# **AMAZING GRACE CHURCH**

A Family of disciples joyfully reaching out in love to nurture, teach and heal in Jesus' name

## Claiming and celebrating our Episcopal Faith and Traditions!

### The Heart of Grace

The heart of Grace Church is it's people. Most every person who attends also volunteers in some capacity; Altar Guild, Acolytes, Musicians, Lectors, Thrift Shop, Coffee hours, Pot Luck luncheons, Bible Studies, Lenten and Advent studies, cleaning the church.. It all comes together because of our awesome people!

## The Spirit of Grace

People who visit Grace for the first time remark how friendly Grace is, how joyful, welcoming and happy the people are. Grace is the very special place it is because of our dear Church Ohana!

### The Future of Grace

We are boldly stepping out in faith to follow our call to Christian Outreach. If the strength of Grace Church is it's spirit and heart, it is a blessing we feel called to share!



## **60th Anniversary**

What an exciting year 2014 was! Certainly one of the highlights of the year was the grand celebration we had celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Grace Church! We had over 100 people in attendance for the events. Pictured below are the original members of Grace Church. These are the people we owe a HUGE debt of gratitude to! From it's very humble beginnings as a former military barrack, Grace Church has continued to be a place for people to come together to feel and experience not only God's love and presence but the love and support of their Grace Church Ohana as well!



#### **Grace Episcopal Church**



## Completed in 2014

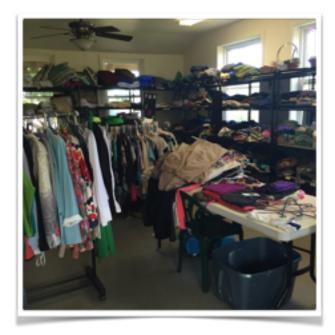
- Repaired and painted the handicapped ramp
- From a couple of tables of clothes the Thrift Shop has grown to racks and racks of clothes and household items. In fact, we are bursting at the seams!
- The front of the Church has been scraped and painted, landscaping has been installed, and a new cross has been put up at the front of the church.
- The Fellowship Hall was tented
- A new Bell tower was constructed at the front of the church and bell relocated from inside the church.
- The seating/meeting area in the church received many enhancements and upgrades with a new seating area by the saint's wall, track lighting, and new furniture. Now a meeting area and place for prayer meetings and Bible Study!
- Liturgical vestments were purchased
- The wiring and lighting in the Church and Fellowship hall was repaired and updated

Just as visitors note the warmth, joy and friendliness of our services, that is only part of the story of Grace Church. We are constantly looking for ways to put our faith into action beyond our walls.

Through the Thanks Offering taken before each service, we support many non profits on Molokai and Maui. The Thrift Shop had a phenomenal first year, taking in around \$11,000 for our church, while providing a much needed service to the Molokai community! We are getting to be known as the church with the Thrift Shop!

Praise God for all our extremely dedicated volunteers who put in LOTS of time processing, pricing, organizing, advertising and selling! We are always looking for volunteers! So much to be done! The Thrift Shop has become not only vital to the community but to Grace Church as well! Please help! More hands are needed!

We are so thankful for our wonderful Music Ministry at Grace!!! Russell, Uncle Wey, Isaac, Joshua and Jeness! God bless you!



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### The Heart, Spirit and Future of Grace..

- There is a wonderful sense of enthusiasm and excitement in the church as we embrace 2015 together! Membership is up about 40%, Bible Studies and opportunities for prayer and worship abound, many, many enhancements have been made to the church buildings and grounds, we have developed and now offer new Outreach ministries that have reached out to help fill the needs of the wider community, volunteerism is very high..we have so much to be thankful for! Praise be to God! But there is not time to rest! The areas we would like to look to in 2015 include:
- Complete repairs and improvements to the church parking lot, addressing drainage problems



- •Replacement of windows in the church and vicarage; some of the windows in the church and vicarage need to be replaced.
  - •Development of a Food Pantry to help meet the needs of the people of Ho'olehua and points west.
  - •A new lawn tractor! Our old tractor gave up the ghost long ago and Fr. Jim has been mowing the grounds with a small push mower. Anyone have any ideas on a new tractor? Donations appreciated!
  - •We need more volunteers to help in the

### Thrift Shop! Please!

- We will continue to give out gift certificates to agencies on Molokai to hand out to those in need. Redeemable for clothes and household items from our Thrift Shop!
- We will continue to partner with St. James Church on the Big Island. St. James is sending us lots of clothes and items for our Shop! Praise God!
- We will finish converting Solomon's closet to a Vesting room/ Food Pantry as we continue to strive to put Jesus' command to service into practice! The Bishop and Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii recently awarded us a grant of \$1500 to help get this very important ministry off the ground! Thank you Bishop and Council! If you would like to volunteer in the Food Pantry please let Fr. Jim know.
- Lastly, a HUGE thank you to the members of the Vestry, to the Bishop's warden and Treasurer for just an absolutely outstanding job this year! God bless you one and all!

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