



# Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

August 2016

## **A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA**

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

This has been such a rewarding summer, as I have watched many of the results of our successful capital campaign come to fruition. We have a beautiful, brand new parking lot, an attractive church sign, a new lawn, newly planted trees and flowering plants. By the end of summer, the church and Moore Hall exteriors will be painted, and the outdoor lighting will be installed. There are some new features inside the church which will appear in the near future as well. We are certainly looking a lot more welcoming and inviting! On top of that, our new photovoltaic system has been installed.

Thank you to everyone for your generous gifts to our capital campaign, “Maika`i Hana Hou!” We are *creating goodness and beauty once again* even more than I imagined when we began our capital campaign! On top of that, people are noticing our new look. In case you didn’t read the letter to the editor in the Garden Island on Sunday, July 10, here is what one of our neighbors wrote:

Mahalo to the pastor and entire congregation of the Koloa Union Church for the beautiful upgrade they just finished up. While enhancing their parking lot, they were kind enough to offer

a wonderful gift to the Koloa Town community with a major construction and tree trimming project that added a lovely and much needed sidewalk along the entire front of their property.

It makes it a much safer place for children walking to Koloa Elementary and the library. The work was done in a first-class manner and everyone passing by benefits from the church’s generosity of community spirit. Koloa Town has long needed a proper sidewalk along Poipu Road.

Could this be the inspirational beginning of a long overdue sidewalk all the way to the traffic circle?

Tom Biehn  
Koloa

I am so proud of our congregation for creating a vision to become more welcoming and inviting, and then for supporting that vision with our time, talents and treasures! Let’s invite our friends and neighbors to church and see for themselves how welcoming and inviting we really are!

Aloha nui loa!  
Kahu Alan Akana





**TOYO'S 100th  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
**August 21, 2016**  
during Aloha Hour

Help us celebrate Toyo's 100th!!!  
Bring a card, bring a lei, bring a hug!



Meetings here at Koloa Union Church, every Saturday, 7:30-9:00 a.m. Led by Romae Lenci who has released 53# and kept them off for 26+ years! Weight Watchers has given her a life of health and fulfillment. The Koloa group is rather small and needs more members to continue here on the south shore.

Feel free to visit a meeting.

Romae also has two Facebook pages: Kauai Weight Watchers and Weight Watchers International on Kauai—check them out.

Any questions: 1-800-651-6000 or [www.weightwatchers.com](http://www.weightwatchers.com).

***USHERS***

**AUGUST**

Sheri Fu

Doug Duvauchelle

**SEPTEMBER**

JoRae Baptiste

Debbie Gunning

***ALOHA HOUR***

August 07—Asahi Rebb Ito Shim

August 14—Smythe Chaffin McCoubrey

August 21—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning

August 28—Ramos Moe Baptiste

September 04—Kunimura Brierley Dunas

September 11—Giovanni Osuga Machin Dressel

September 18—Odo Honjo Foley

September 25—Rebb Ito Shim

***LAYREADERS***

August 07—Virginia Dunas

August 14—JoAnne Machin

August 21—Kei Osuga

August 28—Rosemary Smythe

September 04—Edie Moe

September 11—Kerry Mori

September 18—Debbie Gunning

September 25—Doug Duvauchelle

October 02—Graceleanor Baird

October 09—Phyllis Kunimura

**Our Prayers:** prayers for healing and strength for Dave Ellis (friend of Sam & Karen Tucci), Vernon Fu, Jo Johannesen, Shore Strong, Julie (Bonnie's friend), Linda (Edie's sister), Daniel Tunney, Joseph Alapai, Sheila Heathcote, Tiny (Virginia's brother), Larry Hanson, Brenda, Dollie Brierley, Jo Duvauchelle, Tamiko & Ted Asahi, Tiffany & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort for the families of Helen McCord, Cherise Carvalho, Miyako Kure, Sally Hiramoto, Masayo Sakimae; prayers of peace and comfort for Debbie Gunning's mother, Emiko Akana, Mieko Yamane.



# Kahu Akana to Chair Missional Team Hawai'i Conference Leadership

In June, Kahu Alan Akana was invited by the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ to be the chairperson of the Administrative Missional Team. He agreed to serve in this position for one year (through June 2017), which will complete the term of the previous chair.

