

Nu' u Vineyard News

MARCH 2024



On Sunday, Jan. 28th, former Harris Pastors Rev. Dr. Nobuko Miyake-Stoner and Rev. Bob Miyake-Stoner shared about House For All with the Sunday School children, youth and adults. *Photo Credit: Felix Mata*

Join Us for Holy Week!

March 24 @ 10:45 am—Palm Sunday w/Palm Procession

March 28 @ 5:30 pm—Holy Thursday Soup, Bread & Service

March 29 @ 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm—Good Friday Service

March 31 @ 10:45 am—Easter Sunday Service and Potluck



House For All is an after school program for students in Hiroshima, Japan, founded by Pastor Nobuko. We hope to find ways to connect her students with our Harris children and youth.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris Ohana,

March begins with the church already in the middle of the liturgical season of Lent. The days are lengthening, bringing more light, and with it, the opportunity to continue to reflect on our spiritual life and our Journey with Jesus. By the end of March, we will have experienced Holy Week and Easter Sunday, March 24 - 31.



Holy week begins on Palm Sunday with a procession of the palms as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, March 28, we will gather at 5:30pm in Miyama Hall for a soup and bread supper provided by our Soup Ministry Team. This is the time we will remember Jesus gathering with his disciples for the Last Supper, with a short service with the Liturgy of Tenebrae, or Darkness. Good Friday, March 29, we will have two worship services, one at 12:00 noon with the bell choir providing special music, and one at 5:30pm. This is the most somber day in the Christian church. The scriptures that we read tell of the final day of Jesus' life as he was condemned to be put to death, and led out to be crucified. These worship services will include the Seven last Words of Jesus on the Cross. Candles will be extinguished after each scripture lesson, and we will end in silence.

However, that is not the end of the Christian story, which is a story of grace, love and hope.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate the Resurrection and Eternal Life with uplifting hymns played by our organist, Kaori Kawabuchi, and the brass choir, with students from Hiroshima Jogakuin High School perhaps joining with our own All Are Welcome Choir singing a joyous anthem, "Alleluia." An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for the children, and the After Church Fellowship Team led by Lee Haoa Morris is providing ham for a festive Easter Lunch. We will sign up to bring the sides and dessert.

Traditionally, Easter was the most important liturgical celebration in the church, and I know we will follow that tradition on Easter Sunday here at Harris UMC. Please invite your friends to join in this joyous day, and may God be with us all as we continue our Journey with Jesus.

Blessings to you all,

Rev. Dr, Fran Wiebenga

March Worship Services

Sunday, March 3
3rd Sunday in Lent with Communion
Service @ 10:45 am
Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, March 10
4th Sunday in Lent
Service @ 10:45 am
John 3:14-21

Sunday, March 17
5th Sunday in Lent
Service at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm
Jeremiah 31:33-34

Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday with Palm Procession
Service @ 10:45 am
Mark 11:1-11

Thursday, March 28
Maundy Thursday
Soup & Bread, Handwashing, Service @ 5:30 pm
John 13:1-15

Friday, March 29
Good Friday
Service @ 12:00 pm (w/handbells) and 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 31
Easter Sunday with Potluck after Worship
Service @ 10:45 am
Mark 16:1-8

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Rev. Michael Yoshii

Mahalo to guest preacher, Rev. Michael Yoshii who preached on Feb. 11th on The West Bank Partnership: Friends of Wadi Foquin.



Preparation of Ashes on Feb. 13th



Harris Youth Ministry



Harris Youth enjoy Glow Putt on February 28.



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Hiroshima Jogakuin University



Hiroshima Jyogakuin University students prepare lunch for the Royukai Reunion on February 22nd. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.*

Harris Preschool



Lion Dance on February 9th.



February 14th—Preschool students on Valentine's Day.

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Get Acquainted with our New Members!

Marienne Mangayayam



In 2009 at the early age of 3 Marienne Mangayayam became a part of our family with the appointment of her mother, Rona, as Associate Pastor

of Harris UMC. She says “I learned the song ‘Jesus Loves Me’ in Sunday School and the rest is history.” Last June she officially joined our church as a full member!

