

Nu' u Vineyard News

 OCTOBER 2023 



Confirmation Sunday worship service on September 24th. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.*

Mahalo for Attending September Services!

Thank you for attending September worship services. Congratulations and blessings to our youth confirmands! Our newest Harris UMC members are: Orion Kawabuchi, Maggie Inouye, Isabel Ohta, Maya Yoshida, Marienne Mangayayam and Kai Matsuura. Big mahalo to our guest preachers, Rev. Rona Mangayayam and Rev. Gary Barbaree!

Join us in October for World Communion Sunday, Laity Sunday, and the kickoff of our 2024 Stewardship campaign.



Guest preacher Rev. Gary Barbaree and Rev. Fran Wiebenga.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris Ohana,

It has been a wonderful, joyous three months as your pastor at Harris UMC, and I am filled with gratitude for the people of this Ohana and all you do. However, I confess I am beginning to feel a little overwhelmed as we begin autumn and all the special worship services and events scheduled for October, and through December. They are all important and good. Every Sunday in October is special: World Communion Sunday, Oct. 1; Laity Sunday and sharing by Kai Matsuura, Maya Yoshida and Marienne Mangayayam who attended Youth 2023, Oct. 15; my first Pride Parade, Oct. 21 and hosting Rev. Denyse Barnes as guest preacher, Oct. 22; the Stewardship Campaign G.I.F.T. also begins Sunday Oct. 22; and all through the month we will be preparing for the Bazaar on Nov. 4, with grubby Sunday Oct. 29. I am trying to keep it all straight, and remember what I need to do!



But I have help. We all have help. Whenever we feel overwhelmed our gracious God is always there, providing the right experience, the right words, the right people, to let us know that what we do has purpose beyond what we can see, and the energy and inspiration to keep us grounded in Christ's love even on our busiest days. I participate in a meditation/sharing group who began meeting together during the COVID isolation. This morning we were reminded that God's love surrounds us and upholds us, and that as we honor ourselves and one another in our uniqueness, "we can live eloquently in a divinely inspired universe." (Barbara Brennan, Seeds of the Spirit 1999 p. 125)

We live in the spaciousness of God's time, God's blessing, God's guidance, God's grace, God's love. Let us remember to allow that sense of elegance and spaciousness as we move through all the important worship services and events coming our way.

May God bless you all,

Rev. Fran

October Worship Services

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

18th Sunday After Pentecost

Service w/Communion @10:45 am

Philippians 2:1-13

Sunday, October 8

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Service @ 10:45 am

Philippians 3:4b-14

Sunday, October 15

Laity Sunday

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Service @ 10:45 am

Jeremiah 1:6-10

Sunday, October 22

G.I.F.T. Stewardship Campaign Begins

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Service @ 10:45 am

Guest Preacher: Denyse Barnes

Sunday, October 29

Grubby Sunday

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Service @ 10:45 am

James 2:14-18

Photo by [Joey Genovese](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Updates

Confirmation Sunday



Youth confirmands at the Confirmation potluck in Miyama Hall on September 24th. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.*

Peace With Justice Sunday



Guest preacher Rev. Rona Mangayayam on September 3rd during the Peace with Justice Sunday Worship Service.



Ukulele Fellowship performs on Peace with Justice Sunday. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto*

Harris Ohana Fun Nite



We kicked off September with Easy Apple Filled Crescent Rolls and Fall Bingo.

Have an idea for the next Fun Nite or want more information? Let Rene know at rene@ohta.us.

Updates

Get Acquainted with Our New Members!

Rene and Isabel Ohta

During the next few months, we'll be learning about our new members - those 6 adults who joined the church in June and our 6 youth who joined in September. Each month we'll feature interviews with one person from each group.

First up for October is a mother and daughter team - Rene and Isabel Ohta!



