

Nu' u Vineyard News

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024



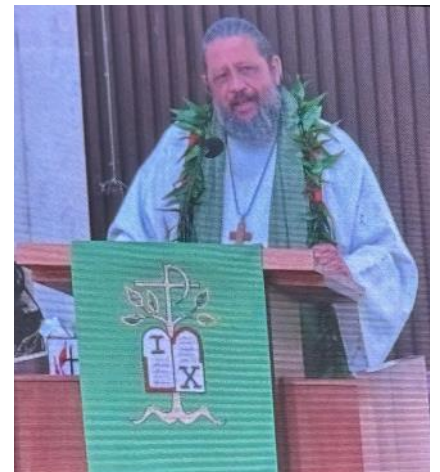
Worship Service on Jan. 21. -Rev. Nobuko Miyake-Stoner, Rev. Bob Miyake-Stoner, Rev. Richard Matsushita, Rev. Rona Mangayayam, Rev. Fran Wiebenga, Rev. Loretta Reid, Rev. Scott Cervas, Rev. Alan Mark (not pictured). *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto*

Join Us for Worship!

On February 11th we welcome guest speaker Rev. Michael Yoshii.

Ash Wednesday is February 14th and there will be services in the Sanctuary at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:00 pm.

Join us for Sunday worship at 10:45 am on February 18th as we begin the season of Lent.



Mahalo to guest speakers Darlene Rodrigues on UM Student Day and Rev. Dr. Kahu Kaleo Patterson on Human Relations Sunday.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha,

February 14 is both Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday — disparate observances, but both having to do with love. St. Valentine was about the love we have for one another. Ash Wednesday is about the love God has for all of us. It is the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, which is a remembrance of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting, being tempted and resisting that temptation. Lent is now usually seen as a time of introspection, observed during the 40 days leading up to the celebration of Easter, excluding Sundays.



I want to give a huge “Mahalo nut loa” to the people who met on Jan. 21 or who sent in their ideas of how we might best observe Lent at Harris UMC this year. Thanks to them, the theme for Lent will be “Journeying with Jesus,” which continues the theme of a spiritual journey that we began in Advent with the theme “Journey in Hope.”

As we “Journey with Jesus” during the 40 days of Lent, we will be seeking the important qualities that come through the Sunday scriptures, qualities that are always available for our deeper reflection. These qualities include Love, Hope, Mercy, Compassion, Justice, Grace and Peace.

Usually, Lenten observance includes a devotional practice that will take us deeper into understanding and experiencing our faith. One suggestion comes from Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank, who shared that for an entire year she began the day by reading I Corinthians 13. I invite you to join me in doing that during our Lenten observance. In addition, with the help of the Worship Committee and Worship Chair Jo Tanimoto, we will put together a devotional booklet of favorite scriptures and/or a devotional paragraph from the congregation. Please see the invitation to contribute in this newsletter.

We will begin our observation of Lent on Ash Wednesday with three opportunities to be together in the sanctuary for a brief service of introspective scripture and music and the imposition of ashes, at 7:00am, 12:00pm (noon), and 5:00pm.

May God bless us all as we begin our Lenten “Journey with Jesus.”

Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

February Worship Services

Sunday, February 4
5th Sunday After the Epiphany with Communion
Service @ 10:45 am
1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Sunday, February 11
Transfiguration Sunday
Service @ 10:45 am
Guest Preacher Rev. Michael Yoshii

Sunday, February 14
Ash Wednesday
Service at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, February 18
1st Sunday in Lent
Service @ 10:45 am
Psalm 25:1-10

Sunday, February 25
2nd Sunday in Lent
Service @ 10:45 am
Mark 8:31-38

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Updates

Christmas Eve Worship Service



Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto

Updates

Worship Services



New member Orion Kawabuchi amazed the Harris Ohana with his ukulele abilities on Dec. 3rd.



Contemporary Service on December 3rd.



Kauluwela Winter Wonder Lane



Harris UMC members bring joy to Kauluwela Elementary on Dec. 20th. Davy Lee and Jo Tanimoto led the ukulele group.

Staff/SPRC Luncheon



The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) hosted a Christmas luncheon for our wonderful, talented staff in Komuro Lounge on December 9th.



Updates

An Update From Your Missionaries! Rev. Claudia Genung



We Have Just Moved!!
Our new address is:
30-6 Uchikoshi, Naka-ku, Yokohama
231-0867, Japan

We would like to extend our best wishes for the New Year. Thank you very much for those who sent us Christmas and New Year's greeting cards. We also thank you for your prayers and support. We would like to give you a little update on our recent situation.

