



NUU VINEYARD NEWS

Harris United Methodist Church

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July 2017

PASTOR'S CORNER

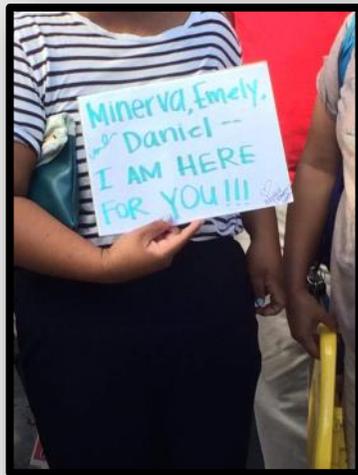
CHURCH HAPPENS ANYWHERE

In our May newsletter, I shared with you my experiences of the church happening anywhere. Let me take this time to share with you another experience.



Rev. Rona Mangayayam

On the morning of Wednesday, June 7, about ten from Harris church joined people from different parts of the community in a gathering outside of the Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) office. The gathering was a response: an appeal of support for her client Minerva, was made by immigration lawyer, Clare Hanusz. Clare is representing Minerva, who was called to report to the ICE office and was facing the possibility of deportation. Minerva is a mother of two children, a 20 year old daughter and an 8 year old son both of whom were born here in the United States.



Clare filed a "Stay of Deportation" and we were told that there are two possible options if this is granted. One, was that Minerva would be sent to a federal detention center while awaiting the processing and decision which would occur at the San Francisco Immigration office. The second option was to post a \$5,000.00 bond so that Minerva could return home to Maui with her children. Clare told us that the family was not able to come up with that amount of money, so she asked if the people gathered there would be able to raise that amount.



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Immediately after Clare said that, everyone started to open their wallet, some were giving cash, and others were writing a check. In the midst of these, Pastor Cheol gathered the Harris folks to ask if Harris is willing to put any remaining amount that might fall short of the \$5,000.00. All of us agreed. As it turned out, this was not necessary, because we had the amount needed from all of the other contributions. Harris church just provided the check up front, and we were paid back.

When Clare came back to tell us that Minerva could go home with the \$5,000.00 bond, we rejoiced and sang, "We Shall Overcome". There were smiles and tears. It was a very solemn and sacred moment and I felt the *Great and Loving Spirit* present within and among us.



But, this is not just about Minerva. It is also about the community that gathered at the walkway of Ala Moana Blvd. By the way, we were not allowed to step on to the grounds of the Federal property.



Since we arrived there at 9 o'clock in the morning till we left at about 12 noon, these diverse people were standing and waiting patiently for any update. As we waited, people were waving banners; alternately, some are connecting for the first time, and others are sharing their story with each other. Later, Rev. Matsushita went to buy us all some drinking water which we definitely needed.

For me, there is no other reason why we were there, but LOVE which is the very gospel of Jesus Christ and there is no such law against it.

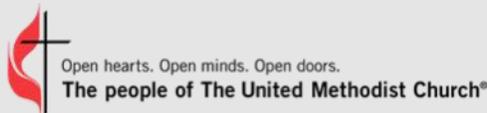
Paul wrote in Romans 12: 9-13~ "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."

I invite you to live these words from Paul in your home, your work, at the grocery store, on the street, or in any place where you are at. By doing so, you are part in being and making...



WE ARE THE CHURCH!

In the spirit of love,
Rona



JULY WORSHIP SERVICES

THE SEASON of PENTECOST

“DREAMING BIG WITH GOD: CALLED TO BE A SANCTUARY”

9:00 am Nichigo Worship (Japanese Language Ministry)

Sensei Eiko Soranaka

5:00 pm Evening Worship (Contemporary Music)

Davy Lee

10:45am Worship (English Language Service)

July 2: 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reading: Romans 6: 15-23

“Gift of Life”

Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching

Communion

July 9 : 5th Sunday After Pentecost

129th Anniversary Sunday

Joint Service with Nichigo & English Congregations

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29: 11, and Philippians 3: 12-14

“Future With Hope, Pressing On”

Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak & Rev. Rona Mangayayam, preaching