Rene is a kamaaina and McKinley high school graduate who went to the mainland for 20 years, spending time in college, grad school and work. She obtained her B.A. from Stanford University and Ph.D. in Economics from University of California at Berkeley. She met her husband, Jason (also a local boy) while they were both working in Washington D.C. where Rene obtained a position as Research Economist for the Dept of Justice. After their family returned home in 2012, she worked as Chief Research Analyst for the State of Hawaii Division of Consumer Advocacy for nine years. This past year, Rene took a job as an Economist with the State of Hawaii Dept. of Business, Economic

Development & Tourism's Research & Economic Analysis Division.

Rene loves felting/crafting, listening to Kpop, and online shopping but what she really likes to do in her spare time is.....take a nap!! Her dream vacation would be to travel to Japan. Until recently, her community volunteer activities included serving as a board member and vice president for programs with the Hawaii Economic Association, a non-profit organization that helps educate and inform communities about economic issues while also providing a platform for professional networking and growth.

When asked how her family happened to come to Harris, Rene recalled she and Jason (Aiea High School graduate) having lunch with Pastor Amy Wake (also a Na Alii graduate). When they asked about reconciling churches on Oahu, Amy suggested the family should check out Harris! And the rest is history!

Since coming to Harris in 2013, Rene has been and continues to be a children's Sunday School teacher, new Spiritual Formations chair, and family involvement in our Sandwich Ministry. She lists her favorite scriptures as Proverbs 3:5-6 and 1 Corinthians 13.



We welcome Rene, and her family - Jason, Isabel and Elise to our ohana!

Submitted by Wally Wake

Updates

Harris Preschool



Rev. Fran blessed the new Harris preschool playground on September 13th. A Thank You Celebration for donors and parents will be held on **Thursday, October 26th**.



Red Day—Harris Preschool students celebrated a different color each Friday in September.



Blue Day on September 15th.



Music with Uncle Davy on September 20th.

Updates

Mahalo Harris Youth!



The youth in our confirmation class cleaned our church grounds after worship one Sunday. They filled bags with trash found in the hedges, parking lot and surrounding areas on our campus. Mahalo!



Sandwich Ministry



The Sandwich Ministry in Miyama Hall on September 20th.



The Sandwich Ministry meets 2x a month and is always seeking volunteers. For more info contact humc.sandwich.ministry@gmail.com.

Updates

Soup Ministry



The Harris Soup Ministry in the kitchen on September 17th- Reunion with Rev. Alex Vergara, former Soup chef.

Kipuni Aloha No Maui



Kipuni Aloha no Maui, a statewide day-long vigil, was held on September 1, 2023 to remember the fire victims on Maui especially those in Lahaina and the devastating losses they now face. These vigils were held at sunrise, noon and at sunset at designated areas on each island.

It was a huge undertaking in a very short time but it would not have been possible without the “all in,” “can do” spirit from so many people. Mahalo piha to the Kumu, cultural leaders from across the state, leaders from many faiths, the incredible leaders from Lahaina, and the outstanding community station teams who collaborated to video, produce and air the vigil live. By the end of the day, 65 public and private in person vigils were formed by businesses, churches and other organizations.



A group gathered near Sandy Beach to say sunrise pule or prayers as we faced East towards the island of Maui. Karen Hill, Floyd Honda, Mariko Miho and Mel Billingsley attended that early vigil. At the noon vigil on Oahu, our former pastor, Rev. Won-Yeok Suh was one of the speakers at Thomas Square. In the coming weeks, the full ceremonies at each location will be available via ‘Olelo. Let us continue to pray for our brothers and sisters on Maui and for the recovery and rebuilding of their lives.

Submitted by Mel Billingsley

Women’s Walk to Emmaus




Group photo at the Women’s Walk to Emmaus held at St. Anthony’s Retreat Center in August 2023.

Updates

Nicoma Park United Methodist Church Raised \$1000 for Lahaina

Nicoma Park United Methodist Church in Oklahoma featured Lahaina in their bulletin in August. Seventeen people donated and raised over \$1000.00!



