



The Herald

Hanapepe United Church of Christ
Aloha for ALL...

The Rev. Michael O. Christensen, pastor and teacher



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Malama Ka `Aina

With the February 2017 issue we are starting a series of columns by Kathy Kokron about treating our 'aina with respect and living lightly on it. (See page 3.) We hope you will enjoy the articles and learn about new things you and your loved ones can do.



Kathy grew up near Chicago in an area with significant natural areas, which she enjoyed immensely, getting an Associate Degree in Horticulture and Landscape Design at the Morton Arboretum, located near where she lived. This Arboretum bears certain similarities to our McBryde Garden although it is much bigger. Our gardens were a factor in her eventual decision to move to the Garden Island. As her horizons expanded, Kathy became dedicated to the truth that everything is related to everything else and that we as humans must internalize that truth and act on it.

Living on an acre of land near Chicago for many years, Kathy became used to plants and trees native to the area and generally did her best to conserve resources surrounding her. It was not necessarily a focus shared by those around her.

Frequent visitors to Kauai, she and her husband Ken moved here in 2013 because they found many like-minded people and treasured local stories of interconnection of people with their surroundings as part of the culture. Or as it might be said locally, "Take care of everything you've got or you won't have it".

Ken and Kathy live in Kalaheo on a hillside they are working with to provide space for them to plant local trees and other plants. Occasional worship attendees at HUCC, they are well worth spending a few minutes talking to. They have three cats including the Maine Coon cat Belden, who – at 30 lbs. – may just be the biggest feline on Kauai.

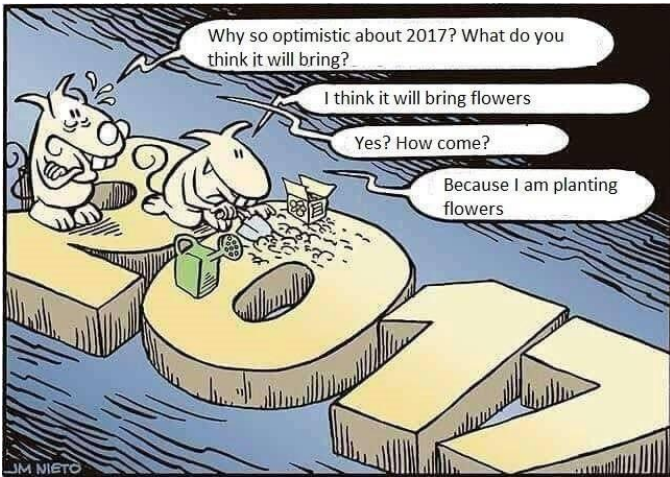
Ann Bjork



**In the
minister's
workshop**

with Rev. Michael O. Christensen

**WHAT SEEDS
ARE YOU PLANTING?**



The parable of the sower reminds us that our message will get different kinds of receptions depending on the hearts and minds of our listeners and readers. The sower also needs to know what kind of seed is being planted. Wheat and barley were the two main crops, but they also grew fields of mustard and other crops. You can't harvest wheat if you planted radishes!

What kind of seed are we planting in our lives and in our life with family, neighbors, co-workers, church members, and friends? For those of us who believe in a Kingdom of God for all people, we need seeds of welcome and hope. Too many seeds of suspicion, fear, and rejection are already planted in too many hearts. Acts of love and kindness grow into more acts of love and kindness. Reading, listening and dwelling on hope – increases our hope. Looking for joy to celebrate increases our ability to find joy even in rough situations.

Once the seeds are growing, there is also some weeding to do: weeding out the seeds of the harvest we don't want: a harvest of separation and suspicion. Our lives are composed of the things we let grow, repeat, prefer, and nourish. Plant good seeds today!



MODERATOR'S THOUGHTS

by Joanne Nakashima

"New Year Plans" will be the focus of the diaconate retreat on February 18, as we look forward to the unknown future.

As we review the opportunity to invite the sister church members in our Kauai ohana on April 28 and April 29 to host the annual Aha Mele and the Aha Moku-puni, we can appreciate sharing our ministries.

These celebrations help us continue historical practices and keep an eye on ways to embrace the new visions. We are part of the Kauai Association United Church of Christ (KAUCC). Each year one of the churches hosts an Aha Moku-puni (a gathering meeting) in the spring and another church hosts the Aha Moku-puni in the fall.

