



NUU VINEYARD NEWS

Harris United Methodist Church

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December/January 2017-2018

PASTOR'S CORNER

DREAMING BIG WITH GOD: EMBRACING HOPE

"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 Common English Bible



Rev. Rona Mangayayam

Advent begins on December 3. This is a time when we, as a community of faith, are in an active waiting for the birth of the Messiah. Our theme "**Embracing Hope**" is an invitation to be in that attitude in this time of waiting.

What is it that would make you embrace hope during this time?

I was reading an article by *Paul Brandeis Raushenbush*. One year after the presidential election, he went on to ask several spiritual leaders what gives them hope and here are some of the responses:

Lisa Sharon Harper: Feeling God

"I sat on a beach, listening to the low ocean rumble as deep beneath the surface waters ebbed and flowed. I listened for God's voice to cut through the ebb and flow of worry, fear, grief, and in my own soul. Born of Breaking News binges, serial sprints against injustice, direct confrontation with evil in Charlottesville, and tireless protests—including one that landed me in jail for a night—with 50 roaches. I needed to feel God. Not just hear God. I needed to feel God. I sat and I waited...in silence, except for the waves. It felt like time froze. For a single moment I felt God ... and I knew I would be alright."

Diana Butler Bass: Gratitude Empowers Resistance

"Oddly enough, I spent the first 100 days of the Trump presidency writing a book on gratitude. Every day, I woke up to bad, nearly debilitating, news. And then I had to go into my office and write about gratefulness. What I discovered surprised me — understanding and practicing gratitude made a huge difference. As I grew to appreciate the gifts of abundance that really do surround us, Trump lost his emotional power over me. Gratitude made me resilient. And it empowers resistance."

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Rev. Dr. Katharine Rhodes Henderson: Knowing the Dream Is Possible

“You don’t know what you’ve got til it’s gone,” is the song’s refrain that has come back to me over and over again when I think about this presidency compared to last. And yet, as painful as these months have been—and truly devastating for the most vulnerable among us—this moment has laid bare truths about racism, fear of difference and distances beyond geography that divide us in ways that we can no longer escape. What gives me hope is that as individuals and as a nation we are being called to wake up and to build a future story that is more just and generous than previous ones. In the Christian tradition we know that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Which means that hope is an act of faith to build the world we are dreaming of, that we can’t quite see but we know is possible.”

At the center of all these is the acknowledgement of God’s presence and God’s active participation in the process of waiting. These are what enables them to **Embrace Hope**.

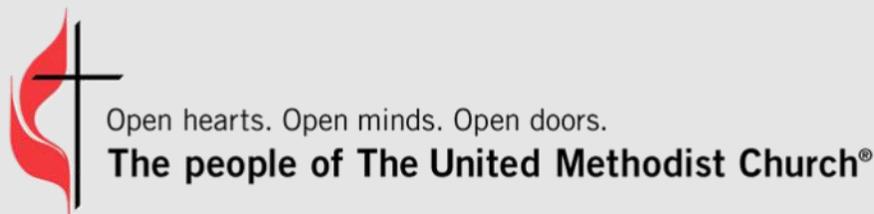
I believe that sense of God’s presence and participation is what makes
it possible for us to do the same:
to **EMBRACE HOPE**.

These are what enables us to celebrate and be grateful
in the midst of the many evils of the world because we know that God’s
promise of what is yet to be, will be fulfilled.

While it is easier to be angry, to give up and be cynical, our being a faith community refuses to put us in that place. Instead, as we await the birth of the Messiah, let us hold on to the promise of God for a future filled with hope. Let us hold on to our faith as we continue to do what we are doing, be a voice against violence and discrimination, be a community for those who feel unwelcomed, be a presence to those who are sick and lonely, be a sister or a brother to those who have no family. Take time for yourself to nourish your soul and spirit in prayer, in worship, in personal meditation, and in community with others.

As we do this, let us remember that God is our presence and God is participating with us. And this same God will continue to journey with us as we usher into the new year of 2018.

Embracing hope,
Rona



"Dreaming Big With God: Embracing Hope"

is the theme that has been chosen for our Advent season. With that theme in mind, your Worship Team has ordered 100 copies of a special *Advent Calendar of Devotions for 2017* and they will be available for pick up in the courtyard after worship each Sunday during Advent, beginning December 3. Please limit one per family unit so that all may read the message of peace and hope.