**Nicoma Park
United Methodist Church**

August 20, 2023

Rev. Trish Harris Pianist Annette Chisholm

*If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to fill out a "visitor card."
Please place it in the offering plate so we have a record of your visit.
The asterisk * on the left margin is an indication
to stand as you are able in body or spirit.*

Prelude Annette Chisholm
Greeting and Announcements

***Opening Songs of Praise**

"Christ for the World We Sing"	UMH 568
"Love Divine All Love Excelling"	UMH 384

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Trish Harris

O God, just as there is a bit of the prodigal in each person, the elder brother from the parable is too often present in the church. It is no secret that some people hesitate to join church because of the ways that some of us have treated newcomers.
*Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of hospitality toward strangers.
Forgive us, Lord, for any ways that we make it difficult for new people to find comfortable space in our congregation.
Forgive us, Lord, for jealousy and infighting.
Teach us, Lord, how to receive people whose sins haven't been made public.
Teach us, Lord, how to make our circles large enough to include others.
Teach us, Lord, how to love each other beyond any faults we may see.*
Safiyah Fosua, The Africana Worship Book for Year C (Discipleship Resources, 2008), 147.

***Call to Worship-**
let this be the welcoming place
the place of return
and let it be built by a love that bends towards those who return here
for it is a love that has been waiting
like a candle in the window
ever lighting the way back
and never willing to let go
the hope that each child will return home



The massive losses from last week's Maui, Hawaii, wildfires include the beloved and historic Lahaina United Methodist Church sanctuary, as well as the homes of some congregation members, including the pastor and his family.

Donations can be made to our church and will be sent to UMCOR for immediate assistance. Mark your check or giving envelope-UMCOR, Maui Fires.

August 20th Nicoma Park United Methodist Church bulletin.

Lahaina Relief Fund

In response to the on-going severe disaster to life and property in Lahaina, the UMC California Pacific Conference (CalPac) has established the Lahaina Relief Fund where one-hundred percent of donations will go towards helping this community in their time of need. Please consider a donation by check made payable to **Harris UMC with Lahaina Relief Fund written on the memo line** or by contributing online at <https://harrisumc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/lahaina-relief-fund>. The donated funds will be forwarded to the Lahaina Relief Fund at CalPac. In this way Harris will be recognized by CalPac and UMCOR for its contributions for relief efforts in Lahaina.

Matthew 25:40 – "Then the lord will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'"

Upcoming

Bazaar Showers

Two General Bazaar Showers will be held on **October 8 and 15** (both Sundays) in the Courtyard before morning worship. Please donate items (in order to reduce our out of pocket expenses): cartons of soda and water, white flour, white and brown sugar, butter (lots of butter), pecans, SPAM (no flavors), Ziplock bags of all sizes, brown paper lunch bags, napkins and chop sticks. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make your check payable to Harris UMC and marked "Bazaar" on the memo line. Donations may also be made on the Harris website <https://harrisumc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/mission-bazaar>. Thank you for giving.



G. I. F. T Growing In Faith Together – Our Stewardship Theme

Matthew 25:29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance.

God is the source of all good gifts. He calls us to steward everything in our life for his glory and the good of others. Christian stewardship is how you choose to use your time, talents, gifts and witness. And, as we are being made aware, Christian stewardship expects us to

protect and preserve the environment.

Starting **October 22** we will hear from several friends and members as they share their thoughts and witness about Growing In Faith Together. Our stewardship campaign will culminate in a **potluck celebration luncheon on November 26**. Please plan to join us on this special day!

You are invited to meditate on Matthew 25:29 and celebrate God's abundant gifts to you!

All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be held on **November 12th**. If there is a loved one you would like remembered, please email Erin at admin@harrisumc.org and provide the full name of your saint, date of passing and a photo.

Church Clean Up

All Church Workday will be held on **November 18th, 2023 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm**. Please BYOV. Bring your own vacuum, washcloths & buckets, Supplies and Lunch will be provided. Contact Davy Lee, dlee78@hawaii.rr.com. Mahalo for your support!

