

Wai`oli Hui`ia Church Newsletter

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Talk Story

by Duncan Forgey

Wai`oli: A Place of Singing Waters

The congregation of Wai`oli Hui`ia Church has worshiped Christianity since the early 1800's. For almost two centuries, faithful parishioners have chosen Wai`oli Hui`ia to practice their faith of Jesus Christ. North Shore Kaua`i, known for a changing political, social and environmental way of life, has provided many of its residents with many challenges.

Wai`oli Hui`ia Church's latest triumph is the repair of damages sustained during the 2018 flood. Throughout its history, the North Shore has been victimized by pestilence, fire, floods, economic hardship and an incalculable number of storms and hurricanes. In each of these trials, Wai`oli Hui`ia Church has played a vital role in Hanalei's worship and recovery. The Church still provides solace for the families of Hanalei and its world-wide ministry.

Reverend William P. Alexander built the Mission Hall, envisioning a safe and godly place. After years of delays, it was completed in 1841. Today, the Mission Hall is the oldest surviving church structure on Kaua`i. The beauty of the Wai`oli Hui`ia Sanctuary, with its gothic architecture and dynamic stained-glass windows, is enhanced by the sprawling Mission Hall with its double-pitched hipped roof structure and wrap around lanai.

The Mission Hall was used for all religious ceremonies, sermons and celebrations prior to the opening of the Sanctuary in 1912. The 25-foot belfry still sits behind the Hall representing a longstanding Christian tradition that has resulted in powerful influences upon many Hanalei residents. Since then, the Hall has handed out food, friendship and Aloha to the people of Hanalei and numerous visitors to the Church. USO dances, luaus, hula traditions, public school functions, private celebrations, the Hanalei Canoe Club, fishing tournaments and Al Anon meetings are just a partial list of activities that have called the Mission Hall their home. Most importantly, Wai`oli Hui`ia Church provides a deeply felt sense of comfort and stability for Hanalei and its residents.

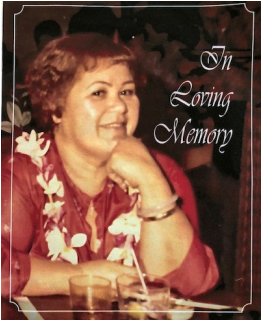
When current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the Mission Hall sits ready, willing and able to, once again, become the primary church and community center serving Hanalei.

*The tide recedes
But leaves behind
Seashells on the sand,
For every joy that passes,
Something beautiful
Remains
Hawaiian Proverb*



IN HONOR OF OUR BELOVED MOMS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

This issue is dedicated to Verdelle Constance Kealo`okawa`a Peters Lum and Dorris Jane Batt. Their steadfast commitment was a guiding force in the history of Wai`oli Hui`ia Church. We are deeply grateful.



"My mother and I shared the same birthday and my father would buy us 2 birthday cakes. They were prune cakes from Manoa Bakery which was his favorite cake. My mother had the gift of hospitality and always made my friends welcome. She loved our church and spent countless hours working in the church office. She cared for my children and my cat when I traveled and cleaned my house when I went to Hilo for school. Miss having her call me at 6:00 a.m. when she had something on her mind. Happy, Heavenly Mother's Day, Mom! Nani."

- **Haunani Pacheco daughter of Auntie Verdelle**



"My mom was my mentor, best friend and spiritual guide. When I came to her with problems she would listen to me, and knowing that I knew Jesus, would say 'you know who to ask for help!'. I can still hear her reminding me today. Thank you, Mom."

- **Mildrene Swan**



"Dorris Jane (Batt)! The most wonderful Mom ever."

- **Wendy Elsasser**

"My Mother told me.....
'It's not what's on the table that matters, It's who's in the chairs.'

I miss you Mom."