Prayer Wall for Our World

"Dreaming Big with God: Embracing Hope" challenges us to care for all the countries of the world. Events are brought to our attention daily through social media, TV, radio and news print and are deserving of our prayers. Each Sunday during Advent, you are invited to post your prayers for a specific state, nation, or country on the *Prayer Wall for Our World* that will be located outside the sanctuary. You are encouraged to choose a colorful sticker to highlight which area needs our prayers and post it on the *Prayer Wall for Our World* with your initials on the sticker. You may post more than one sticker. Each week you may post again to continue *Prayers for Our World*.

"Prayer isn't a last resort; it's a starting point."

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

THE SEASON of ADVENT ~ "DREAMING BIG WITH GOD: EMBRACING HOPE"

9:00 am Nichigo Worship (Japanese Language Ministry)

To Be Announced

5:00 pm Evening Worship (Contemporary Music)

Davy Lee

10:45am Worship (English Language Service)

December 3: 1st Sunday in Advent

Scripture Reading: Mark 13:28-37

"Stay Alert!" Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching

Communion

December 10: 2nd Sunday in Advent *Joint Worship Service*

ALL MUSIC WORSHIP

Scripture Reading: Psalm 85: 8-13

December 17: 3rd Sunday in Advent

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

"Rebuild, Restore, Renew" Rev. Rona Mangayayam, preaching

December 23rd:

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

9:30am in Sanctuary

December 24: 4th Sunday in Advent *Joint Worship Service*

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 26-38

"I Choose Love" Rev. Rona Mangayayam, preaching

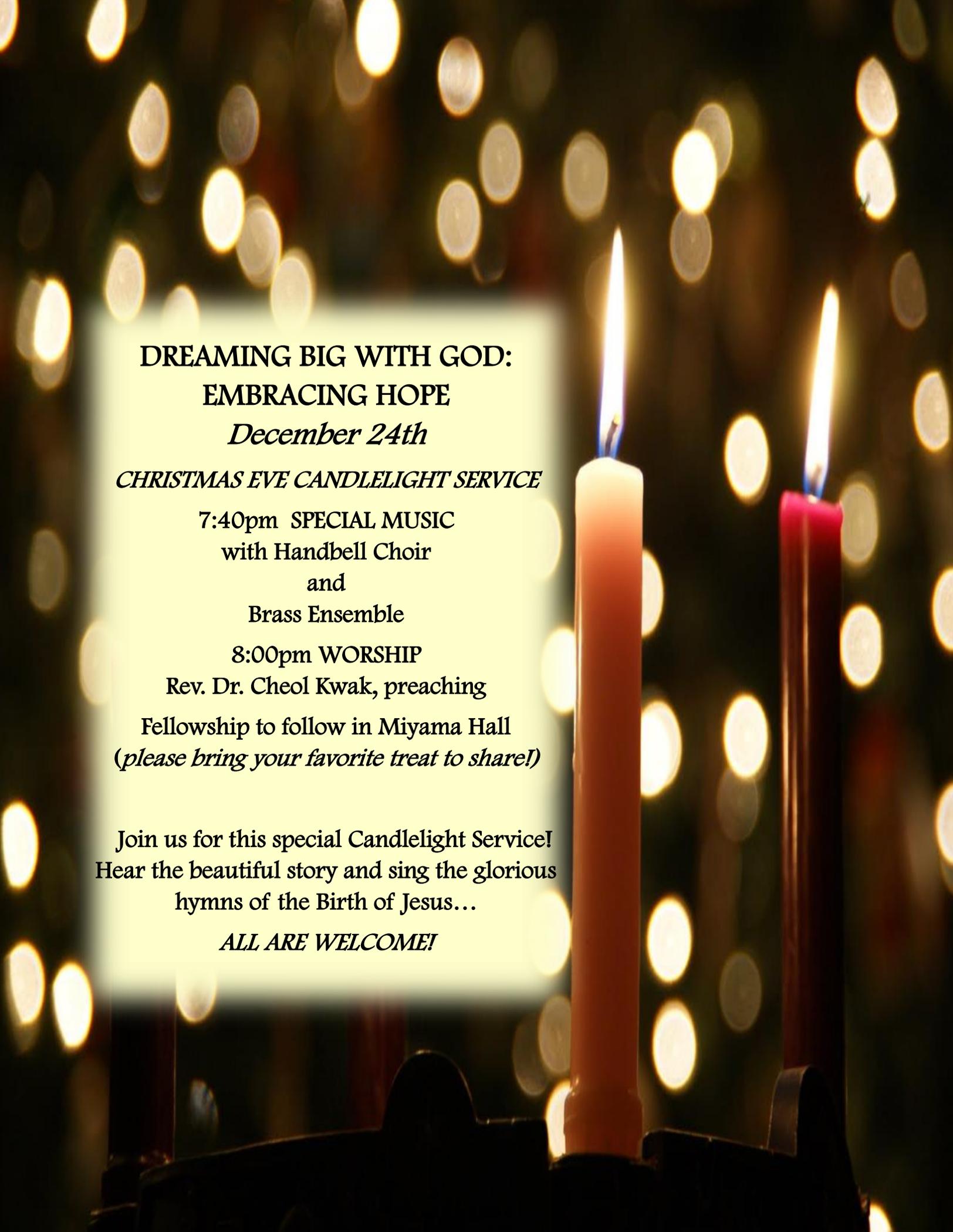
Gift of Music: Honolulu Bronze Handbell Ensemble