July 16: 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

“Extravagant Sowing”

Rev. Rona Mangayayam, preaching

July 23: 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24-30

“Let It Grow”

Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching

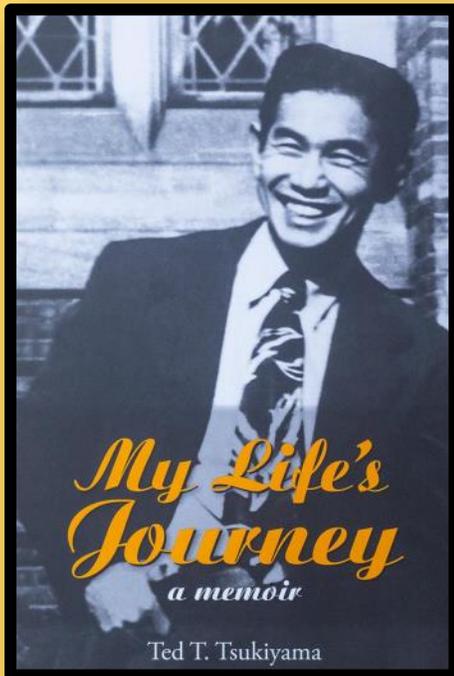
July 30: 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Laity Sunday

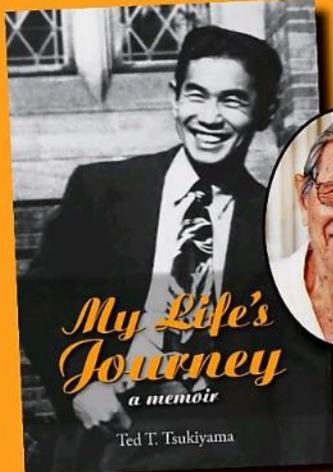
“We Are A Sanctuary: Loving & Welcoming”

Guest Preachers: the Laity

WE ARE AN OPEN AND RECONCILING CONGREGATION ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!



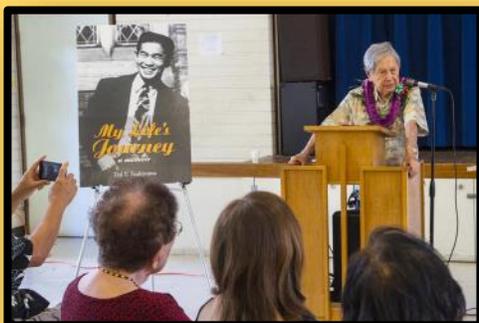
**Ted Tsukiyama's incredible book
"My Life's Journey: A Memoir"
was launched at Harris UMC on June 4.
Harris and the Nisei Veterans Legacy
Center benefitted from the initial sales of
Ted's book.**



The Story of a Generation

Like so many Japanese Americans born in the years following World War I, Ted Tsukiyama was shaped by the Great Depression, fought with honor in World War II—even as other Japanese Americans were exiled in internment camps—and went on to contribute much to his country's success and prosperity. In a life that has spanned nearly a century, he has been a proud member of the U.S. Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team, a military intelligence operative, a groundbreaking nisei student at Yale Law School, an internationally renowned attorney and a missionary of the art of bonsai.

Now, at age ninety-six, Ted Tsukiyama shares his story in his own words. Here is the riveting memoir of a community leader, historian, public speaker and—above all—ardent American citizen.



DREAM

IN MINISTRY TOGETHER DREAMING BIG WITH GOD

What is the “kingdom of heaven”? What did Jesus mean when he taught us to pray “thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven”?

As reported in last month’s article, we are thankful for your responses received to the Five Big Dreams for Harris UMC. Leadership Development and Selection Team, LSDT, met to begin the process of grouping and prioritizing our dreams and visions for our church. It’s a HUGE task! But we want you to know that we’re proceeding carefully and have categorized them into 3 general groups: 1. Future Facility, 2. Ministry Programs – New and Revitalizing, 3. Care/Community/ Connecting. Beginning on Anniversary Sunday, July 9, and continuing for several Sundays, our dreams will be scrolling on our LED screens during the Postlude. This will be an intermediate, ongoing process for us to prioritize and discern God’s vision for our church.

