

Nu'u Vineyard News

NOVEMBER 2023



United Methodist Church members at the Honolulu Pride Parade on Saturday, October 21. More on page 4. *Photo Credit Greg Yamamoto.*

Join us for November Services & Events!

Mahalo for attending October services.

Join us in November as we continue our Stewardship Campaign G.I.F.T., remember our loved ones who have passed on all Saints Day, and celebrate Thanksgiving!



Tree of Hope for Lahaina on October 22nd.



Mahalo to Rev. Denyse Barnes for delivering the message on Oct. 22nd.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris Ohana,



I have a confession to make. I had given up on the news during the past several years, finding it too upsetting; too depressing. However, I have begun paying attention again. Yes, the news from around our precious globe is upsetting. But I also have found that if we are to make a difference in the world, it might just be important to know what is going on. And, even if what we do as individuals, and now as people of Harris UMC, seems small, it is what we can do to bring hope and make a difference. And that is enough. So, as we begin November, I encourage all of us to enter into this month of gratitude and celebration with the joy of the presence of the Risen Christ, knowing that what we do is important and will make a difference.

The first day of November is always All Saints Day. We will celebrate this on Sunday, November 12 as we remember each loved one who has passed away during the year. It is our opportunity to share God's love and grace, and give healing comfort that comes from our faith in the Risen Christ.

Sunday, November 19, will be our Thanksgiving worship service. Tuesday, November 21, is the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at UCC Judd St, at 7:00pm. Although Thanksgiving Day, always on the third Thursday of November, was originally a national holiday celebrating the founding of the country, we have come a long way in understanding the larger context and complexity of that history. Now, we have the opportunity to be grateful for our multicultural, multi-ethnic awareness and the abundance and blessings of each day.

Sunday, November 26, will be another day of true gratitude with the culmination of our Stewardship Campaign, G.I.F.T.: Growing in Faith Together. We will take time to bless the pledges in the morning worship service. Afterwards, we will celebrate with a potluck in Miyama Hall. Without the support of everyone, Harris UMC could not continue with the important ministries that bring hope in our community, and change lives of people both in Hawaii and in other countries. We hope everyone will come and enjoy the fellowship of the meal, and give thanks that we can once again celebrate together as the church.

May God bless us all with grateful hearts,

Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

November Worship Services



Sunday, November 5
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Communion
Service @ 10:45 am
I Thessalonians 2:9-13

Sunday, November 12
All Saints Day
24th Sunday After Pentecost
Service @ 10:45 am
Revelation 7:9-17
I Corinthians 13:8-13

Sunday, November 19
Thanksgiving Sunday
25th Sunday After Pentecost
Service @ 10:45 am
Colossians 1:1-6

Sunday, November 26
G.I.F.T. Stewardship Celebration
Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Service @ 10:45 am
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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Aloha Cindy



On Sunday, October 22nd, Harris Ohana expressed its gratitude to Cindy Olaguera who has resigned as the Organist/Pianist. She was given a haku lei and monetary gifts from an Aloha Calabash. In addition, an altar rose arrangement was dedicated in her honor by the Matsuura family.



About 16 years ago, Cindy was asked by Rev. Gary Barbaree if she would replace our faithful and long-standing organist/pianist, Dr. Ray Okimoto, who was retiring. Cindy accepted the staff position as a blessing and privilege as she always admired "Uncle Ray's" gifts of music.

We are happy that Cindy will remain a member of Harris UMC and we pray that she will be blessed with many new adventures in her faith journey.

We praise God for his loving and talented servant, Cindy (Matsuura) Olaguera!

Submitted by Mel Billingsley. Photo credit, Greg Yamamoto.



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

Our 2024 Stewardship campaign began on October 22 with a witness by Jacce Mikulanec, our church council chairperson. In the coming weeks, you will hear from a variety of Harris Ohana members who will share their vision of what it means to Grow In Faith Together. The culmination of the campaign will be November 26 when we will dedicate our pledge cards and gather for an after worship potluck luncheon in Miyama Hall, celebrating our commitment to God in offering our time, talents, gifts, service and witness. You are invited to spend quiet moments in prayer as you contemplate how you will serve Harris church and our community. Let us offer thanks for the many blessings God has already given each of us.

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Get Acquainted with Our New Members!

Isabel Ohta



Our first youth to be featured is newly baptized and confirmed member, Isabel Ohta. Her birth place was our nation's capital, Washington, D.C. but the family moved to Los Angeles when she was 4 months old and then the final move to Hawaii occurred when Isabel was 3 years old.

