August 18—Giovanni Osuga Strong

August 25—Odo Osuga Dunas

Sept 01—Ito Rebb Shim

Sept 08—Smythe Foley McCoubrey

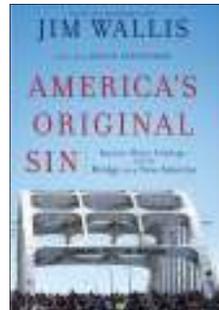
Sept 15—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares

Sept 22—Ramos Baptiste Stoner

Sept 29—Giovanni Osuga Strong

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

This summer's group will meet on Wednesdays through August 28. Join us as we read *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America*, written by Jim Wallis.



Kahu will once again host the group on Wednesday evenings, 6-8:00 p.m. at the Smith Memorial Parsonage, beginning with dinner. Please sign up at church so that Kahu knows how many to expect or if you help with dinner. Copies of the book are available on Amazon for \$7.87.

USHERS

AUGUST

Doug Duvauchelle

Graceleanor Baird

SEPTEMBER

Debbie Gunning

Karen Johnson

LAYREADERS

August 4—Shyrl Matias

August 11—Doug Duvauchelle

August 18—Suzanne Pearson

August 25—Jean Odo

September 1—Rosemary Smythe

September 8—Karen Johnson

September 15—Edie Moe

September 22—Kerry Mori

September 29—Debbie Gunning

Prayers for comfort and strength for immigrants and refugees, our veterans, and victims of natural disasters and bullying; prayers of comfort and healing for Glenn Gunning, Steve Sparks, Mamie Powelson, Karl Bartels, Tara Foley, Larry Chaffin, Gary Struwe, Lizzie Macaninch, Mark Schory, Skip Hance, Bobbie Bulatao-Franklin, Rowan, Rochelle and John Lorenzo, David Vitt, Jose Bulatao, Ella Batalucco, Brenda, Jo Duvauchelle, Tamiko Asahi, Tiff & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort and peace for the families of Danny Finnegan, Steven Foley, Rick Sparks; prayers of comfort for Betty Kataoka, Shyrl's daughter Margo and Miyeko Yamane.



ALAN AKANA GALLERY NEWS New Hours and a BIG Sale!

Beginning August 4, the gallery will be open on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. and by appointment, with the last regular weekday on Thursday, August 1. Kahu has decided to cut back on the hours since most visits and sales happen on Sundays. Those wishing to visit on other days are invited to call or email the gallery to make an appointment. Penny Jessup will continue as gallery manager and plans to work most Sunday afternoons.

There will be an **"End of Summer Sale"** where items will be sold at greatly reduced prices on Sunday, August 18, 2 to 5 p.m. Kahu also plans to show the slideshow from his sabbatical again during the sale.

A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP CHAIR Giving Thanks for Generosity

In the July Newsletter, I thanked our members and friends for their commitment to our church, including financial commitments to the general fund (our church budget) and to our capital campaign. I also mentioned that the Church Council was looking at a \$12,000 shortfall (actual income verses expenses) in our budget by the end of the month. Based on what was in the bank and what we anticipated during July, we knew that we would be unable to fulfill our financial obligations. Therefore, we borrowed \$12,000 from our permanent funds with the intention of replacing those funds as soon as practical. In order to do so, Kahu made a lead gift of \$1,200 (10% of the shortfall). He then encouraged our Church Council members and others who were able to make similar gifts. Thanks to the generosity of our church members and friends, I am happy to report that we can pay all of our bills this month and have begun replacing our permanent funds. I trust that we will continue with our generous giving over the rest of the summer, so that we can begin the fall on firm financial footing. Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to Koloa Union Church!

Sincerely, Bill Dressel, Stewardship Chair



ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

Tuesday, August 27, 7:30 a.m. Join the church members and friends for a fun, relaxing breakfast at the Holoholo Grill located in the Koloa Landing complex. Let Michael Horning know if you would like to attend.

CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL RETREAT AT WAINEKE CABINS

August 30—September 2, "Wilderness." The church youth, with adult chaperones, plan to spend time in the Kokee KAUCC Waineke cabins. They will enjoy hikes, share in important discussions affecting our youth today, Bible time and much more. Bring sleeping bags, hiking & swimming gear and a positive spirit! RSVP by Sunday, August 18 to Tiffany @ 651-1397.



Coming up.....

CHURCH ON THE BEACH Sunday, September 8, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for an outdoor worship service at the Pavilion across from Nukumoi Surf Shop at Poipu Beach. Worship will begin at 11 a.m. Bring something to eat for the potluck, lawn chairs and a friend.

There will be no worship at the church on this day.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GRAND FINALE September 15

Join us as we celebrate the culmination of our very successful three-year capital campaign during worship and Aloha Hour. More details in the September newsletter.



