

# Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2019

## ***A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA***

### ***Time to Celebrate Our Success!***

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

The time has come to have one final capital campaign celebration! We have scheduled it for Sunday, September 15, during the worship service and Aloha Hour. 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. We will present our new capital campaign plaque, which lists all of our donors and the special gifts given in honor and in memory of loved ones. We are also wrapping up some final touches during the first two weeks of September, so you will notice some new things as you arrive on the 15th!

Since the campaign began four years ago, we have raised over \$425,000—a truly amazing accomplishment for our church! We chose the name *Maika`i Hana Hou* (Creating Goodness & Beauty Once Again) to honor those who came before us, including the early missionaries who started the church in 1835, those who built and dedicated our current church sanctuary in 1961, those who served as pastors, and the hundreds of church members and friends over the years who faithfully served and supported our beloved church. While honoring the past, we also kept our vision on the future and the generations

who will follow us by creating a welcoming and inviting space for new people to join our loving community of faith.

When I consider everything that we have accomplished in the last four years, I am overwhelmed with deep gratitude by the generosity of the people of Kōloa Union Church! I am so pleased with the success of our capital campaign, including the expertise and commitment of our campaign chair and project manager, Dan Giovanni. Most importantly, I am grateful to God for making all of this possible and for being your *kahu* during this important time in the history of our congregation.

*Please plan to be join us on September 15 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



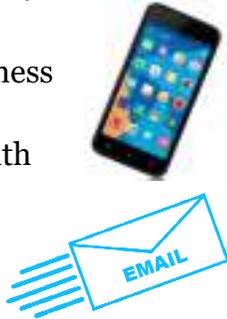
## GETTING IN TOUCH WITH KAHU

### Available for Pastoral Care & Church Business

Besides his full Sunday schedule, Kahu Alan Akana works Monday through Thursday, typically from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. When he is able, he takes time off during those days when he has evening meetings and appointments or when he works on his normal days off. He generally works on creating worship services and sermons in the mornings. Most days, he is available for appointments for pastoral care and church business from late morning until 5 p.m.

The best way to get in touch with Kahu is by his cell phone (808-855-8806) or email ([revdocakana@gmail.com](mailto:revdocakana@gmail.com)).

If you ever forget, both of these contacts are listed on the back of the church bulletin every week. *Please check your phone contacts and delete any other phone numbers for Kahu.*



## ANIMAL BALANCE

Animal Balance provides humane population management for cats and dogs on the islands.

They will be on Kauai September 8-14. Kōloa Union Church will be providing them an overnight holding site in the back area by the picnic tables. There will be more night activity as the team will be busy from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cats will be neutered the following day at Kōloa Missionary Church.



## USHERS

### SEPTEMBER

Debbie Gunning

Karen Johnson

### OCTOBER

Rosemary Smythe

Kei Osuga

## ALOHA HOUR

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

October 06—Odo Osuga Dunas

October 13—Ito Rebb Shim

October 20—Smythe Foley McCoubrey

October 27—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares

## LAYREADERS

September 1—Rosemary Smythe

September 8—Karen Johnson

September 15—Edie Moe

September 22—Kerry Mori

September 29—Debbie Gunning

October 6—Sharon Mahaffey

October 13—Graceleanor Baird

October 20—Kei Osuga

October 27—Michael Horning

Prayers for the Amazon and other places on Earth where life is being destroyed due to human activity; for comfort and strength for immigrants and refugees, veterans, police officers, victims of gun violence, natural disasters and bullying; prayers of comfort and healing for Clyde Fujikawa, Jim & Linda Taylor, Jim & Sheila, Aimee, Loren, Ellen, Nick, Bridget Hammerquist, Donald Horcher, Bill Dressel, 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 for Shyrl's daughter Margo and Miyeko Yamane.



**FOOD PANTRY**

Kōloa Union Church is partnering with the St. Raphael Church to provide food boxes to local Kōloa families each month. We will be collecting and donating non-perishable food items to the St. Raphael Food Pantry. St. Raphael distributes food boxes to local Kōloa families and helps to stock a snack closet at Kōloa Elementary School for needy kids. Please drop off any non-perishable foods such as canned goods, packages of rice, cereal and pasta (please no fresh produce or packages that have been opened). Pre-packaged snacks for Kōloa School can also be donated (i.e., individual packs of goldfish, applesauce, granola bars, etc.).

Drop off is at Kōloa Union Church Sunday mornings during service or at Penny’s office Monday – Thursday 8 am to 12 pm. (Please call the office before delivery).

Amber is willing to arrange a pickup from home for anyone who is unable to bring goods to the church during these times. You can also donate your time by volunteering the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9 am to 12 pm, helping to assemble the boxes for distribution. Please contact Amber Strong if you have any questions, need to arrange pick up, or want to volunteer at 907-227-9045 or amberkn@yahoo.com.



**CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS**

September 12, Thursday, 7-8 p.m. in the sanctuary. Rehearsals are every Thursday. Bring your voices and your friends. You will enjoy being part of this melodious group under the direction of Kathleen Dahill.