Toshi wrote 47 entries for the revised "Dictionary of Christianity" last year. He was also elected to the board of directors of the Asia-Pacific Alliance of YMCA (APAY) at its general meeting in Chennai, India, in September.

Claudia was resigned as pastor of Kobe Union Church to become pastor of Yokohama Union Church. Kobe was a wonderful place to live but we look forward to a new adventure with God in Yokohama!

We had a wonderful gathering of UMC missionaries in Asia in Cambodia from October 15-20. Was great to hear other UMC missionaries stories of their ministry and also meet Global Ministries staff.

Our oldest son, Kai, lives in Los Angeles and continues to work as an Occupational Therapist (OT) at a hospital. Our second son, Koh, is in his final year at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Indiana. In September Koh and his wife, Marie, came to Japan as honeymoon. For Marie it was first time and she seems to have grown very fond of Japan.

Please let me know if you are ever in Yokohama. We look forward to meeting you.

Blessings,

Claudia and Toshi

Susannah Wesley Community Center's 125th Anniversary



Harris Members Wally Wake, Mel Billingsley, Carole Suzui, and Karen Hill at the celebration on Jan. 20th.



Updates

Get Acquainted with our New Members!

Maggie Inouye



In this issue of Nuu News we're featuring another of our youth who completed the 2023 confirmation classes and were welcomed into the membership of Harris UMC!

Mary Margaret Inouye (Maggie as we know her) was named for her maternal great grandmother and Margaret is the name of her paternal grandmother. Maggie's dad, Ken, wanted her to be named after the strong women in his life so she could aspire to be like them. Maggie first came to Harris after her family moved from the mainland to Oahu in the spring of 2016. Her dad's family already lived here and they wanted to be able to see them more often!

Maggie is a multi-talented individual who loves singing, acting, dancing and going to Disney Parks. She collects K-pop merch and her favorite girl groups are Loona, IZ'ONE, IVE and Red Velvet. Those of us from other generations will need to ask her more about these girl groups! Since becoming a member of Harris, Maggie serves as an acolyte, has participated as a reader with the youth group, and plays the drums in the Youth Praise Band.

When asked about her career goals, Maggie says one of her biggest goals in life is to go to a good college! Her two dream schools are Yale and Stanford and she would like to major in architecture. Her dream job would either be an architectural Imagineer (someone who does architecture for the

Disney Parks) or an actress!.

In her free time she likes to spend time with family, talk with friends, make Pinterest boards, watch her comfort shows/movies and do pilates. As an eighth grader at Mililani Middle School, Maggie's favorite subject is English, since she gets to use her voice and mind to speak up and make change. She is looking forward to moving up to the 9th grade next fall at Mililani High School. Reading and fantasizing are on her list as something she enjoys! Her favorite foods are rice, natto, miso soup, matcha, bibimbap and anything with azuki beans.

DID YOU KNOW.....Maggie lists the following as her hidden talents: she can cry on command, read super fast and can hold a pilates teaser for 8 minutes straight! Wow!

In just four months Maggie will be going on a school sponsored trip to Japan! This is a place she has wanted to visit since the 6th grade and the anticipation of this trip is what excites her.

Here is Maggie's response when asked: What is one thing you want the older generations to know about teenagers today? "If I had to choose one message to send to the older generations, it would be that not all of us are so bad. I feel like the media makes us all out to be spoiled, brainwashed, idiots but that's because the media only emphasizes and shows the bad ones." She hopes we will enter our conversations with teenagers with an open mind.

Welcome to Harris, Maggie, and mahalo for sharing these interesting facts about yourself!

Submitted by Wally Wake

Updates

Glenda Tali



Although Glenda Tali was welcomed as a new member last June, it seems that she's been with Harris much longer than 7 months! She's a regular in Sunday attendance, serves as a

liturgist, song leader, and member of church and society team, has donated altar flowers, and just recently signed up for the district lay servant ministry course! Glenda says she has lived in Hawaii for 27 years and has driven past Harris numerous times in her daily activities. In Feb. 2023 she began to feel a tug on her heart, "you need to go there." Although she ignored it, the tug didn't stop! Finally, two weeks before Palm Sunday, Glenda gave in and went. From the minute she came through the doors, "I knew I was home."

Glenda's family consists of 2 adopted adult children; her son and family live in Tacoma, WA. and her daughter's family are settled in Santa Clara, CA. Glenda is grandma to 5 with another expected in early April. When asked about her name, she said she's convinced that she was named after Glinda the Good Witch from the Wizard of Oz!