Our members and friends will enjoy this chance to experience the variety of Polynesian and other cultures as we hear the choirs from all of KAUCC churches on Friday night at the Aha Mele (music gathering). Plan to bring friends to the fellowship and meal prior to the Aha Mele, and to observe the worship and business sections at the Saturday sessions.

Help us dream up a very special Aha Moku-puni in April.

CARING FOR 'AINA

Researched & Written by Kathy Kokron

Many of you have already been caring for 'Aina for many years so please consider this article as an affirmation of what you are already doing and as a place to share ideas. What follows are thoughts on what is occurring on our island and ideas on how each of us and as a congregation can do more to care for 'Aina. You can contact me via phone or text at 224 242-0292 or via e-mail at vinny553@live.com with your thoughts and ideas on how to care for 'Aina.

Caring for 'Aina can be as simple as cleaning an infrequently used item and storing it to be used again. Each New Year brings the task of taking down our decorations and storing them for next year.



Check out <http://www.kauaifestivaloflights.com/>.

Any ornament/decoration you will not be using for next year might find a home with The Festival of Lights organization. They also accept plastic bottles that fit their plans for next year's display. Take a quick picture of what you want to discard and send it to me by text or e-mail. I will send all photos to the coordinator for review. Who knows your photo may inspire the theme for next

year and as a side benefit we reduce castoffs going to our landfill and potentially out of the ocean.

As all of you are aware of we live on a small island and as a result we have built homes, churches, stores, schools and hospitals. Roads and parking spaces are essential ingredients when we visit friends/family, attend church, buy goods, take our children/grandchildren to school and keep healthy. Let's face it our roads/driveways need constant repairs and that takes more asphalt and concrete. Ever wonder where all the worn/damaged material goes or where the new material comes from?

Fortunately for us the re-surfaced roads are partially made from crushed old asphalt and concrete. Pacific Concrete Cutting & Coring (PCCC) is a local company that recycles both asphalt and concrete for residents and businesses. In 2016 they diverted from our landfill 17,886 tons which was 12% of the total solid waste generated within our county. This diversion truly benefits our 'Aina. We need less space in our landfill, spend less tax dollars on purchasing/shipping new material and consume less fossil fuel in the process.

PCCC charges residents \$ 25/ton as a drop off fee (you haul the material). They also provide estimates to demolish and haul asphalt or concrete for small or large residential or commercial projects. Consider them as a resource for recycling spent asphalt or concrete. They are located in Lihue at (808) 245-7171 on 1543 Haleukana St. www.pccchawaii.com Mahalo!

REMEMBERING HENRY OPUKAHA'IA

The third Sunday in February is Henry Opukaha'ia Sunday. On this Sunday we remember a young boy on the island of Hawaii, watching as his family was brutally murdered. We admire his spirit at age 16, as he made his way aboard the *Triumph*. Two years later that ship docked in New York and his journey with the English language and discovering a Christian God began.



*Henry Opukaha'ia, remembered
as Hawaii's first Christian.*

Opukaha'ia's dream was to return to the islands and share the good news of Jesus with the Hawaiian people, but his life was cut short at age 26. His life did inspire other Hawaiian missionaries, however, who volunteered to carry the message back to the islands.

We honor Opukaha'ia on this special Sunday by receiving an offering which helps to support prospective and current pastors in the UCC. You may give cash or checks to HUCC with a note designating

your offering to the Henry Opukaha'ia Scholarship Fund. More details about the scholarships are at the Hawaii Conference UCC website, www.hcucc.org.

If you would like to read more about the life of Henry Opukaha'ia, you can purchase "*Memoirs of Henry Obookiah*," published by the Woman's Board of Missions. Contact the Woman's Board of Missions office, 808-791-5647 or visit <http://www.henryobookiahmemoirs.com/> for details.

Another interesting article, by Catherine Millard, D.Min. is Called "*Henry Opukaha'ia, First Hawaiian Christian.*" Visit http://www.christianheritagemins.org/newsletters/Fall%202009_Newsletter.pdf

BIG THANKS to our special Valentines who have made generous donations of fresh produce recently . . .