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GRAND FINALE** September 15

We will celebrate the completion of all our capital campaign projects on Sunday, September 15 and hear a message by our brand new Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. David Kentner Popham!

**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!



**ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST**

Tuesday, September 24, 7:30 a.m. Join the church members and friends for a fun, relaxing breakfast at the Holoholo Grill located in the Kōloa Landing complex. Let Michael Horning know if you would like to attend.

**FALL STEWARDSHIP/COMMITMENT SUNDAY Generosity and Joy!**

Each year in the fall, our church spends four weeks focusing on our future, ending with Commitment Sunday when church members and friends have the opportunity to make a financial commitment for the following year. This year, our Stewardship Sundays will be September 29 through October 20. Our theme this year is “2020: A Year of Generosity & Joy.” Generosity and joy are two signs of a healthy church—and it is important that *both* are present. As we prepare for our time of reflection this fall, you are invited to ask yourself: “How has Kōloa Union Church brought me joy?” and “What might I do to bring even more joy to myself and to others?”



*Coming up.....*

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING** October 6

The Neighbors In Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ churches that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities for the Council for American Indian Ministry and for Justice and Witness ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. Please give with open hearts.



**KAUAI ASSOCIATION UCC FALL `AHA MOKUPUNI** November 10, 3-7 p.m.

The fall gathering of the churches of the Kaua`i Association of the United Church of Christ will be at Lihue United Church. Details to follow. Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss this intergenerational and community-building event with our sister UCC churches on Kaua`i.

**A NOTE FROM OUR DEACONS**

**Making Our Worship Services Better**

At the September meeting of the Board of Deacons, participants discussed ways to enhance our worship services so that everyone who attends can worship more fully. Based upon the discussion, the Deacons are making the following requests:



- Enter the sanctuary in a spirit of worship. Pay special attention to when the church bell rings and do your best to be quietly seated by 10:30 when we blow the pū shell.
- Remember that we gather to worship God rather than to be entertained. While clapping in church is not necessarily a bad thing, we are aware that it can be somewhat of a distraction for others. On the other hand, we do invite applause when we welcome new members, thank someone for a job well done or after a special presentation (such as the children's Christmas program). Therefore, we ask that you hold your applause, as much as possible, for these kinds of special occasions.
- Make the "Sharing of Joys and Concerns" audible and short. Please use the microphone and hold it right up to your mouth the entire time you are speaking. Also try to offer a simple joy or concern without all of the details or telling a story to go along with it.
- As always, let's do our best to mute or turn off cell phones in church so that they do not distract others during worship services; and please do your best to limit strong perfumes and colognes, which often cause unpleasant allergic reactions to those around you (including our Kahu).

***"There will always be people in your life who treat you wrong.  
Be sure to thank them for making you strong."***

# 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](mailto:kucpenny@gmail.com).*

Missing **Sharon & Carol Mattern** as they left for home in SoCal. Had **Al & Carole Pugsley's** friends in church!! High fives to **Bill & Angela** as they celebrate their 27th (!!!!!) anniversary!! And may I say again: the new sanctuary floor and entry floor look amazing! Thanks, **Dan**, for continuing to surprise us with Capital Campaign improvements.....the end is near with new doorknobs, exterior lights, a brighter Moore Hall, etc. **Michael Horning** enjoyed a few days on the Big Island with his softball team. Not sure how his team did and if they had to deal rain from tropical storm **Erick** and **Hurricane Flossie**. Very proud dad and mom, **Paul & Joni**, as **Caleb AND Sydney** won 1st place in a golf tournament!



So excited to meet **Dr. Aaron and Chrissy Brody**, professor of Bible and Archeology at *Pacific School of Religion*—our **Kahu** is on the Board of Trustees there. **Spencer Duvauchelle** officially an EMT for the city of Honolulu! Hope he can come home to Kauai one day, huh? 14 Kauai UCC churches' youth were invited to a



Youth Event at the **Smith Memorial Parsonage** to plan activities for the school year 2019-2020, enjoy games, a potluck meal. Thanks **Kahu, Tiffany, Chris and Michelle Molina**. Woo woo and congratulations to **Garrett Sakimae!** He is officially "off the



market", ladies, as he has recently become engaged to beautiful **Lalitha!** I look forward every month when **Dan & Joy King** send in their tithe, I also get a long note from them with updates and greetings to all. They went to Santa Rosa to visit with friends. And they just celebrated their 42nd anniversary! Congratulations!! Thanks, **Amber**, for volunteering to collect and deliver non-perishable food items as we partner with **St. Raphael's** monthly food distribution (3rd Thursday 9 a.m.). Thanks to the church youth for scrubbing our tables from **Moore Hall**. Thanks, **Tiffany** (with help from the Sunday School kids), for organizing and filing **Doug's** sheet music for Praise Songs. "We learn from actions and one another. Think, pray, act." **Shellee** participated in celebrating the 10th anniversary of CORE (outpatient sports and orthopedic rehab clinic) when they got 25-30 disabled into the beautiful Pacific Ocean!!! Exhilarating on so many levels! Faraway church member, **JoAnne Machin**, enjoyed a vacation in Oregon with family and friends. She found her happy place: a beach!!! Thank you, **Steve Sparks**, for the heartfelt testimonial and song "It Took a Miracle." Brought tears to our eyes! **Yone and Jeanie** enjoying their fabulous **Kiawe Roots** drinks & "set-menu dinner event." Getting a little repetitive BUT MSN says Kauai IS the most beautiful island!!!! Travelling with **Steve & Yvonne** is a feat!! Illinois, Indiana,

