



Kōloa Union Church

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A NOTE FROM KAHU AKANA

Seminary Sunday

Pacific School of Religion is

a progressive, multid denominational seminary and center for social justice that prepares theologically and spiritually rooted leaders to work for the well-being of all.

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

We will celebrate “Seminary Sunday” on May 20 during our worship service! Many congregations throughout the country celebrate this special day as a time to focus on the importance of educating and training current and future church leaders. As I reflect back on my time in seminary where I received Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees, I am so grateful for good professors who taught Bible, theology, Church history, and preaching. Both degrees not only prepared me for ministry, but actually gave me a love for *pastoral* ministry. I did not enter seminary intending to become a pastor, but my time there opened up new opportunities to discover gifts and interests I never knew I had.

For the last two and a half years, I have been a Trustee at Pacific School of Religion. This is not the seminary I attended for either of my degrees. What drew me to PSR is their commitment to quality education, the diversity among faculty, staff and trustees, and its vision to equip people with the tools to transform the world into a better place for everyone. In the summer of 2017, I began my role as Chair of PSR’s Advancement Committee, so I oversee the fundraising for the school. Our committee asks questions such as, “Where are the

resources that might be available to fund the mission of PSR?” and “How might we best invite people to give those resources?” I believe that the entire world benefits from the mission of Pacific School of Religion. However, some of the primary beneficiaries are the churches where PSR alumni lead and serve. On Kauaʻi, there are four pastors and one lay leader who have benefitted from degrees, classes, lectures and workshops at PSR. Serving as a trustee has given *me* new information and insights in order to serve the Church better!

I was thrilled this past fall when the Church Council agreed to have Seminary Sunday and collect an offering for Pacific School of Religion! I support PSR as part of my annual giving to the Church. I invite you to make a special gift to PSR on May 20 when we celebrate Seminary Sunday. Special offering envelopes will be available on that day; checks should be made out to “Koloa Union Church” with “PSR” in the note section. I also invite you to prayerfully consider a monthly or annual gift to PSR in order to provide ongoing support for current and future church leaders.
Please consider a generous gift to PSR.

Aloha nui loa!
Kahu Alan Akana



RUMMAGE SALE

Thanks to Judyth Foley and her volunteer helpers for pulling off such a successful and profitable Rummage Sale. Thanks to Elizabeth Mares for spearheading the Bake Sale! All proceeds to into our Youth Fund.



USHERS

MAY

JoRae Baptiste
Debbie Gunning

JUNE

Sheryl Ramos
Kei Osuga

ALOHA HOUR

May 06—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
May 13—Giovanni Osuga Strong
May 20—Odo Honjo Dunas
May 27—Ito Rebb Shim
June 03—Smythe Foley McCoubrey
June 10—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares
June 17—Ramos Baptiste Stoner
June 24—Giovanni Osuga Strong

LAYREADERS

May 06—Jean Odo
May 13—Angela Dressel
May 20—Larry Chaffin
May 27—Virginia Dunas
June 03—Kei Osuga
June 10—Rosemary Smythe
June 17—Edie Moe
June 24—Kerry Mori
July 01—Debbie Gunning
July 08—Kaylee Alapai

Prayers for healing and strength for Kauai flood victims, Sharon Price, Judy Hunt, Galen Kaohi, Bill Dressel, Steve Sparks, Fay Bartels, Greg Shepherd, Bob Hammerquist, Sandy Ramsay, Stu Burley, Mahina Anguay, Alison Koepfgen, Bobbie Bulatao-Franklin, Eleanor Olin, Sharon Mahaffey, Van Pribilovics, Scott Coffey, Martha (Heather's mom), John Pekoe, Keko, Belinda Bartels, Rowan (requested by Sharon McCoubrey), Cori Swanson, Rochelle Lorenzo, Becky Breedlove (Cathy Evans' friend), Shellee Riggio, David Vitt, Francisca Padua, Kanaina Smythe, Jose Bulatao, Ella Batalucco, Barbara Johnson, Lizzie Macaninch, Steven, Vernon Fu, Joseph Alapai, Brenda, Jo Duvauchelle, Ted Asahi, Tiff & Kimo Marrotte; prayers of comfort for the families of Valerie (Elizabeth's friend), B.J. Gaitos; prayers of peace and comfort for Emiko Akana and Miyeko Yamane.