♥ **The Ushigome family for more oranges!**

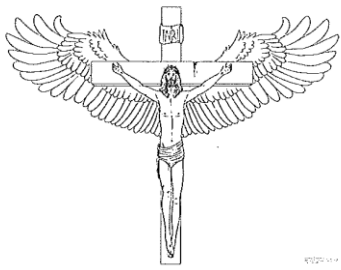
♥ **Marge Yamauchi for oranges & Lynn & Joy Miyamoto for harvesting them!**

♥ **Nancy Kanna for lettuce, parsley and squash . . . & for mentoring Clint Snyder who stopped in with a gift of lettuce and promises of more to come!**

♥ **Clayton Ueno for papayas, eggplant & squash!**

♥ **Ryan & Sharon de la Peña for bananas!**

MAHALO



Hope

through
the

Suffering

2017 LENTEN SERIES OF THE WEST KAUAI MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION

Join with brothers and sisters of other congregations in worship and reflection upon the hope Christ offers through His suffering on the Cross for our sins. Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. throughout Lent.

9 March
Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church
Pastor Olaf Hoeckmann-Percival

16 March
Waimea United Church of Christ
Pastor Jim Stickney

23 March
Hanapepe United Church of Christ
Pastor James Merritt

30 March
Hanapepe Salvation Army
Pastor Scott Taylor

6 April
St. John's Episcopal Church
Lt. James Combs

NEW BOOK STUDY

Reserve Wednesdays at 1:00 as a new time for Bible study groups. The sessions will be held in the Koinonia Room of Fellowship Hall starting February 8 with a 3-session study of the "Fruit of the Spirit" by Dr. Peter Ainsley (book provided), followed March 1 with a 3-session study of "Beyond Resistance: the Institutional Church meets the Postmodern World" by our UCC president John Dorhauer on the historic and newly emerging Church. A group can be added at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage, or moved to that time. What day and time can you block out for personal study and growth? Contact Pastor Michael for more details.



Plan to attend **Ash Wednesday** service at Hanapepe United Church of Christ 1 March at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday begins our preparation for the greatest story ever told - God's love in Jesus' death and resurrection. As we clear the deck in our lives by confessing the things that hold us back, we receive a small dab of ashes in oil - the ancient sign of grief and starting over.

Also be present for the **Holy Thursday** worship 13 April at Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church. This takes us back to Jesus' final Passover meal with the disciples. He starts a new promise in the broken bread and shared wine. All people can be forgiven and start new lives in Him.

Winter Waieke Cabins Workday

Friday evening, February 3 and Saturday, February 4

Come Friday afternoon, stay overnight (with no fee), bring own supper meal
Saturday breakfast will be provided – RSVP to Glenn by Wednesday, February 1

Bring: games, musical instruments and family fun ideas

Potluck lunch on Saturday plus may bring potluck snacks to shareWork projects:

General Cleaning: windows, wall & floor cleaning; Yard Work: outside weeding
Painting: on new fire pit shed and second floor of cabin B
Wood: cut and split downed cedar tree; wood pallets to cut up (circular saw needed)

Needed: rags, window cleaning and calking material, chain saws, splitting wood tools, tank vacuums, paint brushes/rollers, steel scraping brushes, rakes and other outdoor equipment. Bring any ideas on how to make the Waieke Cabins more available to our people so all might enjoy the wonder and beauty of Koke'e and Waieke! SEE YOU AT WAINEKE!

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1- 9a, (9b -12)

Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or

Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9 -18

Psalm 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

February 26, 2017

Last Sunday after Epiphany /

Transfiguration

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matt 17:1-9



Auwe!! Ken Uchibori is leaving for the Big Island. He has been such a blessing to our faith community: mopping floors, washing dishes, repairing, painting, hauling away recycle piles, making bread and chauffeuring Miss Sadie. We will miss all of that, but we will especially miss his gentle, positive nature, that says, "All's well!" Even when the DishMachine breaks down!



REMEMBERING IN PRAYER


Ann Akama, James and Lynne Akiyama, Ayala, Ann Bjork, Kenneth Brown, Christine Cote, Debra (Courtney's mother), John Dumas, Nancy Finley, Lynette and Tim Floyd, Warren Haruki, Dr. Richard Haruki, Jesse Hirano, Bruce Igawa, Fumie Isobe, John Isobe, Jennie Irving, Debbi Joy, Miyoko Kaohi, Lillian Katsura, Edna Kawamura, Mervin Kimura, Bob King, Pauline McSwain (Nancy Kanna's mother), Rene Moritsugu, Marlene Norwalk, Ezra Owen, keiki Pa'a, Patrick Rita, Scott, Nalani Smith Shigematsu, Wanda Corr Shigematsu, Harold and Debra Shimono, Joe and Marian Teshima, Yukie Hirano Ueoka, Sutemi Yamamoto, Tommy Wolfe, Marjorie Works, Todd Yamase.

