

# Nu' u Vineyard News

AUGUST 2024



Harris UMC celebrated its 136th Anniversary on July 14th.

## Mahalo for Your Support!

Thank you for joining us for worship in July. Please join us for August worship services with a special Lahaina Remembrance Service on 8/4 and Peace with Justice Sunday with guest speaker Joni Chun on 8/11.



Harris Confirmation classmates from years ago: Shirley Moriwaki, Susan Shea, Doug Robertson and Leisha Bento on July 14.

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# A Message From the Pastor

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Aloha Harris Ohana,

I have been watching the summer olympics as much as possible, and — as always when I have the privilege of watching these super athletes — I am impressed and inspired. The Olympics are not just about competition, or the prestige of being an olympian. At its best, most ideal, the Olympics are about bringing people together from around the world to present the best of their country and to learn from one another. Each athlete has a story about what it takes to be the very best, and to be ready for the olympic games: talent and ability, but also the interest, determination and resilience to practice and hone their abilities.



As I listened to the stories of the athletes and how much effort it has taken to be an olympian, and how much they have had to overcome, I wondered if we can benefit from that desire to be the very best as we live out our Christian faith. This is not a competition, but we all have spiritual gifts that we can develop and use.

Spiritual gifts are listed by the apostle Paul in I Corinthians 12. Paul reminds the people that although we have different gifts, they all come from the same Spirit, activated by the same God, for the common good. Just as an athlete who is good at basketball will not be a good gymnast, nor the other way around, we all have different abilities and gifts that can be used on our faith journey. The important thing to remember is that all our gifts can be used as we grow and mature in our faith. Just like an athlete, our gifts take practice and determination, and often the resilience to overcome obstacles.

Our gift may be in planning and leading worship, in preaching or teaching, in administration and finance, in music, or mission. We practice not to beat out the competition, but with the knowledge and wisdom to understand that we are all on the same team. Our goal is lofty and sets a high bar. It is to love one another as Christ loves us, and to bring peace and goodwill to all people. It will take all we have to practice for that goal every day. It will take effort, our interest, and determination and resilience when we face obstacles. But we can do it — because we do not practice under our own power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are called by God and the Risen Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and the grace and love of God surrounds and upholds and blessed us always.

May God's blessings surround and uphold you each day,

Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga



# August Worship Services

Sunday, August 4  
11th Sunday After Pentecost  
with Communion  
Service @ 10:45 am  
Guest Speaker: Judy Cramer  
*God Was There*  
II Corinthians 12:9-10

Sunday, August 11  
Peace with Justice Sunday  
12th Sunday After Pentecost  
Service @ 10:45 am  
Guest Speaker: Joni Chun, Director of Susannah Wesley  
Community Center  
*Like a Lei, We Are Connected*  
Matthew 25:34-40

Sunday, August 18  
13th Sunday After Pentecost  
Service at 10:45 am  
*The Gift of Wisdom*  
I Kings 3:5-15

Sunday, August 25  
Christian Education Sunday and Confirmation  
14th Sunday After Pentecost  
Service at 10:45 am  
John 13:34-35 and 15:16-17  
Micah 6:8

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# Updates/Upcoming

## Worship Services



On April 7, 2024 Harris United Methodist Church came together to help support Boy Scout Troop 101 by providing monetary donations for its 2024 Discount Camp Cards. Each card provides users discounts from several local stores listed. The donations received support the Boy Scouts of America. The funding is utilized for leadership activities, camping trips, and educational opportunities.



Yuto Mata greeted parishioners after church and was inundated by a number of families. In fact, he ran out of cards and the donations kept pouring in. Almost \$260 was donated

that day to BSA. Troop 101 would like to thank Harris United Methodist Church and the beautiful people who support our wonderful island.

~ Submitted by Felix Mata

## Harris Preschool



Preschool students on the last day of school, Aloha Attire Day, July 19th.



Ms. Liz, Ms. Tasha, and Mr. Bryan on July 19th.

Harris Preschool Open House is August 6th by appointment and the new session starts on **August 7th**. Contact Tasha at [harrispreschoolhi@gmail.com](mailto:harrispreschoolhi@gmail.com) for more information or visit <https://harrisumc.org/preschool/>



# Upcoming

## Lahaina Remembrance Service



Everyone is invited to Harris United Methodist Church to join in the commemoration of the Lahaina Fire this **Sunday, August 4, 2024**, at the 10:45am Worship Service. Our speaker will be Judy Cramer, who will open the worship service with Oli Aloha. Her witness, "God Was There," is an incredible miracle story of how God led her family out of the flames to safety.

Special music will be Lahaina Luna by the Ukulele Fellowship, with hula dancers; worship will end with Hawaii Aloha. Lahaina was known for restaurants that served noodles, so everyone is also invited to a fellowship lunch with noodles and sandwiches in the social hall following the worship service. Please come for this time of remembrance and healing as we continue to support our Lahaina ohana.

## Evening Worship



Join us for Evening Worship, **Sunday, August 4 at 5:00 pm** in the Sanctuary with a potluck following service. Jo Tanimoto will deliver the message "Two Easy-Peasy Words" based on Psalm 118:1.

## Peace Bell Ringing



# HIROSHIMA PEACE BELL RINGING

**August 6th, 2024  
at 9:00 am**

Join us for a time of reflection and remembrance of the victims of the Hiroshima nuclear bombing in 1945.

**Harris United Methodist Church Courtyard  
20 South Vineyard Blvd., Honolulu, HI 96813**

[www.umchurch.com](http://www.umchurch.com)

## Diaper Donations

Joni Chun, director of Susannah Wesley Community Center will be our speaker on **August 11**, Peace with Justice Sunday. SWCC serves the community of Kalihi. Please bring diapers, size 4 or 5 to donate to the center. Thank you for your continued contributions of canned goods for the center.

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# Ongoing Ministries

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## 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](mailto: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 9:00 am in room 3. Contact Aunty Rene at [rene@ohta.us](mailto: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.



## 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

8/4 @ 10:45 am Lahaina Remembrance, Sanctuary

8/4 @ 5:00 pm Evening Worship

8/6 @ 9:00 am Hiroshima Peace Bell Ringing, Courtyard

8/7 New Preschool Session Starts

8/8 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM

8/11 @ 10:45 am Peace with Justice Sunday, Sanctuary

8/14 @ 6:00 pm Foundation Quarterly Mtg.

8/15 @ 9:30 am Royukai Senior Fellowship

8/15 @ 6:30 pm SFM

8/27 6:00 pm Finance Committee

Visit the HUMC Facility calendar: <https://harrisumc.org/facility-calendar/> for more events.

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# General Information

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## 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 September newsletter by Monday, **Aug. 26th** to Erin at [admin@harrisumc.org](mailto:admin@harrisumc.org)

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## 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](https://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](mailto: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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