Kahu Akana to Take Sabbatical **A Time of Reflection and Renewal**

The Church Council accepted the 2019 sabbatical plans for Kahu Akana. According to the terms of call (the covenant between Kahu, the church, and the Hawai'i Conference), Kahu is encouraged to take a 3-month sabbatical after every five years of full-time ministry. Our church budget includes \$2,000 each year to be set aside for this purpose. The money will pay for pulpit supply during the sabbatical and will also assist Kahu with his expenses. A sabbatical is set aside as a time for personal and professional reflection and renewal and is typically taken away from home. Kahu will be gone from the church March 4 through June 3, arriving back in the church office on June 4, 2019. For home base during the sabbatical, he will stay in a house in the Bordeaux region of southern France and travel to museums, art galleries, and religious sites in Europe. He will be "house swapping" with Christian and Paule Riso, the owners of Christian Riso Fine Art and Framing in Koloa. The Riso's will be staying at the parsonage during the time Kahu is staying at their home in France. Kahu's time of reflection will focus on art, beauty and spirituality. He plans to do some writing, and will report to the congregation about his sabbatical when he returns. The Council is working on a plan for pulpit supply and will inform the congregation once the details are in place.

A Successful Youth Fundraising Gala **Thank You for Supporting Our Youth**

On Sunday, April 22, United Church of Christ members and friends from around the island gathered at Kapa`a United Church of Christ to raise money for students who will be attending the Western Regional Youth Event in June at University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. The net profit (after all expenses were paid) from meal tickets, auction items and straight donations totaled over \$6,000, which will help the island's 14 youth and two or three chaperones with registration fees and air travel. Kahu Akana, the chair of the Youth and Young Adult Committee and the gala, expresses his appreciation for the generosity of all the people who supported the youth!

Beach Cleanup Day **Caring for Maha`ulepu Beach**

Everyone is welcome to join the Kaua'i Association Youth and Young Adult Beach Cleanup Day at Maha`ulepu on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. We will be joining Surfrider Foundation for their monthly beach cleanup. Surfrider representatives will be present to share about the importance of clean oceans and beaches, answer questions about their mission and practices, and then give out assignments for the morning.

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Drive to the far end of the road at Maha`ulepu (keep going past the Grand Hyatt/ Shipwrecks Beach and meet where the road ends) and meet the group at 9 a.m. We will then head to Po`ipu Beach for a picnic and play time from noon to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP.

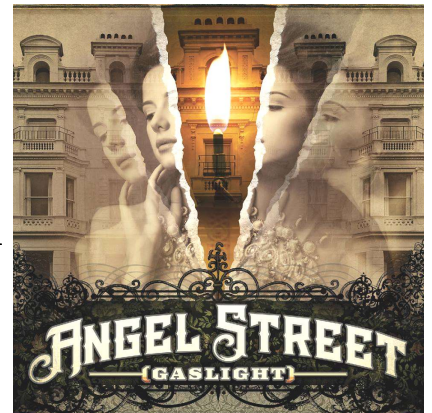
Please bring: Lots of WATER to drink, SUNSCREEN, a hat, comfortable clothes, slippers and shoes. (You may be walking on rocks and hauling nets and debris to trucks.) Surfrider Foundation will provide gloves and garbage bags for clean up.

Youth participants (middle and high school age) must have transportation provided by their parent/guardian or arrange transportation through Auntie Tiffany or Kahu Alan. This includes transportation from Maha`ulepu Beach to Po`ipu Beach for lunch.

RSVP to Kahu Alan or Penny by May 3, as we need to know how much lunch to make and also let Surfrider know how many to expect.