What is the relationship of the kingdom of heaven with our dreams and visions for our church? Beginning July 16 for 3 Sundays, the scripture lessons will be parables about the “kingdom of heaven”. On July 16: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. On July 23: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43. On July 30: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. Hmmmm.....more homework?!

Submitted by Diane Matsuura, Lay Leader

*“Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me
save that thou art.*

*Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.” UMH 451, v.1*

BIG

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

SATURDAY JULY 29th



Our annual CHRISTMAS IN SUMMER event is fast approaching! Plan to come and meet the people and children face to face from the Institute For Human Services (IHS)... eat and talk with them....Christ stands at the door to lead us - let us open our doors with hospitality!

Volunteers are needed to assist in putting together this annual meal for those from IHS. Sign-up sheets will soon be available in the courtyard before and after Sunday morning service. As usual, refreshments will be served in the courtyard before dinner, along with music and games to entertain everyone!

SANTA WILL JOIN US DURING THE MEAL!!!!!!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER AND JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION!!!

For further information, contact Dennis Pacht: 808.488.7591

HARRIS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!

NOW-August 20th

Nursery: 9:00am-end of Worship

****PRESCHOOL-ENTERING 5TH GRADE****

9:30am-9:50am (NOTE START TIME....9:30 am!!)

MUSIC in Miyama Hall

with Jordan Goto

9:50 am-10:30am

ALL-IN-ONE-SUNDAY SCHOOL in Room 3

with Auntie Cheryl

"I Am A Sanctuary: Loving & Welcoming"



****ENTERING 6th GRADE-12th GRADE****

9:00am-10:30am YOUTH PRAISE BAND

with Skylar Yamamoto in Room 16

Learn to PRAISE GOD thru instruments, rhythms, and sharing of the story

HARRIS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS!

Throughout June-July, we will be accepting *school supply donations* to assist students who are part of the Kalihi Valley Community. Through *Kokua Kalihi Valley* and with the assistance of Innocenta Sound-Kikku, we will provide some much needed school supplies for their keiki so that they may start the new school year full of vitality, spirit, and SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

We will accept your donations Sunday mornings at Room 3 (or at the office if on a weekday). Please see page 15 for the required supplies. Monetary donations will also be accepted and used to purchase additional school supplies; please make checks payable to Harris UMC (Memo: school supplies)

For more on Kokua Kalihi Valley, please visit: <http://www.kkv.net>

MAHALO!!!



HARRIS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED For all ages of *KOKUA KALIHI VALLEY KEIKI*

PRESCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN (5 STUDENTS)

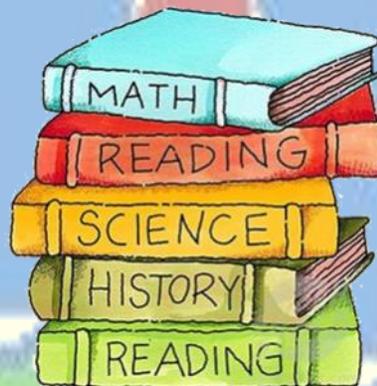
Color markers
Color books
Pencils
Pencil Erasers
Pencil Sharpeners
Folders
Backpacks (no red color)

1ST-6TH GRADE (8 STUDENTS)

Scissors
Glue Sticks
Pencils
Pencil Erasers
Pencil Sharpeners
Pencil Cases
Folders
Composition Book (COLLEGE RULE)
Graphing Rulers
Backpacks (no red color)

7th-HIGH SCHOOL (4 STUDENTS)

Folder paper (COLLEGE RULE)
Pens (RED, BLUE, BLACK)
3 ring binders (1" WIDTH)
Dividers
Graphing papers
Small calendars
Backpacks (no red color)



