



# Kōloa Union Church

Hawaiian Identity • Island Hospitality

JUNE 2018

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

### **A SUCCESSFUL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Dear Members and Friends of Kōloa Union Church:

Three years ago we embarked upon a plan to have an ambitious capital campaign in order to make our space more welcoming and inviting. We initially hoped to raise about \$150,000—which would have been a goal that we could have all felt really good about! To date, we have raised \$390,590. Part of that total came from two \$40,000 grants from the Vidinha Charitable Trust, which designates money each year for churches on Kauaʻi. One only has to drive past our property to notice some of the major improvements: our new sign, parking lot, landscaping and paint job. Moving from the parking lot to the sanctuary, you will walk on our new walkway and underneath the new arbor as you pass beautiful trees, plants and flowers. You will enter the church through two beautiful koa doors and notice the new indoor space, deacons' cabinet, koa cross, chancel bench, pulpit, flower stand and candle holders, as well as many other improvements.

You are invited to join us on Sunday, June 10, as we celebrate our capital campaign! We will acknowledge all of our donors, workers and volunteers, as we consider all of our improvements to the church and grounds—the things we notice and the more “hidden” things. We will also share

with the congregation our plans for the final projects, including the new women's restroom, additional office space, sanctuary flooring improvements, additional plaques and signage, and a few additional details.

I have invited the Rev. Gabrielle Chavez, our Intentional Interim Conference Minister, to fly over from Honolulu and join us for the morning. She will participate in our worship service and join us for our celebration luncheon, catered by Mark and Tricia Ruiz and Kaulana Baptiste, along with additional help from church members. I have also invited some of the people who don't attend our church but participated in our capital campaign in a major way.

I invite you to join us for this special time of celebrating all that we have accomplished in the last three years. Come and celebrate! Bring friends and family to show off our beautiful church! And be sure to pay off your capital campaign commitment by the end of June or else let me know if you need some additional time. I look forward to celebrating with everyone on June 10th and every Sunday of the year!

***Aloha nui loa!***  
***Kahu Alan Akana***



## Summer Book Group "Becoming Wise"

This summer's choice for our book group is *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living*, by Krista Tippett. The author is one of the preeminent voices in religion in the 21st century, having interviewed many of the great religious thinkers and leaders of our time. The group will meet on Wednesday evenings, from June 20 through August 1 (but NOT on July 4), at 6 o'clock for dinner followed by a discussion led by Kahu Alan Akana. Paperback copies are available at church for \$10 on a first come-first serve basis. Please read Chapter 1 before June 20 and then an additional chapter each week. Please sign up so that Kahu knows how much food to prepare for dinner.

*Becoming Wise*  
An Inquiry into  
the Mystery and  
Art of Living  
Krista Tippett

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## ALOHA HOUR

June 03—Smythe Foley McCoubrey  
June 10—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares  
June 17—Ramos Baptiste Stoner  
June 24—Giovanni Osuga Strong  
July 01—Odo Honjo Dunas  
July 08—Ito Rebb Shim  
July 15—Smythe Foley McCoubrey  
July 22—Sakimae Kakinami Gunning Mares

## Strengthen the Church Offering

is one of 5 special offerings collected each year for the United Church of Christ ministries in Hawaii and in the nation. Your support provides for the growth of new UCC ministries with full time leadership support and development of spiritual life for the youth and young adult ministries. KUC will be accepting your generous donations for this offering for the entire month of July. Please make your donation in the special envelopes provided or make a note on your check for **Strengthen the Church Offering (STC)**.  
Mahalo for your donation!