December 31: 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4: 22-24

"To Be Made New" Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching

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**DREAMING BIG WITH GOD:
EMBRACING HOPE**
December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**7:40pm SPECIAL MUSIC
with Handbell Choir
and**

Brass Ensemble

8:00pm WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching

**Fellowship to follow in Miyama Hall
*(please bring your favorite treat to share!)***

**Join us for this special Candlelight Service!
Hear the beautiful story and sing the glorious
hymns of the Birth of Jesus...**

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JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICES
DREAMING BIG WITH GOD: EMBRACING HOPE
THE SEASON of EPIPHANY

9:00 am Nichigo Worship (Japanese Language Ministry)
To Be Announced

5:00 pm Evening Worship (Contemporary Music)
Davy Lee

January 7: EPIPHANY SUNDAY
Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 9-14 ~ *"Come to the Water!"*
Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching
Reaffirmation of Baptism

January 14: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY
Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10~ *"Speak. Your Servant is Listening!"*
Rev. Rona Mangayayam, preaching
Holy Communion

January 21: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 14-20
"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore!"
Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching

January 28: 4th Sunday after Epiphany
Scripture Reading: Micah 1: -8 ~ *"All Else is Secondary"*
Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching



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IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

DREAMING BIG WITH GOD
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***“Let me hear what the Lord says, because he speaks peace to his people and to his faithful ones.
Don’t let them return to foolish ways.” Psalm 85:8***

Lights! Action! The performance begins! But wait.....what performance? Shopping till we drop? Remembering who we must give gifts to? Parties to attend? Children to calm as they look forward to Santa’s delivery of the gift they asked for? Planning the perfect family gathering? Etc., etc., etc.?

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During this Advent and Christmas season, let’s encourage each other to intentionally listen to what the Lord says, to hear and see what peace, justice, love and hope look like in the faces of our neighbors and each other. These are God’s Big Dreams...

Emmanuel
GOD WITH US


IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

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dates
to Remember



CHRISTMAS PARTY and CMS HO'IKE!



Friday, Dec. 15, 2017

5:30 p.m. - Performances in the sanctuary by the ukulele and handbell students

6:00 p.m. - Christmas Crafts in Miyama Hall

6:45 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Awards, Door Prizes, Fun!

8:30 p.m. - Clean up

Please help...SIGN UP IN THE COURTYARD Dec. 3 & 10:

***Donations of gift cards from Safeway, Longs, McDonalds, Zippys etc.**

***Volunteers to do Christmas Crafts**

***Donate dinner items**

***Volunteers to help set up and serve dinner**

Contact Diane Matsuura, Coordinator



4Cs NEW YEAR BREAKFAST GATHERING



Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. in Miyama Hall

What: Share food, friendship and hopes for our ministries in the New Year

ALL ministry teams and interested folks are invited to start off the New Year together by Connecting, Collaborating, Communicating and Celebrating over an "ono" breakfast!