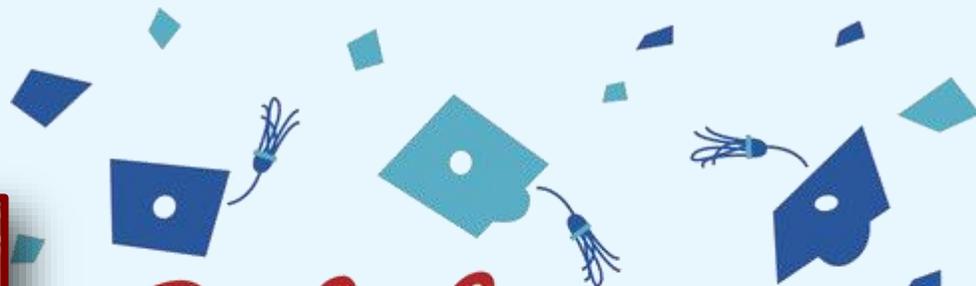
**MONETARY DONATIONS
GLADLY ACCEPTED!!**

**Checks payable to:
HARRIS UMC**

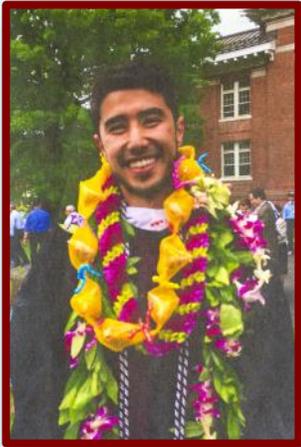
Memo: *SCHOOL SUPPLIES*

Bring donations to Room 3 or office. Monetary Donations to Cheryl Yamamoto.

MAHALO to our HARRIS OHANA!!!



Celebrating OUR GRADUATES



Benjamin Goldstein

Aubrey Bento ~ University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Spencer Bento ~ Aiea High School

Michael Van Gieson ~ University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Benjamin Goldstein ~ Vassar College

Porsche Griffin ~ Hawai'i Pacific University

Jaryd Ma ~ Punahou School

Mark Mangayayam ~ Academy of Arts University

Natalie Nimmer ~ University of Hawai'i at Manoa

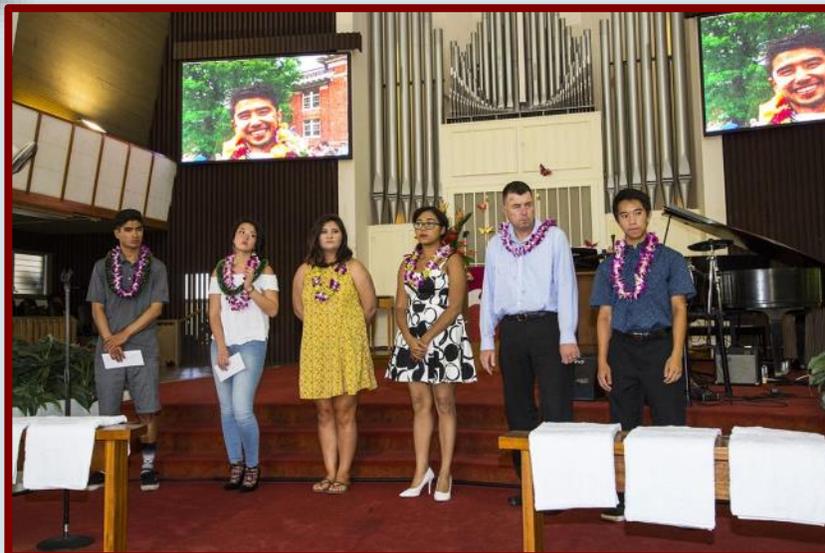
Kristina Tomino ~ Roosevelt High School



Mark Mangayayam



Natalie Nimmer



L-R: Spencer Bento, Kristina Tomino, Aubrey Bento, Porsche Griffin, Mike Van Gieson, Jaryd Ma.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP



The Christian Education Scholarship Award is managed by the Harris Foundation and was initiated by the good graces and forethought of 3 families, in particular: The Onishi Family, The Kokame Family and the Tanabe Family. Thank you to them and to the many other donors who have contributed to this fund throughout the many years!

Our 2017 recipients who each received a \$600 award are Spencer Bento and Kristina Tomino.