Some of the key functions of the team are:

1. Ensuring clarity of roles and expectations of each component of the Conference bylaws.
2. Drafting, recommending, reviewing the annual budget of the Conference.
3. Receiving and processing reviews of staff with the Personnel Committee.
4. Receiving and identifying options for resolutions that are submitted from congregations or associations of the Conference.
5. Overseeing and managing with staff the work of outside consultants.

Kahu will moderate the meetings of the team and continue to serve on the Conference Council and Foundation of the Hawai'i Conference.

## Music Director Search--Help Us Find our Next Music Director

We are still looking for a new Music Director. The position description and application for employment are found on the "News" page of our church's website: [www.koloaunionchurch.org](http://www.koloaunionchurch.org). Please pass along this information to anyone you know on the island who has experience leading musical groups. In the meantime, we are also searching for an accompanist over the summer; let us know if you know of anyone whom might be interested in playing for us.



Some of the Smith-Waterhouse ohana with Phyllis



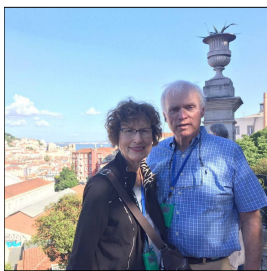
Saturday workday digging holes & planting



Koloa obon



Yvonne, Steve, Graceleanor, Tom, Kahu



Lee & Carol in Lisbon



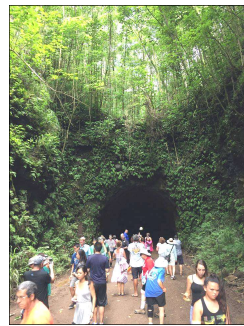
Lisa, Kelsey Tim



Beautiful new street sign



Visitors enjoying parsonage open house



Tour of Grove Farm including tunnel and reservoir

Former pastor, **David Hansen** & family are globetrotting —France, Iceland, Lyon, Paris, Poitiers! **Matt Shim** had a fun Hong Kong-style Mahjong gathering for lessons. He had an impressive turnout of 12! All had fun and await the



next game day! Great having the **Smith-Waterhouse ohana** in town.

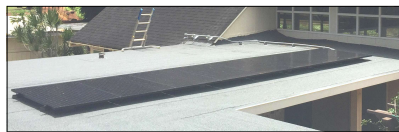
Here are **Kendall & Bobby Watts & Phyllis**. It is *obon* season, a Buddhist event commemorating ancestors. It is believed that during this



*obon* season, ancestors' spirits return to visit relatives. One weekend *obon* was held at *The Regency. at Puakea*. **Sydney** danced while **Caleb** visited with **Toyo**.. Please check with **Judyth**



about serving lunch at the Salvation Army on Wednesday, August 31. Thanks to **Al & Carole Pugsley** our photovoltaic panels have been installed on our newly repaired r o o f !



**Waineke Cabins** workday weekend

coming up: September 23-24. The cabins were much-used this summer. Time to clean and spruce up and show our appreciation. *31st annual Koloa Plantation Days* kept us busy: Open House at the parsonage, 60+ visitors. Thanks **Debbie**, for the



Plantation iced tea & **JoAnne** for baking all the Grove Farm cookies, volunteer tour guides and all the helpers, **Doug** for providing the music. Thanks to **Missy, Dana, Judyth, Yone** for decorating



This picture was in the Garden Island!!1



the golf cart—looked awesome! Thx, **Peter Baldwin** for the loan of the c a r t !

So much fun having our dtr & son.in.law home, **Chris & Tara**. The **Paul/Joni Ito** ohana spent a week on the north shore with visiting family—lots of beach time surfing!! The church youth spent 1 night at Anahola's **Kumu Camp** before they were rained out & moved to **Kimo & Tiff's** home! Youth plan on future fundraising to subsidize their activities. **Koloa Union** was on the TOP TEN per capita in the United Church of Christ for the Christmas Offering this past December. We ranked #10! That means the people of our congregation gave more per person than all but 9 other congregations in the United States. There are more that 5000 UCC congregations in our denomination. Again, high fives to you all for your kind, giving & generous hearts. So proud of **Kaylee**, only girl on the football team—kicker/wide receiver! **Edie** phoned from SoCal. Sister **Linda** is on the



road to recovery. **Edie** went to church with our Romona, California church members, **Phil & Susan Ruputz**.