- **Robin Clemens**



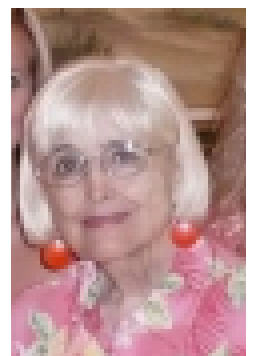
"My mom lived life to the fullest. Here she is celebrating her 80th birthday by jumping out of an airplane for the first time."

- **Duncan Forgey**



"My Mom, Marie Spencer, was a wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She loved Jesus and her family and encouraged her children and grandchildren to read the Bible and pray daily. She always had a ready supply of Rice Krispy Treats, tea cakes and assorted goodies ready for the grandchildren. She is missed."

- **Susan Ferrell**





"One of my vivid memories is how she taught me the power of prayer. I was 8 years old and was being wheeled to surgery for a tonsillectomy. I was terrified until she prayed with me and asked Jesus to be with me. A feeling of overwhelming calm immediately washed over me!"

- **Debbie Oliver**



"My Mom, Janie, my best friend & mentor. She excelled as a high school teacher of troubled youth; welcomed everyone into her home with a smile & meal to share & known for the BEST macaroni & cheese EVER."

- **Madelynn Forgey**

"My mother was an incredibly giving and beautiful woman both inside and out. She set the standard for all my women friends."

- **Lori Marston**



"My mother was pure unconditional love."

- **Pam Dohrman**



"Mom said, 'As soon as you say you can't, you won't be able to!' And so often I heard 'Stop feeling sorry for yourself.'"

- **Jan Drammer**

"Thank you Mom for the fruitcake and for loving us."

Happy Mother's Day!"

- **Kahu David Leong**



"My Mom, Kay Lynn, taught me with this welcoming line. '**Come on in.**' She taught me to welcome every one into our home, hearts and lives."

- **Darlene Ready**

WAI'OLI 'OHANA BIRTHDAYS

April 01 - Marau Beck
 April 04 - Scott Lutton
 April 05 - Mal Dohrman
 April 06 - Jason Kerr
 - Haunani Pacheco
 - Tim Boehlke
 April 08 - Pam Dohrman
 April 12 - Mildrene Swan
 April 13 - Denton Holland
 April 19 - Bev Rohrer
 April 20 - Darlene Brown
 April 22 - Abby Holland
 April 29 - Pam Goto



May 05 - Bill Marston
 May 09 - A'a'li'i Weldon
 - Kawehi 'o Iani Weldon
 - Karla Coscino
 May 20 - Alice Haley
 - Whitney Beck
 May 25 - Ann Ashford
 May 31 - Duncan Forgey
 - Jessica Boehlke

WELCOME ROBIN



A huge welcome to Robin Clemens who joined our church as an Associate Member in April. Robin and her husband, Kevin Penttila, currently live in Washington state and make Kaua'i their second home five months out of the year. So wonderful to have you in our 'ohana.

PRAYER WORKS



Wai'oli's Janey Kanter had no idea when she left for Santa Cruz, CA to await the arrival of her newest granddaughter that she would face contacting pneumonia and struggle for her life. Five weeks later after countless prayers she was finally released from the hospital and is now spending time recuperating with her daughter and new grandbaby until the doctors feel she is ready for travel and the return home to Kaua'i. How we have missed you, Janey. Our prayers continue for your safe and healthy return.

We always have an on-going prayer list for all our 'Ohana. If you would like to put someone on this list, just call the church office: (808) 826.6253 or email: waioli@aloha.net. Please advise our office when your loved one no longer needs to be listed. Mahalo nui loa!

CONGRATULATIONS SHIRLEY



Congratulations to Shirley Alexander, photographed here with husband Rod, who celebrated her 84th birthday earlier this year. Always good to see you return from far away South Dakota.

FINAL POTTERY GLAZING



Mahalo to our crew who returned to help complete the final glazing phase of the clay luminaries crafted by our Wai'oli keiki at Clayworks at Kilohana. The project provided a great opportunity for creativity and sharing.