The healthcare field has been fortunate to have Glenda as a member of the nursing profession nearly all of her adult life. She obtained her basic nursing associate degree at age 33 and then eleven years later, she went back to school for her bachelor's degree, master's degree and then finally her doctorate - all in nursing. To quote Glenda,

"I believe that nursing is a calling, not just a job." She is currently visiting high risk seniors in their homes to ensure they have medications, services, and equipment they need to optimize their health. In March of last year she opened her own primary care practice in Honolulu. Her goal is to continue doing what she does - serving others. "God has truly blessed me." Sustaining her is her favorite Bible verse from Romans 8:28. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

Glenda relaxes by sewing and quilting, working jigsaw puzzles, singing and watching NFL games. PS She's a 49ers fan! Glenda's hidden talent is making cream puffs. In whatever free time remains, she sleeps and then works on her book about perinatal bereavement (based on her personal experiences). And if you can believe it, she has volunteered for the National Kidney Foundation Hawaii for nearly 20 years! When asked what she is most excited about this year, she replied that her "significant other" is coming home from deployment after 5 and a half years in the Middle East.

Submitted by Wally Wake

Updates

Harris Preschool



The students watched the ringing of the Harris UMC Peace Bell for Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th.



A visit from Santa on December 19th and cookie Decorating in Miyama Hall on Dec. 22nd.



Honolulu Zoo field trip on January 12th.



Mr. Bryan and students at the zoo.



Students wave the Hawaiian flag as they watch the Queen Liliuokalani parade on January 17th.



For more information on Harris Preschool, visit <https://harrisumc.org/preschool/>

Updates

A Thank You To Harris Church



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January 10, 2024

Harris United Methodist Church
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Honolulu, HI, 96813

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Susannah Wesley Community Center, I share our heartfelt appreciation for your generous donation of **20# of food received on 12/28/23**. Your gift helps us continue to serve as an instrument of God's love and as a Beacon of Hope in our community.

I want to take this opportunity to share how your continued support is making a difference in the lives of our vulnerable community.

- CYFS' FSS Program celebrated a successful holiday "Family Night" where clients were able to bring home clothes and household items for their families, just in time for the Christmas holiday! Parents also had the opportunity to take family photos, which were printed on and sent home with them.
- Our Pantry+ program opened a second distribution site at the Towers at Kuhio Park which will support community members with basic needs assistance including emergency food supplies, hygiene care and diapers. To date, we have distributed over 26,000+ diapers to families in need.
- A "Drop-In" youth who regularly participates in our afterschool program has been practicing his basketball skills in our gymnasium and was able to make it to the junior varsity team at his high school. Our Drop-In program offers enrichment, life-skills building and positive social development.
- One of our FSS (Family Stabilization Clients) was able to raise his GPA by 2.0 pts with the support of his case manager and family. Our family stabilization program pairs families with best practice parenting courses to strengthen relationships between parents, guardians, and their children.

Your generosity allows us to work intensively with individuals, helping them to reach their full potential! We look forward to your continued support as we begin our 125th year of service to the community.

Thank you once again!

Koreen Garcia,
Director, Community, Youth & Family Services

Upcoming

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14



Ash Wednesday service will be held in the Sanctuary on February 14th at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:00 pm. All are Welcome!

2024 Lent Devotional

Journeying
With
Jesus

Our Lenten Theme for this year is “Journeying With Jesus” (seeking: Courage, Justice, Compassion, Love, Peace Amidst the Chaos, Hope, Mercy, and Grace).

You are invited to share your favorite Scripture and/or Devotional for our 2024 Lenten Devotional booklet. Please share your submission by **Sunday, February 11th**. Your submissions can be either emailed to Erin at admin@harrisumc.org, placed in Jo’s folder in the church office, or placed it in the Offering Box in the back of the Sanctuary. Sharing does not only bless those we give to, but it blesses us as well! Mahalo!

Harris Name Tags for Worship

You can find your name tag under your last name in an accordion file folder placed on a table outside the sanctuary. You are invited to take your name tag home with you to wear the following Sunday OR put it back in the file folder for next week. If you need a new or replacement name tag, please notify Erin in the church office at 808-536-9602 or via email admin@harrisumc.org.

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!

Christian Education Scholarship Program

Applications for the Christian Education Scholarship Program of Harris United Methodist Church through the Harris Foundation will be available on **March 1** on the Harris UMC website. Eligibility requirements include being a member/constituent of Harris UMC or Hawaii District UMC and being a student currently enrolled or accepted into an accredited institution.

Deadline for submission will be **April 30th, 2024**. More information on the scholarship, application, eligibility and submission requirements will be posted to the Harris UMC website.

