



# NUU VINEYARD NEWS

Harris United Methodist Church

20 South Vineyard Blvd. Hon., HI 96813

WE ARE AN OPEN AND RECONCILING CONGREGATION

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November 2017

## PASTOR'S

### WE CHOOSE LOVE

## CORNER

Horrific violence repeats... And it doesn't take long for us to "move on" with the normalcy of life. The repeating cycle of fear-shock and normalcy brings to us fatigue and numbness. News reports inform us of the "most horrific violence" in the nation's history, and it seems record-breaking never stops. While the gun shots in Las Vegas still echo in our ears, the nation does not seem to take the gun control issue seriously. We are "moving on" with life's ordinary agenda in fear-fatigue and in numbing repetition. My son, Tim, talked about a "zing" going through his spine whenever he drove by the Mandalay hotel. And the people there seem bit different now: shaken, suspicious, distrustful and confused.



Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak

Soon we will celebrate Thanksgiving. There, reunion happens, happy meal sharing, catching up with the stories around families and friends. For me, Thanksgiving always arrives a bit earlier as I want to be with my father on his birthday in October. As I plan to leave for Korea, the people there seem more fearful than at any other time since the Korean War. They are now more serious about the heightened tension with the trash-talks between the two failing leaders, Trump and Kim Jung Un. The bombers, interceptors flew near the North Korean air not too long ago. The ICBMs have been launched just about every month from North Korea. Seoul, about 25 miles from the De-militarized Zone, looks very vulnerable and defenseless. Definitely a sense of renewed and real fear is there. And somewhere between fear-fatigue and numbing repetition, we (I) become more and more separated from familiar words such as love, reconciliation, hope, and thanksgiving.

*With the turning of the seasons we pray for recovering what still is most valuable.*

*Let us keep on sharing those powerful words among us and with our neighbors.*

*The shadows of the fears from what has happened will not and cannot tame us into being fearful and anxious.*

*Having faith is to believe that violence cannot violate us.*

*The prayers and songs in church seem more powerful and persuasive when times are tough.*

*Loving someone next to us becomes more powerful when violence attempts to deny and obliterate it.*

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**(PASTOR'S CORNER CONTINUED)**

***The community in our neighborhood will get together and celebrate the Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Celebration on November 21 at 7 PM. Harris will host the event. The religious leaders of the community have been meeting to prepare the celebration, and they picked a theme:***

***“We Choose Love.”***

Love visits us again, I felt. And Love longs for residing in our hearts. The Buddhist Temple, Jewish Synagogue, and Christian groups will get together and we will celebrate a “Welcome Back” party for Love. In those meetings we, the leaders of the community, have not felt the presence of a “Jealous God” nor an “Angry Allah” nor an “Indifferent Buddha.” The deity in the different expressions met with us in our confession, “We Choose Love.” One of the leaders suggested that we sing “E Haku I Ka Pu’u Wai” (Weave One Heart). We agreed that the love in our hearts be woven together, and we may “put up with all things, trust in all things, hope for all things, endure all things.”(1Corinthians 13). The new breeze of the new season may inspire us to “Choose Love,” overcoming fear-fatigue and numbing repetition. Amen.

Pastor Cheol

P.S. Pastor Rona is doing an excellent job, organizing the celebration. We all should be so proud. Thanks Rona!



**NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES**

**THE SEASON of PENTECOST ~ "DREAMING BIG WITH GOD!"**

**9:00 am Nichigo Worship (Japanese Language Ministry)**

Sensei Eiko Soranaka

**5:00 pm Evening Worship (Contemporary Music)**

Davy Lee

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**10:45am Worship (English Language Service)**

**November 5:** 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

*"Jesus Call is Against Human Culture"*

Rev. Rona Mangayayam, preaching

**November 12:** 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

*"For An Intimate Awakening"*

Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching

**November 19:** 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

*"For The Least of These"*

Rev. Dr. Cheol Kwak, preaching

**November 26:** Last Sunday After Pentecost

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

**PASSIONATE DISCIPLES: LEADING OTHERS TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE**

*"Reflections from Bishop's Confirmation Retreat"*

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

*Advent is around the corner.....*

***56th ANNUAL NU'UANU VALLEY  
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING  
CELEBRATION***

***“WE CHOOSE LOVE”***

***TUESDAY, NOV. 21, 2017***

***HARRIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

***20 South Vineyard Blvd. Honolulu, 96813***

***6:00pm - Information tables of different  
non-profit organizations***

***7:00pm - Thanksgiving Celebration***

***Refreshments to follow in  
Miyama Hall***

***\*a love offering will be collected during the celebration  
which will be given to the Legal Clinic \****

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***



**IN MINISTRY TOGETHER**

**DREAMING BIG WITH GOD**  
***SHARPENING OUR FOCUS!***

As we continue to visualize our dreams, it's time to sharpen the focus and ask: What do our dreams/ God's dreams really look like? What details can we begin to define so that our dreams and visions become clearer?