Contact Natalie Nimmer & Diane Matsuura, Co-Lay Leaders

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

Plan to bring family and friends to our Christmas Party as we welcome students from Central Middle School on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017. 5:30pm Ho'ike sharing handbell & ukulele selections, 6:00pm crafts, 6:45pm dinner & fun to follow!

Please sign up to donate menu food items in the courtyard on Dec. 3 & 10.

We could expect up to 200 guests: students & their families!!!

We would also appreciate gift cards which will be given as door prizes. Your participation will give Advent and Christmas blessings to the children as well as to yourself!

FOR ...

HARRIS CHRISTMAS PARTY

with our GUESTS from
Central Middle School

DATE ...

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 15

TIME ...

5:30pm Ho'ike

6:00pm Crafts

6:45pm Dinner n FUN

PLACE ...

SANCTUARY

and

MIYAMA HALL

Mike Slaughter



HARRIS PRESCHOOL

CHRISTMAS

SLIM CHRISTMAS

Slim Christmas 2017 will be celebrated here at Harris, again focusing on our 3 outreach programs: *Institute for Human Services Soup Ministry, Harris Preschool, and Central Middle School After School All Stars!*

For those who are unfamiliar of what is meant by “**Slim Christmas**”, this inspiration came from the book “*It’s Not YOUR Birthday!*” by Pastor Mike Slaughter of Ginghamburg UM Church in Ohio. The idea of “**Slim Christmas**” was to challenge us to downplay the commercialism of the season and consider spending less on ourselves and our families. Instead, we were asked to focus on the real meaning of Christmas which is God’s gift to us - *the birth of Jesus*. We are encouraged to set aside a portion of our “gift” money to donate to programs that help the poor and houseless.

Forms & printed gift cards will be available for you to designate a particular mission project, and identify the individual(s) you want to honor or remember. Our youth will man the sign up tables in the courtyard after worship on Dec. 3, 10, and 17. God be praised for your generosity!

Submitted by your Stewardship & Youth Ministries Team

BIRTHDAY

HARRIS SOUP MINISTRY



AFTER SCHOOL ALL STARS OF CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Experience
the Joy of Living
and Giving like Jesus

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR DREAMING BIG WITH GOD: EMBRACING HOPE

The Harris Sunday School children will be participating in a *Reverse Advent* collection of non-perishable items and personal toiletry items! Begin your daily collection on December 1 and for every day up to Christmas Eve....bring your collections to church on either the Morning or Evening Worship of Christmas Eve, Dec. 24!

Bags with calendar and instructions will be distributed on Sunday, November 26th...no age limit to participate....**ABSOLUTELY ANYONE CAN START A COLLECTION...**"young" and "younger"!!!

EMBRACE HOPE and give HOPEyour daily donations will help. Nonperishable food items will be donated to:

*Susannah Wesley Community Center to assist those in need at Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT).

Toiletry and personal items will be donated to:

*those participants in the CHOW Project (Community Health Outreach Work).

Please see Cheryl Yamamoto for your own personal Reverse Advent bag!!!!



Throughout November, preschool children learned more about health and nutrition. We talked about different ways to keep ourselves healthy, especially with the upcoming holidays. We had a special visitor, Ronald McDonald, put on a performance about the importance of keeping active.

December has us busily preparing for our upcoming Christmas Program, learning about different holidays, learning the difference between NEEDS and WANTS... and of course counting down the days until Christmas Break!

In January, we will be welcoming new children to our preschool as we promote a few to our older classes.

We are excited to add another extra-curricular activity to our program! Recently, we have partnered with MyGym to offer gymnastics classes on Monday afternoons. Children and families are thrilled with the variety and convenience of the extra-curricular activities we currently offer: Swimming, Soccer, and Gymnastics.

Our Preschool Director, Ms. Kapua, has been selected to serve on the Young Professionals Advisory Council for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The advisory council helps support young early childhood professionals through professional development opportunities and providing relevant content for NAEYC publications. Ms. Kapua will serve on the advisory council from November 2017-October 2019.