Trustees – Church Clean Up

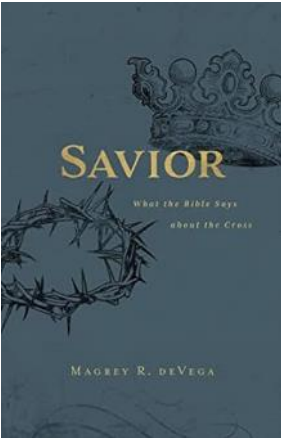
The next Trustees meeting has been set for **March 19th, 2024** via ZOOM.

The next Church Clean Up days are:
Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Upcoming

Bible Study Opportunity



You're invited to join Rev. John Miyahara, Rev. Brian Lee, and members of the Japanese American United Methodist Caucus congregations in a 6-week Lenten book study. Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross by Margrey deVega. Please note that reading the

book isn't required! The study will start on Mon., Feb. 19th 4:30-6:00 PM (Hawaii), 6:30-8:00 PM (Pacific) and 7:30-9:00 PM (Mountain) and conclude on Mar. 25th. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Rev. Brian at revbrian@simpsonumc.com.

ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/97254880565?pwd=MXZqTmpIckVFZVBXMxBYOG53SUQ2dz09>

Introduction to Centering Prayer

Contemplative Outreach of Hawaii presents

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER

led by Rev. Amy Wake

Saturday, February 10 | 9 am - 12 pm
Wesley United Methodist Church
1350 Hunakai St. off Waiālae Ave.

In the midst of our hectic and noisy lives, Centering Prayer is a receptive method of Christian silent prayer which deepens our relationship with God, the Indwelling Presence. Join us to contemplate the how and the why of Centering Prayer. This half-

day in person session will be followed with brief weekly online sessions to deepen your experience throughout the Lenten season.

Sat. Feb. 10 from 9am-12pm at Wesley United Methodist Church Registration
Link: <http://forms.gle/VjXJV2EkWX34FYnE9>
Deadline: **February 5, 2024**
Contact Rev. Amy Wake at pastoramywake@gmail.com.

2024 Britt Lectures

Britt Lectures 2024

Flourishing in Ministry

Dr. Chris Adams

Meet Our Speaker

Dr. CHRIS ADAMS, grew up in a music ministry family in the Nashville area and is a third-generation pastor's kid. An ordained minister, clinical psychologist, and leadership coach, Chris served in full-time music ministry for several years after graduating from college, as an associate pastor at a large church during and after seminar, and a college chaplain for almost a decade. Chris is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Mental Health and the Church Initiative at Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology, Biola University, and teaches ministry leadership and pastoral care/counseling courses for several seminaries. Chris is a consultant to a number of denominations and seminaries in the areas of clergy candidate assessment, clergy health, and pastoral leadership formation, and is a consultant, researcher, and writer with the Duke Clergy Health Initiative and the Flourishing in Ministry project. He is the Ministerial Assessment Specialist for the CalPac Conference, and has served for many years on the Advisory Committee for Clergy Candidacy and Assessment at UMC GBHEM. Chris is a frequent lecturer at seminaries, retreats, and conferences. He enjoys music (especially jazz), tennis, pickleball, coaching soccer, scuba diving, and playing with his two kids (Lexi, 13, and Cole, 9). He and his wife, Lori, live in Sierra Madre, California.

DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Lectures: Friday, Feb 16 at 7:00 pm Saturday, Feb 17 at 7:00 pm Sunday, Feb 18 at 7:00 pm	First UMC of Honolulu 1020 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96814
Workshop: Monday, Feb 19 at 9:00 am	In the Sanctuary of the 1st/Ground Floor

INFORMATION

Lectures are free and open to the public. Please make a request if you will be needing child-care or translation services in Korean or Tongan. For more information and updates, go to firstumchonolulu.org/2024britt



Evening lectures will be at First UMC from **Fri. to Sun., Feb. 16-18 at 7:00 pm** and the 3-hour morning will be on **Mon., Feb. 19 at 9:00 am**. Speaker: Dr. Chris Adams. All lectures and workshop are free to the public and will be held in person. No livestreaming will be made available. Registration: <https://calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/brittlectures2024>

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 9:00 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=VTltYm1jbjFYM29vQ1h3ZzgyYWZJUT09>



Meetings & Events

2/8 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM
2/13 @ 5:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting, Room 10
2/14 @ 7am, 12pm, 5pm Ash Wednesday
2/15 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM
2/19 President's Day-Church Office Closed
2/21 @ 6:00 pm Harris Foundation, ZOOM
2/27 @ 6:00 pm Finance Committee, 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit any info for the March newsletter by **Feb. 26th** 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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