As a review, the top dreams in each category are:

*Future Facilities:* Bathrooms, Shower, Locker, Laundry for Houseless.

*Ministry Programs:* Rejuvenate Youth Programs.

*Care/ Community:* Aggressive Partnership With Nu'uano YMCA.

For each of these categories, questions to further sharpen our focus may be:

Who do we visualize helping?

What are their needs and how can we meet these needs?

What changes, if any, will be necessary to our campus in order to address these needs?

What financial resources are required?

What expertise is needed and where can we find them?

What volunteer help is needed?

What are your questions?

***Let's all join in prayer and imagination allowing the Spirit to sharpen our focus for the sake of God's kingdom on earth.***

***Please come and share your thoughts on:***

⇒ ***Saturday, November 25***

⇒ ***8:30am-9:30am immediately followed by Church Council Meeting***

⇒ ***Miyama Hall***

*"Come, let us dream God's dream again.*

*Come, one and all, let us ascend the mountain top where those of old*

*saw God's new day on earth unfold." W&S 3157*

Submitted by Diane Matsuura, Lay Leader



*IMAGES from*  
**2017**  
*ALL SAINTS DAY*





hawaii pacific gerontological society

## The Caregiver's Plight

(A documentary film followed by a panel discussion)

As former First Lady Rosalynn Carter once said, "Everyone falls into at least one of these three categories: you are a caregiver, you will be a caregiver, or you will need a caregiver."

Here in Hawaii, where we know our kupuna live longer than their counterparts on the US mainland, this is of special concern. And we know that our kupuna prefer staying in their own homes rather than moving into long-term care facilities. But this often puts a strain on family members who struggle to provide care while holding down their own jobs, not to mention raising the next generation.

In 2017, Hawaii became the first state in the nation to enact legislation addressing this issue. Please join us on Veteran's Day to address this challenge and to identify resources that can help families facing this plight.

**WHAT: Screening of the documentary film "Care"**  
**(a case study of four families dealing with long-term caregiving)**  
**followed by a panel of four local family and professional caregivers.**  
**How can that \$70 per day benefit be used to help local families?**

**WHEN: Saturday, November 11, 2017**  
**9:00 - 11:30 am**

**WHERE: Catholic Charities of Hawai'i**  
**1822 Keeaumoku Street**

**Cost: FREE -- but advance registration is required. Call the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society's Executive Director at 722-8487 or e-mail Sherry Goya at [sgoyallc@aol.com](mailto:sgoyallc@aol.com). Patrick Zukemura, 391-3464 or email: [pzuke2@gmail.com](mailto:pzuke2@gmail.com)**  
**\*\*Seating is limited to 200.**



FACE Hawaii

(A joint effort of FACE and HPGS)



hawaii pacific gerontological society

To learn about Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society,  
please check out [www.hpgs.org](http://www.hpgs.org)



# stewardship

## ***STEWARDSHIP MAHALO!***

**We praise God for all of your pledges in response to the 2018 Stewardship Campaign. As of October 15, 2017, 91 pledges were received and over \$250,000 was pledged! Your generosity in supporting the ministries of Harris Church will allow their work to continue.**

**A special *mahalo* to those who helped with the Stewardship Campaign and Luncheon. It was truly a church-wide effort. Thank you to Pastor Cheol and Pastor Rona, Karen Takemoto and her Kitchen Crew, Wally Wake and the Worship Team, Diane Matsuura and the Music Ministry, Kristine Ramun and Mona-Ray Kino in the church office, the Contemporary and Japanese Language congregations, the Multi-media Team, all those who brought potluck dishes, Cheryl Yamamoto, Harriet Kobayashi, Elsie Hirai, and Sachi Taketa. Special thanks to the Stewardship Moment speakers (Darlene Rodrigues, Wally Wake, Dennis Pacht, and Andrea Imazeki-Miyahara), and to Jacce Mikulanec and Lynn Miyahira-Krupa for their inspiring messages.**

**If you have not yet pledged, you can still turn in a pledge card. Call the church office at 536-9602 and ask Kris or Mona to send you a pledge card.**

**Submitted by: Ken Matsuura & Sylvia Wee, Stewardship Co-Chairs**



## **HARRIS BAZAAR**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

**9 am - 1 pm**

20 South Vineyard Blvd. Honolulu, HI 96813

*Invite your friends and family to come  
and shop at the Harris Bazaar!*

### **BAZAAR WEEK**

This week every day from 9 am to 12 noon, come and help.