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Carmela.Ezra



Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio in ONE month! Great having **Betty Kataoka** in church! Had a wonderful church ensemble of 8 (including



**Evan**)!! Can you believe this.....**Mel and Bliss Nishida** brought **Toyo** to church (with a delicious cake) to celebrate **Toyo's 103rd** birthday!!!! **Toyo** needs to publish his secrets for a long and healthy life!!!! Enjoyed another great and delicious monthly church breakfast! Twelve of us enjoyed the coffee, food and



company!!! So happy **Penny J** was able to join us! Mark your calendars: 4th Tuesday of every month, 7:30 a.m. **Holoholo Grill** in the Kōloa Landing complex. Thank you **Doug and Rose** for beautiful music and hula "**The Beauty of Mauna Kea.**" Did you know that Mauna Kea is the tallest mountain in the world at an astonishing 33,476 feet if measured from the depths of the Pacific Ocean!



Wow!! A little birdie told me **Bonnie and Debbie** danced hula at Mahelona? Another birdie sent me a video of **Lee Anderson and Michael Horning** dancing hula to "My Little Grass Shack" AND doing the Holey Pokey!!!! I heard there is an incriminating picture of

**Michael and Lee** in hula skirts! We are surrounded and blessed by such talent!!! Thanks to **Dan, Naomi, Lorraine** for ALL their continuous hard work on the church landscaping!! Congratulations to **OUR Chris Sweitzer** as he was presented the **Anne Sloggett** award for excellence in theater!!! I will bet (and guarantee) that **Becky** is loving her two-month babysitting gig in SoCal with **Jayden and Inara**.....AND she met up with **Cathy Evans** for a spiritual walk and ice cream in Encinitas. And then we have **Chito Isonaga** who was honored for her years of federal service. **Sen. Mazie Hirono** presented **Aunty Chito** with four medals. **Mayor Derek Kawakami** declared August 29 "**Chito Isonaga Day**" in honor of her contributions, service and sacrifice to our country. **Aunty Chito** worked with many US agencies including the FBI and CIA! She will celebrate her 104th birthday in October!! Seems to me 99.9% of Kōloa Union went to see "Kau'i Shorts" as our



**Michael Horning** played **God** in one of the ten "shorts." It has been exhausting following **Bill and Angela** as they traipse around Europe: Belgium, Holland, London, Germany, Norway and on a Viking River Cruise..so far! **Angela** rode a "horse" in Strasbourg, Germany! Yep, it's confirmed.....I am taking **Skylar and**



**Evan** home with me....they VOLUNTEERED to wash dishes after Aloha Hour!!! This year's South Shore Marathon was quite an inconvenience. Usually takes me 4 minutes from home to church on any given day (less than 2 miles). Last Sunday, because of the marathon, it took **Kei** and me 1 hour! 52 minutes spent sitting and waiting. UGH! **Tiffany** organized a Kokee youth retreat over the Labor Day weekend. I heard it was a huge success. The gang stayed in both Kaua'i UCC Waineke cabins, 15 youth, 7 adults. It seems everyone enjoyed the COLD nights, good food, hiking Sugi Grove, got rained on, but still smiles abound, games, Bible study. Everyone wanted to thank all of YOU for your food contributions



and loving support.

Another year of school has begun!!! Be safe out there, be aware of the kids.



Thanks, **David Ueunten**, for making your mom's famous cake to share during Aloha Hour. So many of us remember this cake from long ago. Our bell-ringer, **Ezra!** Thanks **Uncle Doug** for the 'lift." My **Aunty Bernice Kubota** celebrated her 100th birthday!! Enjoyed hearing brothers, **Ed and Jerry Terui** sing—powerful voices!!! **Doug, Rose & Julie Souza** also entertained. Ran into **July Gulde** at Macy's the other day. **Tom and Lynda Armbruster** are all over the place: Newport Beach, San Buenaventura Mission, Santa Cruz, San Gabriel Valley, Olivas Adobe and celebrated his 70th birthday! **Marie Buckner** is counting the days until her return to Kauai! We await her arrival. **Cathy Evans** is "on the road again" this time in Rome!! LOL she kissed a statue without setting off any alarms!!!! Saw **Joanne Mcdowall** lunching at Kukui Grove the other day—didn't get the chance to say "hey." Sadly, **Ian and Logan Baptiste**



left Kauai to return to LV and HNL. We enjoyed having them "home" for the summer. **Lee & Carol Bowen** are happy that Michigan State football in ON!!!! Go Spartans!! The real "shipwreck" on Shipwreck Beach (undated photo). Beach looks a bit rocky back then.

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### **SUNDAY EVENTS**

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

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