Harris Choir

The choir meets in the Komuro Lounge at 9:45 am to run over music on Sunday. Rehearsals are in Komuro Lounge 15 minutes after worship service. All are welcome to join! Remember: "Singing is praying twice". Contact John Hagen at 808-218-8510.

Evening Worship

Evening worship will resume the **first Sunday in December at 5:00 pm**.

Upcoming

2023 MISSION BAZAAR

We are moving quickly to **November 4**, the day of the 2023 Mission Bazaar (9 AM to 1 PM) with the prior week being dedicated to preparation. Grubby Sunday will be held on **October 29**. Wear “grubby” cloths and help set up after the morning service. Donated goods from the stage and the containers will be moved to the booth areas. At approximately 1:15 pm, a light lunch will be served. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

So check you closets and storage areas. If you have not used it lately, bring it to the stage at Harris' Miyama Hall. White elephant items, books, suitcases, irons, lamps, backpacks, toys, crafts and Christmas items, office supplies, etc. Join in the reuse and recycle. Sorry we are not equipped to handle furniture or air conditioners. PLEASE DO NOT BRING USED CLOTHING.

HELP WANTED. We continue to search for Chairs for the Small and Large White Elephant Booths. If you are interested, please contact Dennis at 488-7591 or denenr@aol.com.

Also, if you have not already joined one of the work groups, please contact Dennis As indicated above to discuss how you can best participate. If you have already volunteered, invite someone to join you. We need everyone.

SILENT ACTION - We welcome donations of “treasures” such as antiques; gift certificates; NEW or new-like clothing and accessories, collectibles; gift baskets; artwork, etc. Donations may be left on Miyama Hall stage / please label “Silent Auction”. For particularly “valuable” donations, please contact Harriet at harriek@hawaii.rr.com.

BAKED GOODS. Bake and bring packaged and labeled goods on November 5, the day of the Bazaar by 8:15 AM. Everyone swarms around the baked goods table.

PLANTS. Plants are needed for the Bazaar. Cut, trim, pot and bring them on November 3 and 4 (Thursday and Friday) of the Bazaar week. If you have questions, please call Margaret 394-0459.

COUNTRY STORE. Seeking fresh produce, preserves and canned goods. Bring items on November 3 and 4 (Thursday and Friday). Contact Dennis at 488-7591 or denenr@aol.com.

FINANCIAL GIFTS. Help raise funds for mission. Pray for the Mission Bazaar and as always financial gifts are welcome. Please make your check payable to Harris UMC Bazaar Fund.

Praying for a safe and successful Mission Bazaar.



Upcoming

Hawaii District United Women in Faith



LOVE FOR LAHAINA



COLLECTING LOVE GIFTS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE MAUI FIRE.
GIFT CARD(S) OF ANY AMOUNT TO WALMART, TARGET, COSTCO,
MCDONALDS, CVS(LONGS) IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

MONETARY GIFT ARE WELCOMED TOO.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
WITH LAHAINA IN THE MEMO LINE.

SEND THESE DONATION:
TUPOU SEINI KELEMENI
1218 A ARTESIAN STREET
HONOLULU, HI 96826



Honolulu Pride Parade



Come and join fellow Methodists in the Pride Parade on **Oct. 21** in Waikiki. Wahiawa UMC is coordinating this event for UMC churches and has ordered a trolley. Those who are not able to walk the distance from Ala Moana Park to Kapiolani Park can

reserve a seat on the trolley and must notify Karen. Ala Moana Beach Park, meet at 8:30 am; parade ends at 11:30 am. Please contact Karen G. 808-227-7804 if you plan to attend this event.