Bring your plants on Thursday and Friday. Bring home-like baked goods,  
packaged and ready to sell by 8:30 am on Bazaar Day,  
Saturday, November 4.

Please pray for the bazaar as we work together to raise funds for mission.

## ***NICHIGO MINISTRY NEWS!***



*On the 2nd Wednesday of each month, our Nichigo members prepare the lunch meal for our Royukai members. They also lead the Royukai senior group in singing and enjoyment!*

*For more information on Nichigo or Royukai, please call the church office: 536.9602*

*Join with them...ALL ARE WELCOME!*



## ***SING WITH THE NICHIGO MINISTRY!***

*Join with Soranaka Sensei, members of our Nichigo, and members from other Japanese churches  
EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00am in KOMURO LOUNGE  
for fellowship time and SINGING!*

***ALL ARE WELCOME!!***

# “BECAUSE WE CARE”



The Fall *BECAUSE WE CARE* church workday will be

Saturday, November 18, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

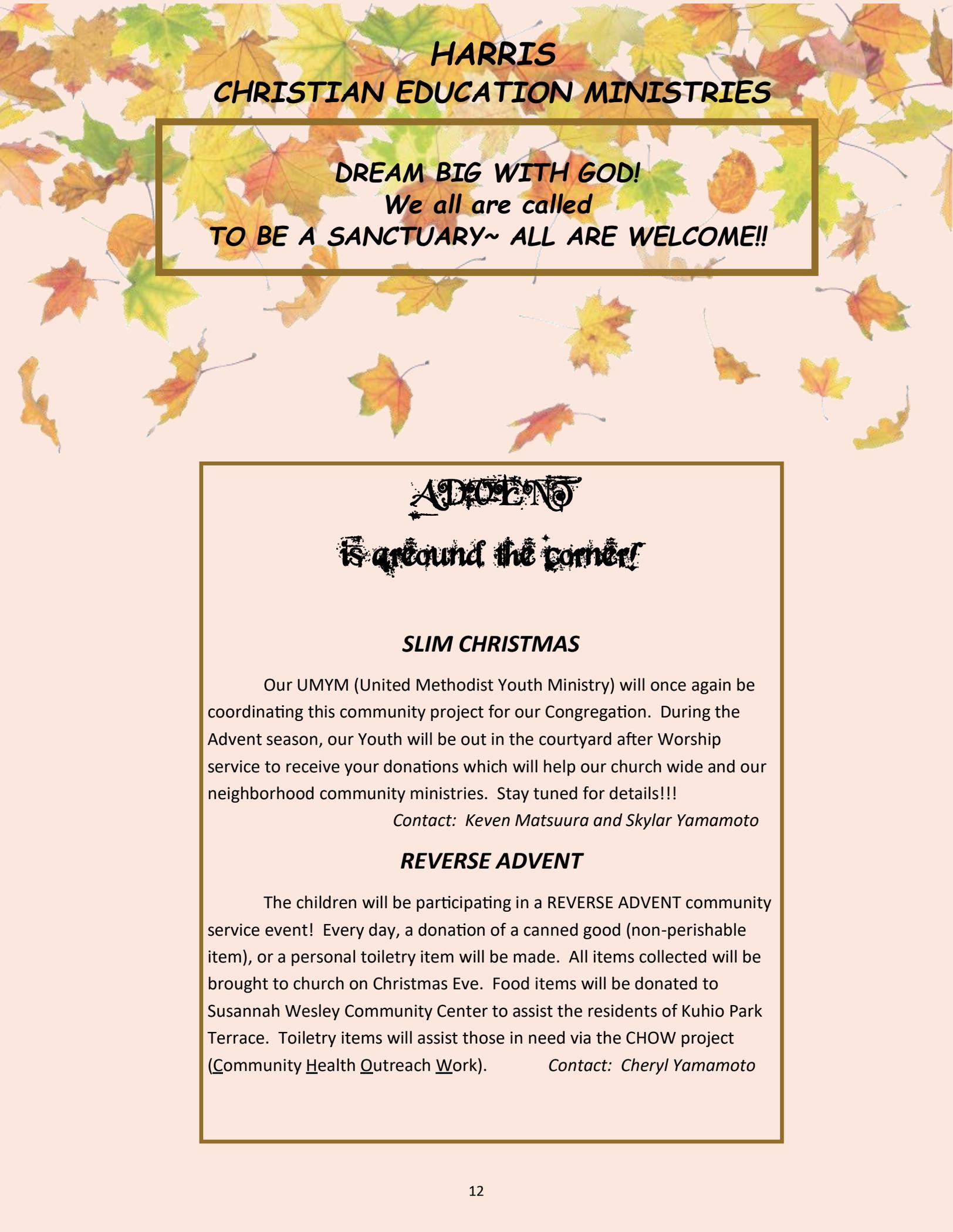
Please sign up in the courtyard after the morning worship service

November 5 and November 12 to show you care about our beautiful church campus.