## USHERS

### JUNE

Sheryl Ramos

Kei Osuga

### JULY

Graceleanor Baird

Christine Kube

## LAYREADERS

June 03—Kei Osuga  
June 10—Rosemary Smythe  
June 17—Edie Moe  
June 24—Kerry Mori  
July 01—Debbie Gunning  
July 08—Kaylee Alapai  
July 15—Doug Duvauchelle  
July 22—Graceleanor Baird  
July 29—Jean Odo  
August 05—Angela Dressel

Prayers for comfort and strength for Hawaii Island volcano and earthquake victims and Kauai flood victims; prayers of comfort and healing for Amy (Angela's daughter), Kilane, Sherri Mudd, Judy Hunt, Galen Kaohi, Steve Sparks, Bob Hammerquist, Sandy Ramsay, Stu Burley, Mahina Anguay, Alison Koepfgen, Bobbie Bulatao-Franklin, Eleanor Olin, Sharon Mahaffey, Van Pribilovics, Scott Coffey, John Pekoe, Kekoa, Rowan (requested by Sharon McCoubrey), Cori Swanson, Rochelle Lorenzo, 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 Becky Breedlove (Cathy Evans' friend), Wilfred Ibara, Valerie (Elizabeth's friend); prayers of peace and comfort for Emiko Akana and Miyeko Yamane.



## Prayers and Squares

**Prayers and Squares Ministry** of Koloa Union Church has been busy recently. We have completed and gifted three quilts in the past few weeks, and we are working on new designs for Prayer Squares; cutting and assembling quilt kits for those who wish to sew at home; and other future quilt projects. We have been blessed with donations: several quilt tops that we will finish in the months ahead; bags of fabric pieces and yardage; and thread for basting.

After a few fun work afternoons, we have decided to establish a regular meeting time: every other Tuesday from 1-4 pm at the church. Our upcoming work days are May 29, June 12, June 26.

We are constructing a “wish list” of supplies we need (fabric bundles, rotary cutting blades, batting, an iron and ironing board, thread, etc.). Your contributions to our efforts are deeply appreciated.

Contact Angela Dressel for more information about our gatherings and our wish list. All are welcome to join us in this ministry.



## “Volcano Talk” Open House

### **Kahu To Talk about Life on Kilauea Volcano**

Alan Akana Gallery will be having an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, June 3, from 1 to 5 p.m. Alan will give a talk at 2 p.m. about life on Kilauea Volcano and in the lower Puna District where the volcano is currently erupting and lava is flowing through neighborhoods, across roads, and into the ocean. Alan visits the volcano every year, has relatives and friends who reside there, and wrote a book about the lives and perspectives of the people who have lived there for centuries, entitled “The Volcano Is Our Home: Nine Generations of a Hawaiian Family on Kilauea Volcano”. With Kilauea Volcano making news nearly every day, you won’t want to miss learning more about this fascinating place! Alan Akana Gallery is located in the Smith Memorial Parsonage at 3281 Waikomo Road in Koloa. Enjoy stories, art, live entertainment, refreshments and 20% off everything in the gallery at this event. Attendees will be among the first people to see Alan’s newest painting of a flower so rare that the Hawaiian people never named it! As always, all sales benefit the care of the parsonage.

## KUC Church Leaders Retreat

### **At the Smith Memorial Parsonage**

On Saturday, June 23, leaders of Kōloa Union Church are invited to participate in a Leaders Retreat from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be included. Anyone who wishes to join Council members and Deacons should let Penny know so that we can prepare food and material ahead of time. Our last Leaders Retreat was three years ago from which came fresh focus and direction, our new mission statement, a 3-year vision statement, and many other good things! All are welcome to join us as we consider what we would like to focus on as a church and accomplish in the next three to four years.

## Lectio Divina

### **An Experiential Hearing of the Word of God**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 7:00- 8:30 pm, at the Parsonage, Waikomo Road, Koloa. At the invitation of Dr. Alan Akana and Karen Johnson, Liedeke Bulder, a local artist and long time practitioner and presenter on Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, come for an informal workshop on one of the great treasures of the Christian tradition of prayer: listening to the Word of God in scripture. A method of prayer that leads us into the deeper meaning of scripture and the transformation of our lives. Liedeke and Karen are members of Contemplative Outreach, a worldwide organization supporting meditation and contemplation. For further questions contact Liedeke at 652-8234 or Karen at 652-9679.

