

Nu' u Vineyard News

JUNE 2024



Harris UMC choir during worship service on Trinity Sunday, May 26th. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto*

Mahalo for Your Continued Support!

Thank you for joining us for worship in May. Please join us for June worship services with UMCOR Sunday on June 2nd and Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 9th!



Big mahalo to guest speaker Erin Hawkins, Cal-Pac Conference Director of Connectional Ministries who delivered the message on Pentacost Sunday, May 19th.



Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto our missionary in Japan, gave a Mission Moment on Mother's Day, May 12th.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris UMC Ohana,

As we prepare to celebrate and recognize our Graduates on June 9, I am aware of how important education is for everyone. At Harris UMC, the Spiritual Formation Ministry is the committee that oversees all the educational activities and events at the church. These range from fellowship and fun activities, to learning to play the Ukulele, to Bible study groups and Sunday School for all ages. The history of Sunday School is a regular school that would teach English to those whose first language was not English on Sunday morning, to help them navigate a new culture in a new, unfamiliar language, for getting a job and being successful in a new place, and often a new country. In addition to English and other basic education, Bible study was included, since, after all, we were -- and are -- a church.



What a great opportunity this is to remember that we can be life-long learners. There is so much new information about almost everything that it can be overwhelming, but we also have many ways of learning about the world, our selves, our work, and the church and our faith. I remember when I first learned about anthropomorphism -- a long word that simply means we see God through our own human experience and eyes, giving God attributes that we see around us in our own lives. As United Methodists, we are encouraged to ask questions about our own experience of God -- God as creator, God as spirit and comforter, God as redeemer -- and what that means for us. At the core is our faith, our understanding of God as the One Source who is unconditional love and acceptance, creator of all we know. And then we use our reason, our knowledge of Biblical scholarship to explore our experience God and God's grace in our own time and context.

Church and faith is an exciting, inspiring experience when we are curious about how God is leading us and guiding us at the center of our lives. It is exciting to be life-long learners on our faith journey. As we celebrate our graduates at the ending of one phase of their education, and starting a new beginning as they go on for another level of education or for work, I encourage all of us to also celebrate our faith journeys, and how we continually learn and grow as people of faith.

May God bless you all,
Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

June Worship Services

Sunday, June 2
UMCOR Sunday
2nd Sunday After Pentecost
with Communion
Service @ 10:45 am
Mark 2:23-28

Sunday, June 9
Graduate Recognition Sunday
3rd Sunday After Pentecost
Service @ 10:45 am
2 Timothy 1:3-7
“Gifts of Joy and Faith”

Sunday, June 16
Father’s Day / 4th Sunday After Pentecost
Service at 10:45 am
Mark 2:31-32
Guest Speaker: Davy Lee

Sunday, June 23
5th Sunday After Pentecost
Mark 4:35-41
“Stilling the Storm”

Sunday, June 30
6th Sunday After Pentecost
2 Corinthians 8:7
“A Few of My Favorite Things”

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Updates

Worship Services



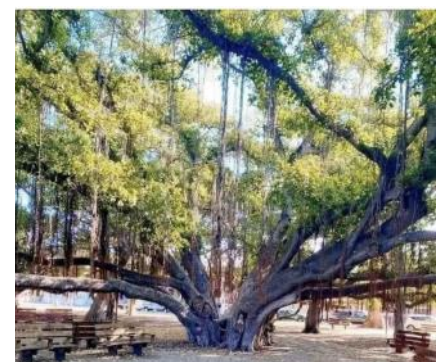
Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.



Jo Tanimoto delivers the message "Cut it Out" on Trinity Sunday, May 26th.



Tree of Hope Update



The Harris UMC Tree of Hope and a recent picture of the Maui Banyan Tree.



We Will Miss You!

Best wishes to Natalie Nimmer as she moves to the Marshall Islands to work as an educator/administrator.

Updates

Sandwich Ministry



For more information on the Sandwich Ministry please contact humc.sandwich.ministry@gmail.com.

Harris Preschool



Harris Preschool students enjoying Kona Ice to celebrate a student's birthday.



Harris Preschool teachers at Keiki Kingdom during Teacher Appreciation Week on May 10th.



The students create leis for May Day and present one to Uncle Davy.

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

Updates

Meet the Harris UMC Organist

Kaori Kawabuchi

In past years, newsletter articles have focused on learning more about our Harris staff. Since that time we've welcomed two new people to our ohana. This issue of Nu'u News



interviews features Kaori Kawabuchi, church organist/pianist. Our July issue will highlight Rev. Fran Wiebenga as she begins her second year of appointment to Harris.

Kaori's name has a beautiful meaning in Japanese Kanji...sing and harmony! How appropriate for our pianist/organist! She relates that she inherited her mother's love for music - "it brings us a lot of joy and fulfillment."