Charge Conference Forms



It's that time of year again. Harris' Church Conference date has been set for **Thursday, Nov. 16. SPRC at 6:30pm, Conference at 7:00pm, ZOOM.** You may view and complete the forms here: <https://www.calpacumc.org/chargeconference/>

Ongoing Ministries

Sandwich Ministry

The Sandwich Ministry meets in the kitchen twice a month and is always seeking volunteers. For more information please contact humc.sandwich.ministry@gmail.com

Soup Ministry

Meets in the kitchen on **Mondays at 6:00 am and Sundays at 7:30 am** to prepare soup for IHS. Contact Linda Matsushita at the church office 808-536-9602 for more information.

Tai Chi

Meets every **Friday at 7:30 am** in Miyama Hall. 7:30am-8:10am exercise class. 8:10am -9:00am Taichi. Contact Sachi Taketa at the church office 808-536-9602.

Ukulele Fellowship

Meets every **Sunday at 9:30 am** in the Music Room 5. Contact Davy Lee

Kids Sunday School K-5th Grade

Meets every Sunday at **9:30am in room 3** and on Zoom. Contact Aunty Rene at rene@ohta.us for more details.

Youth Sunday School 6th -12th

Sundays at 9:30 am in room 16. Contact Skylar Yamamoto for more details.

Multimedia Volunteers Needed



The multimedia team is always looking for volunteers! Contact Mahe our Multimedia Director at multimedia@harrisumc.org if interested.



Sunday Worship

Join us every Sunday at 10:45 am in-person or on ZOOM!

Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

For more info about Sunday Worship visit: <https://harrisumc.org/what-to-expect-at-worship/>

ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/91546086665?pwd=VTItYm1jbjFYM29vQ1h3ZzgyYWZJUT09>



Meetings & Events

- 10/1 @ 10:45 am World Communion Sunday
 - 10/8 @ 10:30 am Bazaar Shower, Courtyard
 - 10/10 @ 5:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting, Room 10
 - 10/12 @ 6:30 pm Worship Committee, ZOOM
 - 10/15 @ 10:30 am Bazaar Shower, Courtyard
 - 10/15 @ 10:45 am Laity Sunday, Sanctuary
 - 10/18 @ 5:00 pm Sandwich Ministry, Kitchen
 - 10/19 @ 6:30 pm Spiritual Formations Ministry, ZOOM
 - 10/21 Honolulu Pride Parade, Waikiki
 - 10/26 @ 10:00 am Preschool Playground Ceremony
 - 10/26 @ 6:30 pm SPRC, ZOOM
- Visit the HUMC Facility calendar: <https://harrisumc.org/facility-calendar/> for more events.

General Information

About Harris

Harris United Methodist Church is an Open and Reconciling Congregation where we believe that Jesus embraces all and celebrates in the diversity of humanity. We pray that we demonstrate His love and compassion for everyone through our actions and words.

Together, we share and pray for each other's joys & sorrows. We honor each individual's reflections, thoughts, and prayers. Our Worship Services are intergenerational where children, youth, young adults and young families blend with our adults and kupuna to serve caring and kindness.

Newsletter Deadline

For the November newsletter, please submit any info by **October 23** to Erin at admin@harrisumc.org.

Ways To Give

IN PERSON: Place your donation in the offering box at worship service on Sundays.

BY MAIL: Write a check to Harris United Methodist Church and send to 20 S. Vineyard Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813.

ONLINE: Go to harrisumc.org/donate or scan the QR code below with your cellphone's camera app.



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.

Ushers and Greeters Needed

The Ushers and Greeters team needs volunteers for the 10:45 am Sunday worship services. Ushers are the first people that the church attendees and visitors meet when they come to Harris UMC. If you enjoy making people feel welcome, you'll be a great usher! Contact Mel B. at 808-536-9602 or email info@harrisumc.org.

Covenant Ministries

Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto (Japan)
Jonathan McCurley (Japan)
Miguel Mairena (Mexico)

Altar Flowers

You are invited to dedicate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Please call the office, 808-536-9602 and indicate your chosen Sunday of dedication, name of honoree and send a check for \$48 to Harris UMC with the memo: Altar Flowers. You may also sign up using the sign up sheet located at the rear of the Sanctuary.



Contact Us!

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