# 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).



**Kauai High School** May Day 2018 *Moloka'i* princess—**Kaylee!!** And **Chase** was "student of the month!" **Sydney**



**(Joni) & Ella & Isaiah** and many other 4th graders went to the Big



Island, focusing on *Hawaiiiana*. They went to the volcano, *Hilo*, *Kona* and many heiaus, did "oli" at all areas. Thankfully they got out before the terrible

eruption! **Graceleanor** attended her grandson's (**Bradley Ceballos**) commissioning ceremony-graduation in AZ: he took her "up, up & away" flying in a small plane; she got to chat with our former pastor, **Nani Hill**; visited a friend in La Jolla! Checked on former members **Clyde & Sarah Shiraki** on the **Big Island**. They are safe, not much vog, planning a busy summer—annual trip to family cottage in *Michigan* then on to *Ireland/Scotland*. Thanks, **men of Koloa Union** for a fabulous **Mother's Day** luncheon: hekka, garlic shrimp, salads, fresh fruit, a delicious cake **Bill Dressel** claimed he baked. **Virginia** recently had a wonderful visit on *Oahu* with our friend, **Cammie**. Thank you, **Rev. Dick Chun**, for filling our pulpit on **Mother's Day**. He was entertaining and had a great message for us. So, so great having **Fay** back in church after her



knee surgery! The **Dressels** are off to *Chicago* and *Tuscon* to visit friends and family. **Kei and I** enjoyed



*Las Vegas*. Our annual trip with **Penny's** classmates, *Denver* family and our son.in.law and dtr from *Truckee*. Lots of eating, shop-

ping, show at the Venetian, time with friends...yes, and some time on the gaming machines! **Jenni & Ella** were on our flight to LV—more treatment for **Miss Ella's Pandas Pans**. Great meeting **Karen Johnson's** brother, **Blake**. He joined the choir, enjoyed the music and thanked us for our prayers. Our choir, under the direction of **Kathy Dahill**, were totally impressive at the



annual 'Aha Mele at *Waimea*

*UCC*. Thanks, **Aunty Bonnie**, for recognizing **Tiffany** for hosting 70+ (so far) foster kids and collecting a fund for cleaning **Tiffany's** home before the mandatory "inspection." Our "**Prayers & Squares**" quilters have been busy! Each quilt takes \$\$\$ and at least 40 accumulative hours to sew! Their creations have been beautiful.



We had an impressive **Pentecost Sunday**—lots of **RED** in church. Sadly, due to rain & road closure, the **Kauai Association UCC**

**Youth Beach** clean up of *Maha'ulepu* was cancelled. Had a fun breakfast at **Kalapaki**



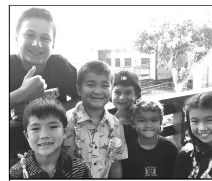
**Joe's Poipu**—men AND women! Food and conversation was great. Look for information on the June breakfast. Can I say? **Bonnie** made a 9-1-1 butt call on her new phone? We all heard soft screeching. **Bonnie** assured the person on the other end of the phone that all was well, no emergency. Thanks to **Judyth** and her volunteer crew (**Elizabeth, Edie, Missy, Jim, Sheila, Suzanne**) for serving lunch at the *Hanapepe Salvation Army* on May 30! I understand they feed about 80 people. Cannot wait to hear about **Bonnie's** Alaskan cruise with her family to celebrate her ??? birthday! **Palani** has completed year #1 at **Columbia** working on his PhD! We miss him on this end of the world! **Tom Armbruster** has been touring Germany—visiting friends, museums, synagogues, lots of history.



MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON



KOLOA SCHOOL MAY DAY

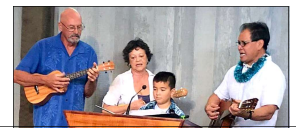


Spring recital

Recipients of the 2018 Joseфина Cortezan scholarships



Our very talented & colorful choir



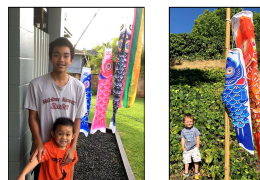
Our talented praise music group



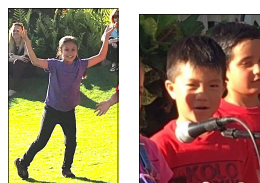
Look who turned 10!!!



Silly sewing staff



Krayson, Kron & Jayden celebrating BOY'S DAY



Zayshia & Caleb performing at the Shops at Kukuiula



Counting the days....nom nom



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**SUNDAY EVENTS**

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

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