Spencer is the son of Bill & Leisha Bento, brother to Aubrey, and grandson of Wally Wake. Spencer recently graduated from Aiea High School, and will attend the University of Hawai'i Manoa to pursue his passion for graphics and digital media with a goal to be an editor in Hollywood!

Kristina is the daughter of Dean Tomino and younger brother is Shane. She is a graduate of Roosevelt High School and will enter the University of Hawai'i Manoa Shidler School of Business with the intent to double major in international business and marketing!

It takes a village to raise a child...the Harris Ohana is proud of all of our graduates! Know that your Ohana prays for you and that God is step by step with you on your journey.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!!!

BISHOP'S RETREAT WITH CONFIRMANDS

SEPT. 22-24, 2017

CAMP MOKULEIA

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verb

1. to grow, propagate or cause increase
2. to be inspired by the Spirit; to **inspire**, stir up and excite

*"Inspiring the world as passionate followers of Jesus Christ
so that all may experience God's life-giving love"*

Join us along with our Bishop, Grant Hagiya for a weekend of transformation, fellowship and celebration as we dive deeper into our faith.

Date: September 22-24, 2017

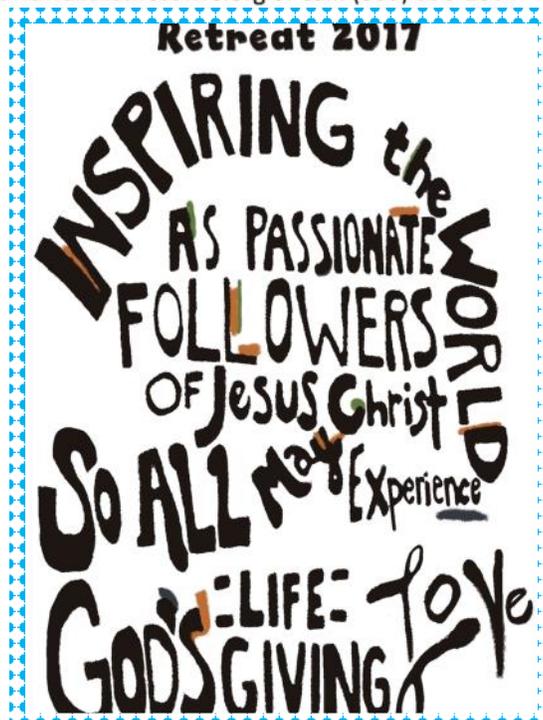
Location: Camp Mokuleia, Waialua

Cost: \$100.00*

Participants: Youth in confirmation, ages 11 thru 16

*A limited number of neighbor island scholarships are available on a first come, first served basis.

For more information visit HawaiiDistrictUMC.org or call: (808) 536-1864



Walk to Emmaus®



The Hawaii Walk to Emmaus is holding a WOMEN'S WALK on:
Thursday, Aug. 17 thru Sunday Aug. 20th at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley.

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who are members of a local church, have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives, may have unanswered questions about faith, understand that being a Christian involves responsibility, and are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner. If you are interested, please see Katherine Aratani, Akiko Lau, Lenora Stone or Carole Suzui who have been on the Walk. They will be happy to help find a sponsor for you. Candidate applications must be completed and submitted by the end of July.

Please visit www.UpperRoom.org/Emmaus for more information to view an excellent video.

Submitted by Patrick Zukemura

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS

Norma Kehrberg, Jurisdictional Delegate to Annual Conference from Harris Church

During this Annual Conference there were several items related to Harris United Methodist Church specifically - Harris was approved as an United Methodist Historical Memory Site for the first Japanese Methodist Church in Southern California and Hawaii; Harris received an award for being the highest giving mission church per capita in the Hawaii District during the missionary luncheon and Rev. John Miyahara became a member of Cal-Pac Annual Conference.



Luckily the Cal-Pac Annual Conference escaped the brutal heat wave with only one day at 97 degrees. Unfortunately, it was the day of the Mission Fair where Harris delegates proudly displayed a large poster taken on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Harris Church decorated with peace cranes made by members of the Nichigo Congregation and a ti leaf lei. The Macadamia Nut chocolates brought to share did not survive the heat.