A native of Kawasaki City, Japan, Kaori's mother enrolled her in the renowned Yamaha Piano school from the age of 3! She continued to study piano and pipe organ in college. To pursue her passion for music she took a leap of faith and moved to various locations worldwide: Maui, Sydney, New York and finally Oahu, leaving behind her parents and younger brother who still live in Japan.

Her work experience is extensive! She has been a wedding pianist, school teacher, director of choirs, played Gospel music, and keyboard for some well known bands, has entertained on cruise ships and performed as a lounge artist. Her career in Hawaii reached

a highlight when she was nominated for the prestigious Na Hoku Hanohano Award as a favorite entertainer. Her Christmas album was named the best of the year! It was a true turning point in her musical career.

When asked about how she came to Harris UMC, Kaori described looking for a church in town, since she doesn't drive and wanted a place closer to Kakaako where she and her son, Orion, lives. She saw an online advertisement from Aiea UMC and contacted Pastor Sam who referred her to Harris. Initially, she served as our substitute organist but when the vacancy occurred in March of 2023, she was interviewed and hired as our staff organist in April.

Kaori's free time is spent near the ocean, watching the sunsets, getting together with her son and her friends for a soulful kanikapila session. Her favorite place to vacation is Thailand and she is looking forward to visiting the Pacific countries of Samoa, Tonga and Tahiti in the near future.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 are her favorite Bible verses. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Finally, Kaori sends this message to our Harris ohana"Mahalo gozaimasu for welcoming me into the Harris family."

Submitted by Wally Wake

Updates/Upcoming

Harris Youth



Harris UMC Youth outing to Dave & Busters on May 26th. The Harris UMC Youth & Children's Sunday school will be on break for summer and return in August.



Mahalo!



Thank you Davy Lee for repairing the church office door.

Church Clean Up

Thank you and mahalo for the recent Church Clean Up!! Big Mahalo to AARP-Hawaii for their tremendous turn out and tremendous work to: Clean Windows in the Sanctuary, Miyama Hall, Classrooms; vacuum pew cushions, and cleaning tabletops and bookcases for all the Classrooms; A delicious and economical lunch was provided by Vice Chair Jason Ohta; Another Church Clean Up has been scheduled: **November 16, 2024 9:00am to Noon**; Mahalo and Aloha!! Davy Lee, Your Trustees Ministry Team.

Evening Worship



Join us for evening worship **Sunday, June 2nd at 5:00 pm**. Jo Tanimoto will deliver the message "Love One Another-Part 2" based on John 15:9-14. Potluck dinner to follow.

Upcoming

Summer Intergenerational Ukulele



Let's have fun and learn to play the ukulele with Uncle Davy! Meet in Miyama Hall at 9:15 am beginning **June 2**. We would appreciate ukuleles not being used to loan to those

who don't have one. You may drop them off to the church office during the week or bring them to church on Sunday. Please be sure to place your name on your instrument.

Ages 8 to seniors: beginners, experienced and all those in between are welcome to make music to Praise God! Invite friends ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!

Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 9



We will recognize our graduates on **Sunday, June 9** during 10:45 a.m. worship! Please let us know of upcoming graduates (including preschool;

elementary, middle, and high school; college; and training programs) in your family.

Pictures and a brief bio about your graduate are welcome... email to

Rene: rene@ohta.us by **June 1**. We look forward to celebrating with you!!"

Multimedia Volunteers Needed



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

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!



The Lois Balsley Scholarship Application is Now Open

Lois Balsley Scholarship: Available to graduating high school seniors preparing to enroll in a two- or four-year college, or vocational school in the fall of 2024.

The Foundation Grant Committee will determine the number and amount, of awards based on the applications received. Applicants must be active members of a United Methodist Church within the boundaries of the Annual Conference. Deadline to apply is **June 20, 2024**. Please share this opportunity with youth in your congregation.

You can access the application by clicking on the following link: [CLICK HERE TO APPLY FOR THE LOIS BALSLEY SCHOLARSHIP.](#)

Please email Nia Bailey with any questions or concerns at: nbailey@cpumf.org.

Ongoing Ministries

Evening Worship

Evening worship meets the **first Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm** in the Sanctuary with a potluck following service. Contact Davy Lee for more information.

Royukai

The Royukai Senior Fellowship meets on the **3rd Thursday of every month from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm** in Komuro Lounge. Contact Jo Tanimoto at the church for more info.

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

On break for summer. Will resume in August. Contact Aunty Rene at rene@ohta.us for more details.

Youth Sunday School 6th -12th

On break for summer. Will resume in August. Contact Skylar Yamamoto for more details.



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

6/2 @ 10:45 am UMCOR Sunday, Sanctuary

6/9 @ 10:45 am Graduate Recognition Sunday, Sanctuary

6/11 KAMEHAMEHA DAY-Office Closed

6/11 @ 5:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting, Room 10

6/19 JUNETEENTH—Office Closed

6/20 @ 6:30 am SFM, ZOOM

6/20 @ 9:30am Royukai Senior Fellowship

6/25 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 July newsletter by Monday, **June 24th** 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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