# 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 at the church office @ 742-6622 or through her church email address: [kucpenny@gmail.com](mailto:kucpenny@gmail.com).

Saw **Krystina** at *Tortilla Republic*! Home for a few days Brother, **Logan**, was working upstairs. Awesome having our church friend, **Cathy Evans**, here for such a long spell! She was always available church chores/tasks and filled in as layreader! Her friend, **Mary Jo**, also visited—she was here last November and had Thanksgiving with the **Osuga** ohana. Was nice to have **Miriam "Mimi" Pagador** drop in one Sunday. Had such a productive church workday on July 2. Thanks to our members, friends, **Keiki Co-op** and **Girl Scout troop** for their HUGE help! We had more than 40 "gardeners" cutting turf squares, planting turf plugs, burying flowerbed edging and more. Hoes, shovels, picks, wheelbarrows, gloves, spades! Had chili and rice for lunch. Thanks, **JoAnne**, for a "chocolate brownie birthday cake" for **Dan**! Yep, on his birthday he worked in the church yard! Gotta love that guy!!!! We have an amazing selection of endemic plants/flowers/shrubs. **Dan** and **Kahu** went to the "sale" at **NTBG**. Held a **Capital Campaign** informational meeting after church.

It was a brief gathering to hear from members of the congregation regarding the progress of the CC improvements. Thanks, **Kerry "Mo"**, for filling in as layreader. **JoAnne** and I visited **Tamiko** in Waimea's *Kauai Care Center*. She is doing very well and is asking for more visitors!!! Also visited **Aunty Chito & Toyo/Kathy Nishida** (**Toyo** will be 100 in August!!). **Kahu** also visited them plus **Mary Lee**. Aunties **Jeanie** and **Mamie** are home, as are **Lisa** and **Tim** (all the way from North Carolina). **Kelsey Duvauchelle** is back from the *Shanghai Film Fes-*

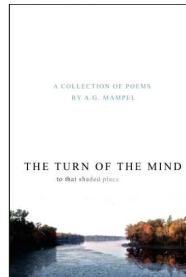


*tival* and now on the production crew of **Hawaii Five-O!!!!** **Spencer Duvauchelle** was also home for a few days. **Fay & Belinda Bartels** spent 4th of July in beautiful *Colorado Springs*. And **Fay** celebrated her birthday back in Washington—our church friends, **George & Marie**



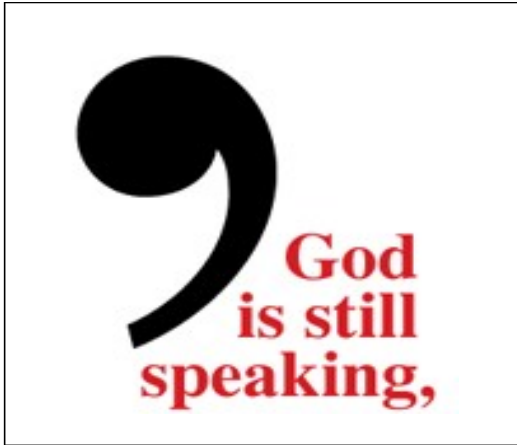
**Buckner** attended! Always great having **Tom & Lynda Armbruster** here for a visit. Thanks for their rummage sale donations. **Tom** did a 5K event and came in 1st in his age division! **Larry & Pat Chaffin's** granddaughter, **Chelsea**, visited from Costa Rica. She is definitely a surfer!! An amazingly wonderful letter to the *Garden Island* paper editor ap-

plauding our **Kahu** and **congregation** on the wonderful improvements we are making for the church and community! Thanks **Tom Biehn**. Chatted with **Aunty Sue Yamasaki** recently. She & **Uncle Tommy** are doing fine. Always good to stay in touch. **Graceleanor** celebrated her 88th birthday! Is that possible? She is so very active and of sharp mind and soul!!! What's her secret? At one time we had a wheelchair available to anyone to use. We would like to have one on hand again if anyone has one sitting in storage or a closet. Former pastor, **Art Mampel**, published a book of poems *The Turn of the Mind*. Check it out on Amazon. He has some fond Kauai memories in there. in there. Fab 1/2+ page article of **Phyllis Kunimura** in the *Garden Island* about the start of *Koloa Plantation Days Parade*! Enjoyed having **Betty Bell** in church.





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## **KOLOA UNION CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY EVENTS**

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

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