Kaua`i Community Players **Angel Street (Gaslight)**

Michael Horning, one of our newest church members, invites the congregation to the opening night of “Angel Street” (Gaslight), a production of Kaua`i Community Players, on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. at Puhi Theatrical Warehouse, 4411 E. Kikowaena St, in Lihue. “Angel Street” is a Victorian suspense-filled thriller by Patrick Hamilton set in 19th century London, and one of Broadway’s longest running plays. There will be a reception with the cast and director immediately following the show. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$13 for seniors, and \$10 for students with i.d. If you wish to join Michael, Kahu, and others, simply purchase your tickets at: www.kauaicommunityplayers.org. Let Kahu know if you want to carpool.



Spring `Aha Mokupuni **Waimea United Church of Christ**

The Kaua`i Association of the United Church of Christ will hold its Spring `Aha Mokupuni (the island-wide gathering of UCC Churches) on May 18 and 19 at Waimea UCC. This year’s theme is “Power of Pentecost Prayer: Penitence, Praise and Petition.” `Aha Mele (the annual musical celebration) will be on Friday, May 18, beginning at 5 p.m. with musical selections from each congregation and songs of Pentecost. Dinner will be provided. `Aha Mokupuni will continue on Saturday morning at 8 a.m. with a presentation by the Kaua`i Fire Department on CPR, AED and CERT. The annual meeting of the Association will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a worship service and lunch. Please RSVP by May 13 on the sign-up sheet at church (or by contacting Penny in the church office) for dinner on May 18 and lunch on May 19.

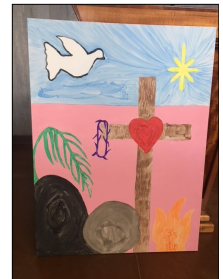
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Capital Campaign Celebration **Celebrating a Successful Campaign**

Koloa Union Church will celebrate the completion of our capital campaign on Sunday, June 10, during our worship service and a special luncheon to follow during Aloha Hour. Come and give thanks for all we have accomplished in the last three years and hear what projects will be accomplished with the remaining funds! **Be sure to save June 10 on your calendar...and bring some friends to show off our beautiful church and grounds!**

Lectio Divina **Meditating on the Scriptures**

Karen Johnson will lead a time to quietly reflect on the Scriptures on Wednesday, May 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the Smith Memorial Parsonage (3281 Waikomo Road). In Christianity, Lectio Divina is a traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word.



Easter sunrise service.

Easter Sunday



Bonnie, Rosemary, Trudi and I met one afternoon to work on the next "prayers and squares" quilt.

KIAWE ROOTS

(EatAtKiawe.com)

Coming Soon in the Shops at Kukui'ula,
Tortilla Republic upstairs.

Enjoy the creative dishes of
Mark Ruiz & Kaulana Baptiste



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.

Received a very nice *mahalo nui loa* note from recently-retired **Kahu Alpha Goto** (*Wai`oli Hui`ia Church*). **Koloa Union** gifted him one of **Kahu's** spectacular framed prints. What does **Lee Bowen** do when he and **Carol** "winter" on Kauai besides organize the annual Men's Breakfast? He volunteers as a tax-preparer to help the seniors at the **Kekaha Neighborhood Ctr!** If you squint, you will see him in this Garden Island photo.



MSN named our **Old Koloa Sugar Mill** as the "most incredible abandoned spot in Hawaii" & the third happiest state after Vermont & South Dakota....go figure. Thanks to all the office volunteers who kept KUC running smoothly while I was on vacation in very snowy Truckee (**Larry & Pat Sevson's** territory) and Texas. Our 3 grandboys are sprouting like weeds and so so busy. Sorry I missed all the Easter events. We had Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, Easter egg coloring and lunch, a fantastic Sunrise Service at Kukuiolono Park overlooking the South Shore, Easter Sunday service and an egg hunt and Easter picnic at the parsonage!! **Jo Duvauchelle** celebrated her 91st birthday!!!! Amazing!!! **Peter & Linda Baldwin** spent a week in fun Disneyland!!! I wonder



how many rides they conquered? Was good having former pastor, **Susumu Yamane** 'in the house' in March. Great having our dear friend **Mike Canorro** visiting. Also had