Isabel attended Ma'ema'e Elementary, Kawanakoa Middle and is now a student at Roosevelt High School where her favorite subject is social studies. She joined JROTC at Roosevelt because they said they promote fitness, leadership, confidence, and service.

When asked about her hobbies and interests, Isabel responded she loves everything about cats, Barbie, The Little Mermaid, mythology, art, writing, acting, watching the Phillies and Eagles, and service projects. What a variety!

We already know Isabel as a valued member of our multimedia team! Last school year she also read to the Harris Preschool children once a month. In addition we can find her volunteering with the Sandwich Ministry. Her free time is spent listening to the Epic musical, and drawing, writing, making videos, and doing plank exercises.

Isabel's dream vacation would be to Virginia because that's where George Washington, Pocahontas, and Jamestown are. She lists her favorite foods as mango, tacos, enchiladas, carnitas, kalua pig, cheese, eggplant.

At this time her career goals are many and varied. Here goes...a professional mermaid,

veterinarian, actress, restaurant owner, YouTube content creator, and own and work in her own cat cafe!

When asked what is one thing you want older generations to know about teenagers today, Isabel replied, "We're not as smart as you so don't be afraid to help us out when we make bad decisions." She feels that there is a lot of insight in the Bible and looks forward to reading her Youth Confirmation Bible.

We look forward to supporting and encouraging the faith journey of our new member, Isabel!

Orion Kawabuchi



Welcome and aloha to our newest youth member at Harris UMC - Orion Kawabuchi!

His name is unique! When asked about the origin, he explained that Orion in Japanese Kanji

means "put the music together" but for English, Orion means "stars in the sky." Orion was born in Hawaii 11 years ago and attends Princess Ruth Keelikolani Middle School.

A sixth grade student, his favorite subject is math. His hobbies are gaming and chess, and he likes to play games in his free time. His favorite food is steak.

Orion says he wants the older generation to know that teenagers can always be expected to be on their phones! (no surprise there!)

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Our Harris ohana has seen Orion play the ukulele for worship with Kai Matsuura. Orion took lessons and says he doesn't have a favorite song because he likes to play any song.

He first came to Harris this year when his mom, Kaori, was hired as our substitute organist. When asked what he was most excited about this year, he replied, " a New York City trip!" His mom, Kaori, lived in NYC and she wanted him to see the church where she played the organ. They spent a couple of weeks this summer visiting the tourist sites and having a grand time on their mainland vacation!

Finally, his favorite Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

We are happy to have Orion as a participating member of Harris, will keep him in our prayers and do all we can to support his faith journey!

Lee Haoa Morris



Welcome to Harris UMC, Lee Haoa Morris! When asked about his unique name, he replied that Hawaiian names are often given later in life and cousin Kekua Fernandez gave Haoa to him when he was in high school. He recalls

that Haoalani was bittersweet because his biological mother did not survive childbirth.

Haoa grew up in Hawaii and was adopted by white parents from North Carolina. He has a sister who is also adopted but they are not blood related. He is of mixed ancestry - half Filipino, quarter Hawaiian, quarter Japanese.

Haoa graduated from Radford HS in 1982, had a year at UH before transferring to the University of North Carolina. He graduated with a BS in Home Economics and a BFA in Textile Design, putting himself through college by working in the theater costume shop, teaching the basic sewing class and helping design and construct garments for the theater!

Haoa spent time working in retail before being hired by the Army and Airforce Exchange Service who eventually returned him to Hawaii in 1995. Other assignments on the mainland led him to different locations and he finally retired in 2013 as a General Manager. His plans to return to Hawaii were delayed while he moved to Oklahoma to care for his ailing parents. Hawaii welcomed him home in 2019.

When asked about his hobbies and interests, he listed crafting, sewing, cooking, interior design, hula, and Hawaiian music. Haoa has an affinity for southern cooking from his mother but he appreciates Hawaiian and Korean.

Haoa recalls that from his Queen Emma condo he could hear singing from our church, but was disappointed that we were closed during Covid. He was happy to begin attending services last year when we opened up for in-person worship. He has an appreciation for Harris' stance as a welcoming and affirmative church and says his favorite Bible verse is "Love your neighbor as yourself."

His hidden talent is that he studied Japanese for 7 years and once knew enough Kanji to read a newspaper but years of non use and no one to speak with when living away from Hawaii greatly reduced his vocabulary. When asked about his extensive volunteer experience, Haoa remembers his most

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enjoyable was at the thrift shop at Nicoma Park UMC in rural Oklahoma where \$100,000 was raised in a year for mission programs in Oklahoma, Cambodia and Kenya. While there he offered his time 3-4 days a week and enjoyed preparing mid-week lunches for all the other volunteers.