Some characterized this Annual Conference as the “honeymoon” conference as it was the first annual conference with our new Bishop, Grant Hagiya. The business of the Annual Conference was conducted as usual: approving a budget, ordinations of elders, and of course the affirmation of pastors for all the churches for the year ahead. Harris will continue to have its excellent appointed pastors, Rev. Cheol Kwak and Rev. Rona Mangayayam.



Delegates Karen Ginoza, Darlene Rodrigues with Pastor Rona.



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE REFLECTIONS (continued)

Five Constitutional Amendments were up for ratification. These are items arising out of the 2016 General Conference and need to be ratified by all Annual and Central Conferences. Two included additions or changes in wording, which would add gender as a category of inclusiveness, two relating to elections for General Conference delegates by annual and central conference and the last amendment to be acted on seemed reasonable, but could result in a dangerous implication for the Western Jurisdiction. Currently the College of Bishops in the Jurisdictions has authority to manage and supervise bishops in their jurisdiction. The proposed amendment would give superseding power to the Council of Bishops in specific circumstances.

If this amendment is ratified by the annual and central conferences, it could mean that the bishops in the Western Jurisdiction would lose autonomy to manage the affairs of the Western Jurisdiction including overriding the decisions of the Western College of Bishops, something that we do not want. The tally of the votes from our Annual Conference were not made known as the results of the ratification of the amendments will not be announced until all the annual and central conferences have voted.

The approved budget was approximately \$450,000 less than the previous year and this could result in a reduction in our assigned apportionments. Several resolutions were approved affirming the progressive actions of the Annual Conference, as well as one asking for action to work for peace in the Korean Peninsula. One proposed resolution was critical of the election of Bishop Karen Oliveto and was defeated by an overwhelming majority.



Highlights of the AC for me were the baptism of Amara, youngest daughter of Allison Mark and Andy Schwiebert with sister Kaira, grandmas and grandpa, aunts and uncles participating with a host of others including children of the conference; commissioning of the Rev. Andrew Lee (from Parker UMC) leaving to be a missionary with his family in Kampuchea on June 24, 2017; the memorial service; honoring five Christian legends in Cal-Pac life who received the Bishop's awards; and hearing our newest delegate, Darlene Rodrigues speaking on the floor of Annual Conference in regard to the welcoming nature of the United Methodist Church in general and Harris in particular.

The Official Summary of the 33rd Annual Conference of the California-Pacific Conference of The United Methodist Church as well as video recordings of each Worship Service, Messaging Moment, and Plenary Session are also now available via

<http://www.calpacumc.org/annual-conference-2017/official-summary-33rd-annual-session-california-pacific-conference/>



Youth Praise Band: "Word of God Speak"

<https://youtu.be/U5I2aHw3HZU>



Heavenly Handbells: "Toccata"

<https://youtu.be/qjrwGuXBK94>



Halle Halle Ringers: "Light of Peace"

<https://youtu.be/14lyLLiF-9E>

Worship Through Song & Music



Chancel Choir: "Worthy To Be Praised"



Ukulele Fellowship: "Raggedy Band"

<https://youtu.be/VX4fbawSM1Q>



Keiki Joy Ringers: "Ring Joy"

View links on YouTube to
watch a few of our groups
perform during our
**ALL MUSIC SUNDAY
WORSHIP** in May!



Children: "This Is The Day"

<https://youtu.be/53HiGyTkBdc>



Nichigo & Friends: "Hana Wa Saku"

<https://youtu.be/s74IGLQGAZA>



Praise Team: "Agnus Dei"

<https://youtu.be/ojVxRZCVptM>



- ⇒ **HARRIS UMC's 129th Anniversary will be celebrated on July 9th....plan to be there!! We are DREAMING BIG WITH GOD...do you hear the call?**
- ⇒ **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"

If you are receiving a hard copy version in the mail, please reconsider the sustainable alternative by reading it online from the church website. This will save our blessed & fragile environment and decrease postage & paper costs in the long term. Online versions are in color and will include all submitted photos/graphics; email and hard copy versions will be in black & white and text only.

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