Preschool Wish List

Paper plates, plastic forks,
plastic spoons, paper bowls, paper
cups, toilet paper, paper towels,
postage stamps, markers

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR HARRIS PRESCHOOL
ALUMNI!

TWO OF OUR 2017 PRESCHOOL GRADUATES WERE
SELECTED AS THE TWO SUPER CITIZENS IN THEIR
KINDERGARTEN CLASS AT ROYAL ELEMENTARY FOR
THE 1ST QUARTER.

CONGRATULATIONS, MAI LY AND JULIAN!



Ms. Kapua congratulating Mai Ly on her Super Citizen award after the Royal Elementary School ceremony.

You're Invited!

Please join us for our Harris Preschool
Christmas Program on Friday, December
15th at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.
Preschool children will sing, dance, and
get us all in the holiday spirit.

56th ANNUAL NU'UANU VALLEY INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

“WE CHOOSE LOVE”



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Interfaith Planning Team from the various community places of worship.

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Thanks to everyone the Harris November 4, 2017 Bazaar was a huge success. On November 15, I posted the last entries to our account, which included the last bags of recyclables and a check from Cerebral Palsy, which picked up our leftover goods on bazaar day. The Harris 2017 Bazaar netted \$16,500.76.

Highlights of the day:

- Opening prayer and the surge of shoppers
- Sell out of pies by 9: 30 AM
- Swarms of people over the baked goods
- Lap quilts from Sewing Ministry selling out quickly
- Children shopping in the toy store
- Discerning buyers in Arts and Crafts
- Steady stream of white elephant shoppers emptying tables
- Used books earning all time high
- Country Store topping all
- Instant Sales dueling buyers for "UH Wahine Basketball" donation
- Plants on the move from brisk sales
- Quiet hum of 5:30 am musubi and spam musubi preparation
- Smiling faces licking shave ice and slurping noodles
- Uniformed parking attendant with George M. assisting
- M.C. encouraging and informing all shoppers and volunteers
- Check store piled high with parcels
- Accounting sheet of first tally from finance booth
- Fernhurst YWCA volunteers, one of the mission projects
- Arrival of First Lap volunteers to assist in clean up
- 300 avocados from Ellen Watanabe's tree
- Pulling up of the Cerebral Palsy truck and taking away all leftovers

The 56th Harris Bazaar was dedicated to the memory of the late Marilyn Van Gieson, who with her husband Frank, were chairs of the Harris Bazaar for 17 years. Their son Michael and his wife Eleanor chaired the large White Elephant Booth.

All proceeds from the bazaar will be donated to mission projects for community groups in Hawaii and selected groups in Liberia, Congo, the Philippines, Nepal and Japan.

Submitted by Norma Kehrberg for Co-Chairs of 2017 Bazaar



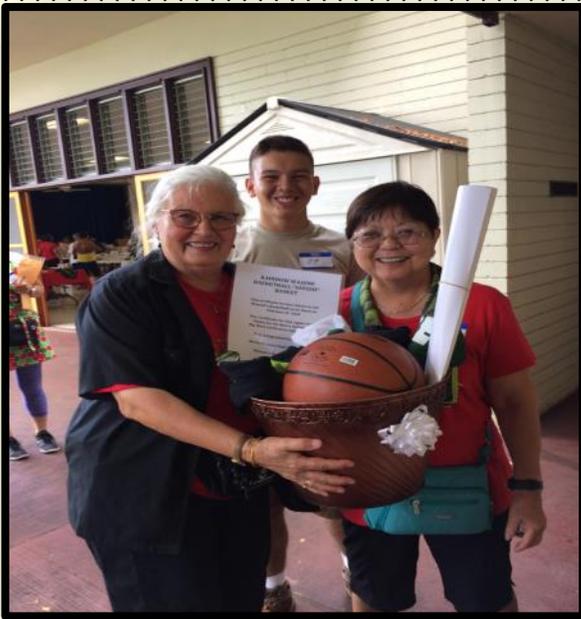
Eager buyers in white elephant section with baked goods in background



Ono Ono pies ready for packing and selling.



Pie baking at 3 AM in the kitchen.



Dueling UH Wahine bidders for Basketball donation basket.



The delight of the last truckload of clean up with thanks to First Lap for their help.