ANNUAL KAUA'I - NI'HAU PRAYER LUNCHEON



The annual Prayer Luncheon is one of the highlights of the year on Kaua'i. This event, held at the Kilohana Luau Pavilion, sees the community gather to offer thanksgiving and praise to Ke Akua, interceding for government leaders, businesses, church, nation and our 'ohana. Inspirational music led by Wai'oli's Kahu David followed by a delicious buffet of local favorite fare, rounded out the day.

TUNE IN TO ZOOM FOR OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Aloha Wai'oli Hui'ia Church Members and Church 'Ohana! Please join us ON LINE! We are now temporarily conducting our Sunday Worship Services via the Zoom application which you can download for free on either your computer, iPad, tablet or cell phone.

Our worship service begins at 10 a.m. HST, however, the Zoom link starts at 9:30 a.m. HST for those of you who would like the opportunity for fellowship prior to the service. An email invitation will be sent to you on Saturday before each service. To join our Zoom service, in the email simply ***scroll down to the heading Join Zoom Meeting and click on the blue link directly below it.*** It is suggested to use the 'mute' button when listening to keep background noise at a minimum.

If you would like to join us or have any questions please call Madelynn Forgey at 808.827.8027 cell or email MadForgey@yahoo.com. We at Wai'oli look forward to seeing you Sunday mornings on Zoom.

EASTER SUNDAY AND HANAIE MAY DAY



For Easter, Haunani Pacheco's son made a cross for the front of our church. Our members and 'ohana joined together in a symbolic effort to celebrate Easter by adorning the cross with flowers. Some of the flowers used were white lilies to symbolize purity and hope and the resurrection of Christ, white daisies to symbolize the innocence of the Christ Child, irises to symbolize wisdom and hyacinths to represent peace of mind.



May Day is always a big day in Hawai'i and is usually celebrated with lei contests and celebrations throughout the state. This year we were asked to put a lei on our mail boxes. Wai'oli Hui'ia's 'ohana went one step further with our aloha spirit and draped leis across our white fence in front of the sanctuary. May 1st was a very windy day. Mahalo to Pam Dohrman,

Happy Parks and Debra Drayton for taking the time to secure many of the leis on the fence!!

SPRING ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Mahalo to all of you who have expressed an interest in having a Bible Study on line. On Tuesday, May 12th Kahu David hosted the first of a six week Bible Study.

The Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm HST for about one hour. **An email invitation for Zoom will be sent on Mondays.** If you would like to join our group, please contact Madelynn Forgey, 808.827.8027 cell / MadForgey@yahoo.com. Hope to see you on Zoom!! Aloha Ke Akua.



For...Jan Drammer, Will Meuldijk, Larry and Judy Oliver's daughter Bailey, Gary Pacheco, Frank Harmon, Beth Sims, Haunani Pacheco, Mal Dohrman, Bob Chrisman, Jan Drammer's daughter, 4 year old Kawehi'o'lani Weldon, Chippy Morishige, Samantha Fischer, Barbara Hollenbeck and all others with medical issues ... family of Jacob Maka, family of Mary Alice Heddleston, family of Sam Mahuiki, Jr. ... Wai'oli Hui'ia Church's Pastoral Search Committee ... Our Sunday School students and teachers ... Our church 'ohana still recovering from the flood and all other victims of natural disasters. ... All those suffering from the ramifications of COVID-19 ... Staff and students of Hanalei School and Aloha School ... KPD, Fire Departments, EMT's and Lifeguards.

Tithing on line: Did you know we can accept your gifts and weekly tithes to Wai'oli Hui'ia Church on our website at www.hanaleichurch.org if you care to donate online. Your offerings will also be graciously accepted by mailing them to: Wai'oli Hui'ia Church, P.O. Box 231, Hanalei, HI 96714. To request a recurring donation to help support our ministries throughout the year, contact our church treasurer, Susan Ferrell, through our Church Office 808.826.6253. Mahalo!