

## **The Lee Family**

Ho Suk and Hokulani “Hoku” Lee joined Central Union Church this past year along with their three daughters. Ho Suk and Hoku are entrepreneurs in the restaurant business. After many years of not being involved in a church, they decided it was time to get involved in a church to help nurture their faith and inspire their children.

## **Why did you decided to join Central Union Church?**

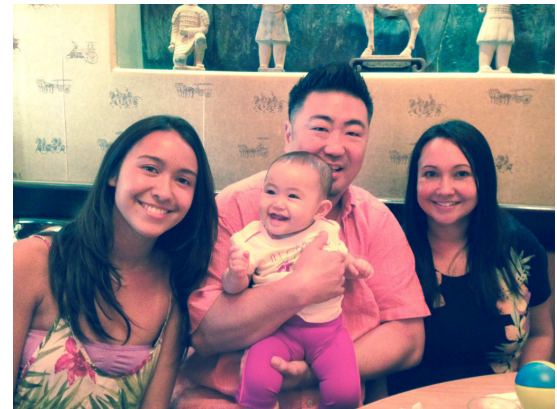
We decided it was time to help deepen our faith and find a place to help teach our children about God. We are new to the neighborhood and decided we would begin to go to church for the first time since we were teens. We decided on the 11 am worship service. During our first visit, we felt at home and resonated with Pastor David’s invitation to ‘do life together.’ We enjoyed the worship and the sermon but most of all the fellowship with others.

We also started learning more about the community of faith and we were impressed with the care for all ages! We knew of the Preschool but have learned a lot more about the care for the kapuna’s, the community and one another. We want to be in an active community of faith where we can participate in something bigger than us.

## **What made you decide to partner with CUC by giving?**

That’s easy...CUC is our church! In order to accomplish the mission, we need to fund it so our family participates as best as we can. It feels good to give knowing that the resources are used to help impact other people. In essence, we give so others can receive!

We now have a daughter in the preschool and I share with everyone that we are proud members of CUC! We hope more families will join this community so we can do even more for others!



This week, we celebrate Paul Tamaoka and Kalei Ka'awalauole! They joined Central Union Church after searching for a church where they could find the freedom and acceptance that they longed for as a gay couple. They are engaged to be married in 2016. Paul is an amazing stylist (just look at Pastor David's hair!) and Kalei serves the community at the Department of Defense at Pearl Harbor.

## **Why did you decide to join Central Union Church?**

We decided we needed to find a faith community where we could worship, fellowship, grow in Christ and be welcomed as we are. Paul hadn't gone to church since childhood and it was important for us to find a place to help us grow as individuals and as a couple. The first day we came to worship, we were overwhelmed with how accepting and friendly the congregation was. Plus, the words "Love Never Fails" spoke volumes to us before the service ever began! We wanted to be a part of community that taught about a God who loves rather than judges. We are inspired weekly to live a life of love that we have received from God!

## **Why did you decide to financially support Central Union Church?**

"God tells me to share," Kalei exclaims. Yet more than that, we feel it is vital to share our blessings. In life, all that we have is a blessing and we get to share those blessings with others in order to help them! We know the impact CUC has had on us and hope that others will have the same experience!