Sigourney Weaver & hubby in church & **Caroline & Jim Pidgeon** (dtr of friends **Jim & Ruth Hallbeck**—who are doing fine). Our *Prayers & Squares* quilters are doing such a great job! Their quilts are in such demand. Thanks: **Angela, Elizabeth, Bonnie, Becky, Debbie, Rosemary, Trudi, Carol Bowen!** **Kahu's** Sunday sermon: make and feel peace within you, then share that peace with others. Peace is there within you! High five to **Jean Odo** for organizing her 16th (!!) *Parent/Child Fair* for the DOE. More than 800 attended!! Rec'd a thank you note to **Kahu and the Members of Koloa Union Church** from the **Hawaii Conference**....for hosting a Strategic Planning event with **Kahu's** friend, **Cynthia Scherr** (Board member of the *Pacific School of Religion*). The evening included dinner and input: where do our priorities need to be, where our energy needs to be given? Did you know that **18** of the **Odo/Parongao ohana** went to Japan? Tokyo, Kyoto, Mt. Fuji & more!!!! Thanks friends, near & far, for checking



on us after the BIG FLOODS!! The Kauai floods were devastating! We ALL know



someone who had some level of flood damage! **Koloa Union** and the **Girl Scout troop #469** have been gathering and delivering food and much needed items.

Congrats to **Bruce & Becky Sakimae** as they welcome granddaughter, **Inara Misayo Chi**, born on April 4!!! (**Becky** just arrived home—I wonder if she missed us half as much as we missed her???) **Sharon McCoubrey** is doing her happy dance as daughter **Shana Dee** is visiting!!!! **Larry Chaffin** is doing the same dance as his son and family recently visited. Awesome having some of the **Waterhouse ohana** attend church during their family reunion! Survived another momentous rummage sale. So many volunteers worked so so so many hours organizing, sorting, pricing, selling, baking, cleaning, unpacking, packing! Made \$2162 (rummage \$1404, bake sale \$758) for the



Youth Fund. Remember our former pastor **David Hansen (Sally)? Sally's** sister, **Celeste**, and hubby stopped by to see

the church and say “hi.” **Kahu** was asked and did the invocation opening a County Council meeting on April 11. High fives to your generosity to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** (\$1405) and **Henry Opukaha'ia** (\$644) special mission offerings! You help with world relief, feed the hungry, empower the oppressed, provide educational scholarships for current and prospective pastors. **Kahu** is the *Chair for the Youth and Young Adult Committee* for the **Kauai Assoc. UCC**. He, with the help of many, organized the most amazing **Youth Fund Raiser**, held @ **Kapaa UCC**—dinner, entertainment,

and auction—made more than \$5000 to assist a record-breaking 14 Kauai youth who will



attend the *Western Regional Youth Event* at UH, Manoa in June!!!! Thrilled beyond words to welcome 5 new members into our church family!!!! **Michael Horning, Rose Tatiana Warken Ceballos, Jean Thompson, Suzanne**



Pearson, Peter Baldwin. Welcome aboard! So happy to visit **Fay Bartels** with **Bonnie & Edie.** **Fay** looked fabulous, doing her PT, hoping to drive soon after knee replacement. **Angela** flew off to Reno to visit her adorable grandson. **Dan & Naomi** braved the east coast winter to visit family and attend a **PINK** concert! Have you met



Debbie's new roommate? Cutest dog, **Daisy!** **Tiffany** was on Oahu and found time to have dinner with cousins: **Spencer & Logan!** Our latest “prayer quilt”, thanks to our talented sewing crew. Big shout out to **JoAnne Machin** as she



celebrated a milestone birthday! There was a HUGE celebration for her in her hometown!!! You go girl!!! **Mothers' Day** lunch coming up on May 13!! Thanks to **Dan & Joy King** for helping fill our church on Sunday! They sent friends, **Jim & Dianne Barry** to us as they visited Kauai!!!





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SUNDAY EVENTS

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

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