Haoa describes most of his family as the Chosen Family since he has very few adopted relatives left. "Chosen Family are the friends you make that replace your blood family."

Now we know more about this quiet gentleman who sits on the makai side of the sanctuary and has made Harris his church home! What a blessing!

Submitted by Wally Wake

Harris Preschool



Field Trip to Aloun Farms on October 13th.



Playground celebration on October 26th.



The students gave leis and presented banners to the donors.



Donors: Harris Church Foundation, Waterhouse Foundation, First Hawaiian Bank Foundation, Kenneth & Diane Matsuura Foundation, California-Pacific United Methodist Foundation, Samuel N. & Mary Castle Foundation, Harris Church Rummage Sale.



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Sandwich Ministry



The Sandwich Ministry in Miyama Hall on October 19th.



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



Domestic Violence Awareness Month—Men’s March



29th annual Men’s March Against Violence on October 5th.



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Laity Sunday



Worship Service on Oct. 15th.



World Communion Sunday



Worship Service on Oct. 1st.

Soup Ministry



The Harris Soup Ministry welcomes Karen Takara with AARP!



Lorry Barronga-Lee, Soup Ministry's super chef preparing soup for I.H.S.!

Upcoming

PIES
FRESH PRODUCE
USED BOOKS
WHITE ELEPHANT
TOYS
SEWING ITEMS
ARTS & CRAFTS
SILENT AUCTION

HARRIS MISSION BAZAAR

20 South Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, Hi 96813
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BRING YOUR OWN BAG

NOVEMBER 4, 2023
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



PLANTS
QUILTS
KITCHEN WARE
CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS
SOFT DRINKS
MANGO CHUTNEY
JELLIES



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.

Charge Conference for Harris UMC

Ministry Leaders! Please complete charge conference forms and reports by **Mon., Nov. 6!** This will give us a few days to compile the documents by the district deadline.

Conference is Thurs., Nov. 16. SPRC at 6:30pm, Conference at 7pm, ZOOM. <https://www.calpacumc.org/chargeconference/>
Mahalo!

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!

Evening Worship

Evening worship will resume the **first Sunday in December at 5:00 pm**. Davy Lee will speak on Dec. 3 and Jo Tanimoto on January 7.

Flower Leis Needed!



Your worship team is looking for volunteers to provide flower leis that we can share with our special speakers and guests. If you have the time and are willing to help on any Sunday, please see Wally

Wake for more details. Your generosity will be appreciated!

Advent



The season of Advent begins **Sunday, December 3** and culminates on December 24, Christmas Eve. Be sure to plan to attend our 2 services on Dec. 24 - the 10:45 am service and our evening

candlelight service, starting at 7:45 pm. The brass ensemble has already committed to play. As usual, a reception and time of fellowship will follow in Miyama Hall. More information will be shared soon!

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NU'UANU INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Service Opportunity Fair 6:30 PM
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7:00 PM
Livestream Option:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_bXKGeF_QTIjI8Um76aZIQ

Tuesday, November 21, 2023
United Church of Christ-Judd St.
467 N. Judd Street, Honolulu
STRONG ROOTS, STRONG LIFE

Palestine Israel Prayer Vigil—New Date



The rescheduled date is **November 5 at 3pm HST**, the Conference is hosting a virtual prayer vigil for peace in the currently ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

California: Sunday, November 5 (5:00 PM PST)

Hawai`i: Sunday, November 5 (3:00 PM HST)

Guam & Saipan: Monday, November 6 (11:00 AM ChST)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8313019934>

Meeting ID: 831 3019 9342

Passcode: 284727

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. Praise Band every 2nd and 3rd Sunday.

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=VTItYm1jbjFYM29vQ1h3ZzgyYWZJUTO9>



Meetings & Events

11/4 @ 9:00 am HARRIS BAZAAR
11/8 @ 6:00 pm Foundation, ZOOM
11/9 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM
11/10 Veteran's Day Observed—Church Office Closed
11/12 @ 10:45 am All Saints Day, Sanctuary
11/14 @ 5:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting, Room 10
11/15 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM
11/16 @ 7:00 pm All Church (Charge Conference, ZOOM
11/18 @ 9:00 am Church Clean Up
11/21 @ 7:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, United Church of Christ
11/23 Thanksgiving— Church Office Closed
11/24 Day after Thanksgiving— Church Office Closed
11/26 @ 10:45 am Stewardship Celebration
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 December newsletter, please submit any info by **November 27** 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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