Shifts of 1-4 hours available in the following areas: Sanctuary, Miyama Hall, kitchen, classrooms, and yard work. Lunch will be provided. Please help make Harris

Church shine for the Holiday Season!

Jointly submitted by Trustees & Stewardship Ministries



**HARRIS  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES**

**DREAM BIG WITH GOD!  
We all are called  
TO BE A SANCTUARY~ ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**ADVENT  
is around the corner!**

**SLIM CHRISTMAS**

Our UMYM (United Methodist Youth Ministry) will once again be coordinating this community project for our Congregation. During the Advent season, our Youth will be out in the courtyard after Worship service to receive your donations which will help our church wide and our neighborhood community ministries. Stay tuned for details!!!

*Contact: Keven Matsuura and Skylar Yamamoto*

**REVERSE ADVENT**

The children will be participating in a REVERSE ADVENT community service event! Every day, a donation of a canned good (non-perishable item), or a personal toiletry item will be made. All items collected will be brought to church on Christmas Eve. Food items will be donated to Susannah Wesley Community Center to assist the residents of Kuhio Park Terrace. Toiletry items will assist those in need via the CHOW project (Community Health Outreach Work). *Contact: Cheryl Yamamoto*

In October, we were blessed with many fantastic learning opportunities for the preschool children! As part of our unit on community, we had visits from TheBus, HFD firefighters, EMTs, and HPD Police Officers. The children had a great time learning about what each of them do and how they help our community. We also celebrated Halloween with our annual parade and trip to the pumpkin patch!

This month we will be learning about health and nutrition...just in time for the holidays! Ronald McDonald will put on a special performance about how we can be more physically active. We will also learn about Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful.

We are looking forward to our first set of parent teacher conferences for the 2017-2018 school year to discuss the many ways the children have grown since we started school in August. We will also set goals with the parents for the children to work on both at home and at school.



### Preschool Wish List

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





**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**SUPPORT Harris Preschool & GET YOUR TREE FROM US THIS YEAR!**

Harris Preschool, in conjunction with Habilitat, is selling Christmas trees to raise money. We need your help to make this fundraiser a success! **Please share this wonderful opportunity with your family, friends and co-workers.** Send emails, use social media and word of mouth to share this opportunity. All of the trees remain in refrigerated containers until the customer picks them up.

*Order and pay online at:*

[www.HawaiiChristmasTrees.com](http://www.HawaiiChristmasTrees.com)

Easy as...

1. Logon
  2. Choose Your Tree & pick up location
  3. Tickets will be mailed to you in mid November
- TREE PICKUP DECEMBER 2, 2017**

Partnering with Habilitat, we will help you select, trim, stump, wrap, carry and tie the tree to your car!  
No other organization has the knowledge, experience and reputation to provide the kind of service you will find at our lots. All of the trees remain in refrigerated containers until the customer picks them up.

For questions or help with ordering, please call Kapua Hussey with Harris Preschool at (808) 532-4175

**Bring your ticket to the pickup location of your choice**

Kapolei (TBD)  
Waimalu Elementary (Aiea)  
Miiilani Waena Elementary (Miiilani)

Kalaheo High (Kailua)  
Central Middle School (Honolulu)  
Koko Head Elementary (Hawaii Kai)



**Nordmann  
6'-7'. \$115**



**Douglas  
4'-5'. \$68**



**Douglas  
6'-7'. \$78**



**Noble  
6'-7'. \$115**



**Grand  
6'-7'. \$105**



**20" Wreath or 24" doorcharm  
\$26**



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



## THE GAMES...

*Central Middle School After School All Stars & Harris Halloween party!*



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



**...MORE  
FUN!**



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



...THE  
FOOD!

*Central Middle  
School After School  
All Stars & Harris  
Halloween party!*





POWER SCHOLARS ACADEMY  
VIDEO ON YOUTUBE:

<https://youtu.be/JBaERm8QQ9w>

- ⇒ **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](mailto: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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