MEMBERSHIP GATHERING

Our next membership gathering will be on Sunday, September 22, after Aloha Hour. Kahu Akana and our Deacons will spend a couple of hours with people who would like to learn more about our church, its history, how we function as a church, our connection to the wider Church, benefits and responsibilities of membership, a time to ask questions, and more! Those who attend the gathering may choose to join the church!

KAUAI ASSOCIATION UCC FALL `AHA MOKUPUNI November 10, 3-6 p.m.

Join Kauai's clergy, congregations and friends to the island-wide gathering at the Lihue United Church.

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.

Congratulations **Jim Nesbit & Sheila Harman** as they celebrated their 38th anniversary!!! Congratulations to **Karen Johnson** on the arrival of her great grandson, **John**! Congratulations to **Quincee Parongao** who just got engaged! **Jean Odo** and daughters (and many more) had a "girls' getaway" in Las Vegas! I don't know if she made \$\$\$, but ask her about the delicious sushi they ate! Congratulations to **Mark & Jamie Baldwin**,



celebrating their 10th anniversary! **Joy King**, celebrated her "7?" birthday by inviting 15 of her closest friends (hummm, my invitation must have gotten lost in

the mail!!) to a ceramic painting studio—paint pottery/canvas/wood sign/cut glass. Had a really nice chat with **Sam & Karen Tucci**—all the way from New Hampshire—they send their "aloha" to everyone. Mahalo to **Michael Horning**, new Deacons chairperson! Another "hat" for him to wear at church. Thanks,



Tiffany who coordinated an 'afternoon of tubing' for 20 church members & friends! Ages 6-65!! Thanks, **Logan**, for filling in as layreader! Thanks, **Kathleen**, for



the cutest story "*The Froggie and the Peach.*" Per MSN our **Na Pali** coast is the most beautiful state park in Hawaii!!! Again I say:

lucky we live Kauai, eh? Thanks to **Fay** for playing the organ for us (filling in for **Kathleen** who is in such great demand) and for pulling together the church



ensemble to sing the old favorite "*I Love to Tell the Story.*" So awesome

having **Palani** here for two weeks. Now on to the Big Island for work and soon back to the east coast. **Palani** loves playing volleyball

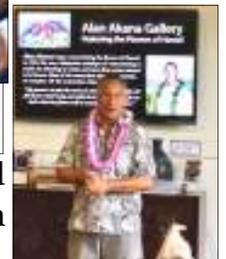


with **Garrett**, who also was home. ALL the **Sakimae** ohana was home. Wonderful having **Edie** home after being away for 5+ weeks. And having



Sakimae grandchildren

Larry in church!! And **Graceleanor** back from vacation. **Koloa Plantation-**



style Living: An Afternoon of Art, Stories & Refreshments was a big success (again) at our Smith Memorial Parsonage. About 60 attended



listening to **Kahu** talk about the history of Koloa, the parsonage, plantation living. Thanks to all the hardworking volunteers, to **Doug, Julie Souza,**



Shellee and Rose for the fab entertainment. Our July church breakfast was delicious and fun. **Tiffany** and **I** devoured our crab



eggs benedict! Ten of us relaxed, talked story. Join us for the August breakfast for a fun time.

I hear **Bonnie** and **Debbie** went to the *Blue Note* on Oahu to enjoy **Robert Cazimero**!!

While on Oahu for a couple of days, **Kei & I** with our son.in.law & daughter, **Chris & Tara**, ate, shopped, visited with former church members, **Uncle Tommy & Auntie Sue Yamasaki & Owen**, and ate again! So good seeing them. They are doing well, look as youthful as ever! Enjoyed our stay at the **Hilton Hawaiian Village**. Beware: parking fees are atrocious! **Kiawe Roots** had another grand event featuring upscale Filipino food (going tonight so no pictures), 6 course meal with their specialty drinks. As always, our tummies will be very happy. Former members, **Clyde & Sarah Shiraki** spent 5 weeks on the mainland, mostly at their Michigan lake house! Got to chat with them recently! **Betty Kataoka**, currently in Omao's Hale Kupuna, enjoyed the bon dance event at the facility.



Rae and **Skyler** were in the play *Frozen Jr*!! **Jamie Baldwin** with other talented teachers held a two-week "dance and drama" camp here at Koloa Union. There were **lots** of youth singing and dancing and acting—such energetic talent. They donated a very generous check to use Moore Hall and the church got a stack of "thank you cards/drawings" from the kids. So sweet. Ahhhh, another **Koloa Plantation Days Parade** under our belts. We had the most walkers this year (26?) including church members and also parents with their

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Koloa Plantation Days
2019



Awesome Salvation Army lunch servers:
Jim, Becky, Belinda, Suzanne, Missy,
Sheila, Judyth. You are THE BEST!!

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