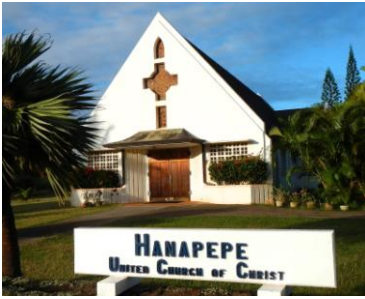
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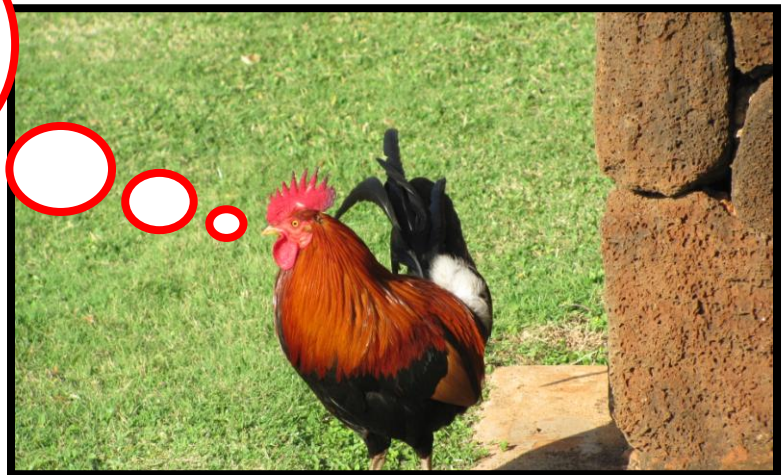
			<p>1 - VA Rural Outreach, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>2 - Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. - Community Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Sea Scouts - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3 - Cleaner, 1:00 p.m.</p>	 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Winter Waineke Cabins Workdays</p> </div>
<p>5 - Choir Rehearsal, 8:45 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m. Aloha Hour - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>6 - Kokua Thrift Shop, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>7 AA - 5:00 p.m. Al-Anon - 5:00 p.m. PFLAG (Kauai Hospice, Lihue) - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8 - VA Rural Outreach, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>9 - Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. - Community Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Sea Scouts - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10 - Cleaner, 1:00 p.m. - Garden Island Orchid Society, 6:00 p.m.</p>	
<p>12 - Choir Rehearsal, 8:45 a.m. - Worship, 10:00 a.m. Aloha Hour - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>13 - Kokua Thrift Shop, 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>14 VALENTINE'S DAY - AA, 5:00 p.m. - Al-Anon, 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15 - VA Rural Outreach, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>16 - Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. - Community Lunch, 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>17 - Cleaner, 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Deacon's Retreat 9:00 a.m. - Poipu</p>
<p>19 HENRY OPUKAHA'IA OFFERING - Choir Rehearsal, 8:45 a.m. - Worship, 10:00 a.m. Aloha Hour - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>20 PRESIDENTS DAY - NO Kokua Thrift Shop - <i>Newsletter articles due to Nancy Sato Or Ann Bjork</i></p>	<p>21 - AA, 5:00 p.m. - Al-Anon, 5:00 p.m. No Diaconate</p>	<p>22 - VA Rural Outreach, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>23 - Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. - Community Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Sea Scouts - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>24 - Cleaner, 1:00 p.m. Interfaith Roundtable of Kauai - 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Church Leaders' Event - 8:30 a.m. Central Union Church</p>
<p>26 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE - WWII JAPANESE AMERICANS - Choir Rehearsal, 8:45 a.m. - Worship, 10:00 a.m. Aloha Hour - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>27 - Kokua Thrift Shop, 8:45-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>28 - AA, 5:00 p.m. - Al-Anon, 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29 - VA Rural Outreach, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>30 - Church Cleanup, 9:00 a.m. - Community Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Sea Scouts - 5:00 p.m.</p>		



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