



Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

August Newsletter 2015

A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

During the summer, a group of us have been meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday evenings for dinner and discussion on Diana Butler Bass' book *Christianity after Religion*. The topic of "change" comes up quite often and our group has talked about all of the changes we have experienced in our lives, including the years after World War II, Civil Rights, Vietnam, 9/11, color television, the internet, cell phones. There are many more changes we have experienced as a country and thousands more we have experienced as individuals: relationships, jobs, separations, deaths, relocations, and how we relate to all of the changes in the world around us.

This past Wednesday, I mentioned that many people find comfort that their church is sometimes the only place they can go where everything isn't changing all the time. However, churches change too, and they should. Every time a new person visits us, we change. Every time someone gets involved, we change. Every time we hear the words of Scripture, we change. Every time we pray, we change. So change is a constant in our church as well as the world around us.

One of the big differences between the two is that we have a lot of say in how we change as a church. My invitation to all of us is that we change through prayer, by prayer, and with prayer. Our prayers can change us to be more loving, patient and

caring; they can guide and lead us through the days ahead; and even during those times, when we can't see the way at all and only wonder what we might do next, our prayers can keep us ever mindful of God's presence and love for us and the world around us.

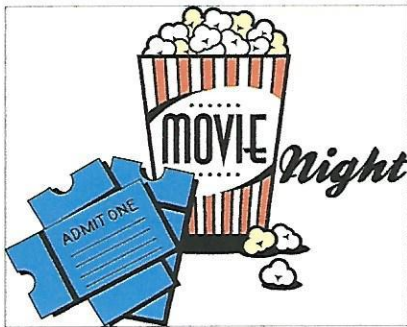
Through prayer, reflection and conversation, we created a wonderful vision for the coming three years and conducted a very successful capital campaign. We have already been part of the big changes that have begun at our church! The next big step will take place on August 22 at our Leadership Retreat at the UCC Waieke Cabins in Koke'e. Council members, Deacons, other leaders, those who would like to be a leader at any level of commitment, are welcome to join us. Come be part of the change!

Kahu Alan Akana



MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY, August 14, 2015
6:30 PM @ the church

Any ideas or help with popcorn, hotdogs,
 root beer floats?



It is your hour to enjoy! Why not consider joining the church choir this year? Our fall schedule will begin in a few weeks. No need to obligate your self for an entire year, just try a month or two. You may find it: Relaxing! Rejuvenating! Rewarding! And the fellowship is top-notch!

Fay Bartels, Music Director

DEACONS ON DUTY

AUGUST

Doug Duvauchelle
 Sheri Fu

SEPTEMBER

JoRae Baptiste
 Debbie Gunning

ALOHA HOUR

- Aug 02—Ramos Moe Baptiste
- Aug 09—Machin Kunimura Brierley
- Aug 16—Giovanni Osuga
- Aug 23—Odo Honjo Foley
- Aug 30—Asahi Rebb Ito
- Sept 06—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey
- Sept 13—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning
- Sept 20—Ramos Moe Baptiste

LAYREADERS

- Aug 02—JoAnne Machin
- Aug 09—Kei Osuga
- Aug 16—Rosemary Smythe
- Aug 23—Edie Moe
- Aug 30—Kerry Mori
- September 06—Debbie Gunning
- September 13—Doug Duvauchelle
- September 20—Phyllis Kunimura

Our Prayers: Prayers of healing for Penny Osuga, Maria, Tiffany Marrotte, Cherise Carvalho, Cheryl Porter, Bob Hammerquist, Edward (Virginia's brother), Jean Odo, Jo Duvauchelle, Francisca Padua, Debbie Gunning, Al Pugsley, Tamiko Asahi, Ted Asahi, Dollie Brierley, Luke Rita and Kimo Marrotte; prayers of condolence for the Nanson family; prayers of peace and comfort for Steve (Peter's friend), Miyeko Yamane, Al Moe, John Lustman; the Koloa Union Church ohana and all who are lifted in prayer.