The spelling of Marienne’s name is unusual... the story behind it is that her mom wanted to make sure her first name started with the letter M. Rona saw the name Marie and Marianne and ended putting the two together to make the beautiful name she now has. Her parents, John and Rona, immigrated to Hawaii from the Philippines and worked hard to create opportunities for their children, Mark and Marienne. Marienne started her community volunteering at an early age! “Growing up with my mom as the pastor at Harris I would follow her around while she did work in the community. From women’s marches to March for our Lives, I was happy to help and moreover, see change happen. Now I’ve joined Church and Society doing public advocacy for the BLM movement to pride parades, and a LEO club at my own school volunteering for adopt-a-highway and

community fundraisers.”

In the “whole world,” Marienne says her favorite food ismangoes, which she will eat in any way, shape or form! Her free time is spent with friends outside of the school setting - that’s where she can enjoy being a teenager.

Her favorite subject in school is literature because this class has been so much more enjoyable as they delve into poetry. Music seems to be the focus of Marienne’s life and she is able to play the piano, handbells, violin and sing as a soprano, the latter being her absolute favorite! Marienne’s hidden talent is that she can harmonize with any song. She started playing around with harmonies when singing with the youth group and eventually it became muscle memory.

A career as a film actress is this young woman’s goal! She has had a fondness for using her imagination in creative ways and storytelling from the age of 6. Her most recent and exciting news is that she has been accepted as a freshman at New York University Tisch School of the Arts starting next fall!! This fulfills her dream of going to NYU since she was 13.

Her favorite Bible verse is 1 Peter 5:10, “After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.”

When asked what she wants the older generations to know about teenagers today, Marienne replied “teenagers today possess valuable perspectives and ideas, even though it might be different, our passion and

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understanding of current issues shouldn't be underestimated. We want to be a force that contributes significantly to positive change.” Your Harris ohana looks forward to following your career and life goals, Marienne!

Submitted by Wally Wake

Lori Kaneshige



If you notice a quiet but steady presence on the mauka side of the sanctuary each Sunday morning, give a warm aloha to new member Lori Kaneshige! After attending

Wahiawa UMC since 1979, Lori decided to search for a church home closer to where her dad, Corky, recently moved. Other family members include daughter, Rika, sister Sheri, brother in law, Wes and their children Mia and Ian. During this interview, Lori mentioned the talents of her niece, Mia, who is an accomplished violinist and played frequently at Wahiawa UMC. Since 2022 Harris has seemed to fit their needs!

“Being a nurse for over 30 years has taken me through the continuum of the profession and exceeded my expectations.” Look at her resume’..... Med-Surg RN, home care RN, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Gerontologic Nursing, and RN Manager with Kuakini

Medical Center; Director of Nursing at Blood Bank of Hawaii; RN Coordinator for Pediatric Hematology / Oncology / Stem Cell Transplant at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children.

With that work history, It’s amazing that she has any free time, but when the occasions arise, Lori likes to watch K dramas, eat (especially noodles and cooked fish), and see the world! Her trips have taken her to many countries - the US mainland, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, England, France, Germany, Amsterdam, Switzerland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Australia, New Zealand. Lori says she could definitely live in Singapore, Sydney, Lucerne or anywhere in Japan! But we’re glad your home is here in Hawaii!

The UH Manoa School of Nursing Alumni Board, and Wakaba Kai Alumni Association Board have counted on Lori to volunteer for their events and fundraising. She has also participated in various church activities such as Sunday School teacher, preparing sacraments, and general "worker bee". We hope you will find your special volunteer niche here at Harris!

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" is Lori’s favorite Bible verse. We pray that you will prosper and find your future at Harris!

Submitted by Wally Wake

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Worship Service



Harris Youth Praise Band on February 25th.



Jogakuin University Choir performing "Oh Happy Day". *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto*



Tree of Hope Update ♥

The huge banyan tree charred by the wildfires in Maui is sprouting new green leaves, giving hope all was not completely lost in the flames.



Recent Photo Of Lahaina Great Banyan Tree



Upcoming

Harris Ohana Fun Day is Mar. 10th



Be sure to mark your calendars for **Sunday, Mar. 10** when another Harris Ohana Fun day is planned for immediately after worship from **12-2 pm**. The purpose is to have lunch, socialize and get to know each other better. A couple of games are planned that will guarantee laughter!