CMS student volunteers assisting in packaging for Country Store



**IMAGES OF 56th ANNUAL
MISSION BAZAAR!
FOOD &
COUNTRY STORE...**





IMAGES OF 56th ANNUAL MISSION BAZAAR! SILENT AUCTION PLANTS & MORE FOOD...





**IMAGES OF 56th ANNUAL
MISSION BAZAAR!
BOOKS
CRAFTS
WHITE ELEPHANT**





**IMAGES OF 56th
ANNUAL MISSION
BAZAAR!
TOYS
KAUKAU KORNER
SHAVE ICE**





FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity) News

There will be a Delegated Council Meeting on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Church of the Crossroads, 1212 University Avenue. 9 a.m. Registration and 9:30-11:30 a.m. Meeting. ALL ARE INVITED. Church of the Crossroads will be welcomed back to FACE and We Are Oceania will join FACE. Please RSVP to director@facehawaii.org

Keisha Pagdilao is the Organizer Intern assigned to Harris. She may be contacting you to do a one on one to get to know you better. Please give her some of your time to get to know you. Keisha is a graduate student in the School of Social Work at the University of Hawaii

Christy MacPherson is FACE's State Executive Director. The FACE office is now located at the Wesley Foundation at UH, 1918 University Avenue.

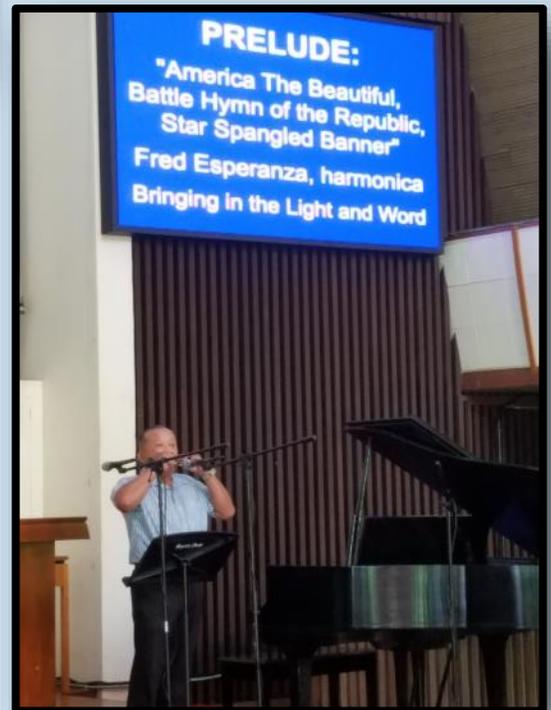
Submitted by Patrick Zukemura, Certified Lay Minister





Ronald McDonald visited Harris
Preschool! View the video:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/
HarrisUMC/videos/?ref=page_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/HarrisUMC/videos/?ref=page_internal)



Big MAHALOS!!!!!! (for the Halloween Party)

Aloha Harris Ohana,

Thank you so much for another AWESOME event! The kids had a blast and have been in my office all morning talking about it. (: They're super excited for the Christmas party that's coming up in a month or so. I know they feel safe at HUMC and trust all the people there which means a lot for these kids. They don't always feel safe at home and they don't trust people easily, so it really speaks volume to what you guys do for them! We greatly appreciate everyone's efforts in making this event possible. (: I hope you guys had a good and relaxing weekend!

Britni Ronolo

Site Coordinator After School All Stars Hawaii– Central



Friendly reminder...

**The next newsletter will be in February...my Christmas break!!
Mahalo for being great readers....Merry Christmas and see you in 2018!**

Cheryl

- ⇒ **Electronic Giving:** If you are not yet signed up for e-giving and are interested, please contact Sachi Taketa for more information at 808.536.9602. You will no longer need to worry about carrying a check or cash to put in the offering plate or send through the mail.
- ⇒ **YOU are invited to become a member of Harris United Methodist Church!** Please contact Pastor Cheol Kwak (808.536.9602) or Pastor Rona (rona@harrisumc.org or 808.738.7727) if you are interested in joining our Harris Ohana!

**NEWSLETTER deadline is 15th of each month
Submit to Cheryl Yamamoto: news4harris@gmail.com**

Sustainability Covenant

"God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore for its own sake and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family"

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