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Cook: Uncle Diki (Breakfast and Lunch)

Agenda: Planning for the Next 3 Years and a Little Cleaning up of the Cabins

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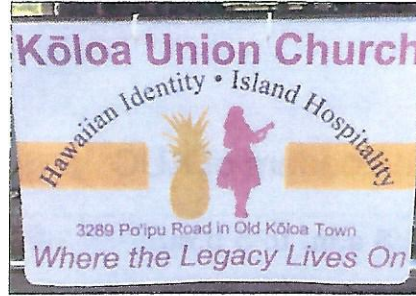
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Kōloa Plantation Days 2015

The Legacy Lives On, Plantation Style... on the sunny south shore of Kauai



I heard from friends that Koloa Union was well represented on **Dickie Chang's Wala'au** show on tv! Hope some of you got to see it. Was great having our daughter and son.in.law, **Tara and Chris**, home as they participated in some of the church functions. Saw **Bob Gulde** (and so many others) in the parade crowd as we drove by. It was such a fun day!

AUNTY NIELE'S NEWSY NOTES

By Penny Osuga

NOTE: Penny Osuga is Auntie 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 Auntie Ni'ele at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: kucpenny@gmail.com.

It is great to be back n the office. I was away for 2 weeks recuperating from knee surgery. I now have 2 titanium knees! Thanks, **Dollie**, for working in the office! Congratulations to



Kapaa First Hawaiian Church as they installed **Rev. Barry Mick** as their **kahu**. The **Paul/Joni Ito** ohana spent

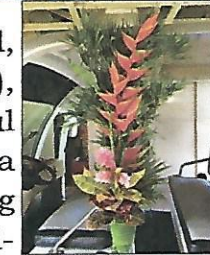
a week on the north shore with visiting grandma, uncle, aunty and cousins. The **Hawaii Conference** recognized **Kahu's** 25th anniversary of ordination by sending him a very impressive certificate! A group of church members/friends went on the **Grove**



Farm tour! **Lynn, Mo** and **JoAnne** decorated the golf cart for the **Koloa Plantation**



Days Parade—I was their cheering section—thanks to my friend, **Ron, Joey, Dollie** (60' ti leaf lei), **Missy, Lynn** for the beautiful flowers. In the parade we had a dozen+ "walkers/singers" handing out candy. There were 7 of us riding the decorated golf cart plus



our very capable driver, **Kahu! AND Koloa Union** won an impressive 3rd place in "decorated vehicle" category!! As part of the Koloa celebrations/activities, **Kahu** gave a talk on "*The Missionary*



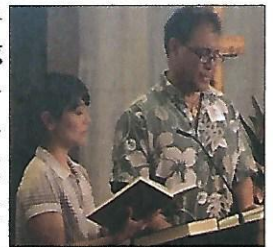
Legacy"—history of early missionaries, their influence before, during and after the sugar plantations. It included a tour of the Smith-Waterhouse cemetery and the (our) Smith memorial parsonage. About

65+ attended and were served cold iced tea. **Susan Hiranaka** and sons, **Kenneth & Blake** gifted us with special music. They were amazing! Was so nice having **Joyce Anglemyer** in



church, too. We were so lucky to have **Kim Sueoka** in church sharing her musical talents!!

Thank you: **JoAnne,**



Graceleanor, Judyth, Jean for working the Salvation Army soup kitchen! Our next time to serve is September 30. We wuld appreciate more volunteers. Always

great hearing from faraway friends! Got a wonderful letter from **Hoshi Sugawara** who sends greetings to all!!! Have you seen the "happy smile" on **Sharon's** face? That's because **ShanaDee & Shannon** are here for a visit. We always ask for **Shannon's** interior decorating advice when she is here! Did you see **Bobbie Waterhouse McCord's** pic in the Garden Island? Looking great! **Koloa Jodo Mission** held its annual bon dance. Looks like "our" kids



had fun. Can we give **Dan Giovanni** a 'high five' for working so hard as Capital Campaign Chair?" He is here almost daily meeting with contractors, painters, colorists, sign designers, Kahu, and many more! So much for retirement, huh?