A different type of lunch is planned! For those who are unable or prefer not to cook, we will be purchasing Costco pizza and ask for your monetary contribution to help cover the cost. In addition, for those who are able, we would like to invite you to make (or purchase) a salad or sushi so we can have our own salad/sushi bar. You can anticipate ice cream sundaes for dessert! Questions? See Rene Ohta or Wally Wake. ALL ARE WELCOME and bring a friend!

Lenten Offering



We are now in the season of Lent, a time to reflect on the journey of our Lord to the cross. You are invited to join and participate in the Lenten Offering which continues

through **Palm Sunday, March 24**. Through your offerings during this season, you are fulfilling the mission goals of Harris to make a difference in our community. Donations can be placed in the offering box or online at: <https://harrisumc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/lenten-offering>

UMCOR Request



The situation between Israel and Gaza is a complicated and tragic situation which not only has resulted in injury and deaths of thousands but is affecting the Palestinians in the West

Bank in major life threatening ways; lack of employment, decreasing access to food, transportation and health care. Rev Mike Yoshi spoke during Sunday's worship service two weeks ago and brought his personal knowledge of one of the villages in the West Bank so affected. This village is a project supported through the UMC Advance of associated with UMCOR. If you would like to support the needs of this village during this crisis situation, please write out a check to Harris UMC with a memo: Advance 3021565 Wadi Foquin Narjes or donate online: <https://harrisumc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/umcor-wadi-foquin-narjes>

Upcoming

Holy Week Services & Easter Potluck!

Join us for the following special services:

Palm Sunday, 3/24 @ 10:45am

Maundy Thursday, 3/28 @ 5:30 pm

Good Friday, 3/29 @ 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday, 3/31 @ 10:45 am

Please join us for fellowship and a Potluck Luncheon after Worship on Easter Sunday. Haoa will be organizing the luncheon this year and will be providing hams. He will have a sign-up sheet in the courtyard before Worship for those who wish to provide a dish, salad, or dessert to accompany the ham.

It's a "go" for Rummage Sale 2024

HARRIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CORNER OF NUUANU & VINEYARD

RUMMAGE SALE

April 20, 2024

9:00am to 12:30pm



*Proceeds to support Harris UMC Ministries
Call 536-9602 for more information

God is good...at our Feb. 12, 2024 meeting with the leadership of our last Rummage Sale who were present, the enthusiasm to hold a

Rummage Sale 2024 was amazing. The positive aspect is of course the interaction with each other as we worked together and our outreach efforts to our community; and hopefully provide a "mentorship" program with our future leaders. Monies raised is to support our ministries. The work week starts on **Grubby Monday, April 15th** and of course, Rummage Sale Day will be on **Saturday, April 20th 2024**.

As you and/or friends are downsizing or clearing out your closets, please consider donating your clean and usable items to the Harris Rummage Sale. Yes, for the Rummage Sale, we accept clothing and shoes. Yes, people are already bringing donations and placing them on the stage in Miyama Hall; however it would be wonderful if you can bring during the work week, however if not, please check with the Church Office to be sure the staff is available to open Miyama Hall to put donations on the stage or in the containers in the parking lot.

Come and join us. Volunteers to work/help in the various Sections are always welcome. Hold the date...More information will be forthcoming in the April Newsletter.

If any questions, contact Annette Okimoto or Sachi Taketa.

Christian Education Scholarship Program

Applications for the Christian Education Scholarship Program of Harris United Methodist Church through the Harris Foundation are available 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**.

Visit <https://harrisumc.org/spiritual-formation-ministries/> for more information on the scholarship, application, eligibility and submission requirements.

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=VTItYm1jbjFYM29vQ1h3ZzgyYWZJUTO9>



Meetings & Events

3/2 @ 10:00 am Church Council, ZOOM
3/3 @ 5:00 pm Evening Worship, Sanctuary
3/10 @ 12:00 pm Harris Ohana Fun Day, Miyama Hall
3/12 @ 5:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting, Room 10
3/19 @ 6:30 pm Trustees, ZOOM
3/24 10:45 am Palm Sunday, Sanctuary
3/26 Kuhio Day- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
3/26 @ 6:00 pm Finance Committee, ZOOM
3/28 Maundy Thursday
3/29 Good Friday
3/31 @ 10:45 am Easter Sunday

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 **Mar. 25** 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.



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