

Nu' u Vineyard News

SEPTEMBER 2024



Youth Praise Band performs during worship on Peace with Justice Sunday, August 11th. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto*

Mahalo for Your Support!

Thank you for joining us for worship in August. Please join us for worship as we kick off our Stewardship Campaign on September 8th. A celebration potluck will be held on September 29th.



Mahalo to our guest speakers Judy Cramer (left) and Joni Chun (right) on August 4th and August 11th.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris UMC Ohana,



Traditionally, at least when I was growing up, it was the day after Labor Day, which is always the first Monday in September, when summer vacation for schools officially ended, and we went back to class. Even though that tradition is long gone, and schools begin earlier, it is still the tradition in the United Methodist Church to begin our fall programs in September. Sunday School and the Youth Programs, and our Choir, begin again on September 1, along with ongoing programs such as the soup ministry and the Ukulele Fellowship. Our Stewardship Program will begin on September 8 and end on September 29 by dedicating Pledge Cards in the morning worship service, and a celebratory potluck in Miyama Hall.

Now, more about the Stewardship Program. We have chosen “Flourish: The Grace of Giving” as the theme. “Flourish” comes from the theme of the 2024 Annual Conference this past June. The theme of “Flourish” came to life through the Praise Band and their song “Flourish” written for the conference, our speakers, and even the legislation. I think everyone who was at the conference came home inspired and excited about the church and ministry.

So, when it came time to choose a theme for our Stewardship Program, we immediately decided to build on the Annual Conference theme. I found out recently that our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Tom Choi, is also using the theme “Flourish” for our Hawaii District in 2024-2025. Truly, the Annual Conference this year was a powerful statement and experience of God’s joyful presence which we do not want to let go of.

We Flourish in the church, and we respond to God’s grace and care for us, with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. I will include these in my sermons during September. In addition, we will show slides to highlight a few of the ongoing ministries of the church, which are supported by our financial gifts: the soup ministry and the sandwich ministry, which are ministries of mercy; the Basketball Clinic with the UH Wahine Basketball team, which is an outreach ministry of service to our community middle schools; and the Pride Parade, which is a witness to the community.

We give thanks for all those who participate in these and all the other ministries of the church, and the opportunity to support them throughout the year with our gifts as we Flourish together.

Mahalo nui loa!

Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

September Worship Services

Sunday, September 1
15th Sunday After Pentecost
with Communion
Service @ 10:45 am
James 1:17-27
Gifts from Above

Sunday, September 8
Stewardship Begins: FLOURISH-The Grace of Giving
16th Sunday After Pentecost
Service @ 10:45 am
II Corinthians 8:7
The Grace of Giving

Sunday, September 15
17th Sunday After Pentecost
Service at 10:45 am
Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11; Matthew 6:5-13
Prayers and Presence

Sunday, September 22
18th Sunday After Pentecost
Service at 10:45 am
Matthew 5:13-16
Is there a place for me?

Sunday, September 29
19th Sunday After Pentecost
Stewardship Celebration
Service at 10:45 am
Micah 6:8; Matthew 25:34-40
Mercy and Justice

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Updates

Worship Services



Harris Intergenerational Ukulele Fellowship joined by Caitlyn Yoshina-Nguyen and Jessica Inouye members of la Sorellanza, a community chorus for treble voice; Noelani Goldstein, Hula Instructor.



Rev. Wiebenga and Rev. Matsushita on August 4th, Lahaina Remembrance Worship Service.



Jacce Mikulanec and Karen Ginoza on Peace with Justice Sunday, August 11th. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto*



Diaper donations for the Susannah Wesley Community Center.

Updates/Upcoming

Hiroshima Bell Ringing



The peace bell was rung in the courtyard on August 6th to commemorate the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima.

Royukai Senior Fellowship



The Royukai Senior Fellowship Group has been meeting for over 135 years (with the

exception of 3 years during the pandemic) making it possibly the oldest ministry of Harris UMC. We are back in full swing! Please join us for fun, crafts, and games on the third Thursday of every month from 9:30 am to noon in Komuro Lounge. Lunch will be served.



Crafts and lunch on July 18th. Photo Credit: Jo Tanimoto.

Upcoming Activities

September 19: Learn the craft of dying silk scarves. No experience necessary; all materials will be provided. Please let Marlene F. know if you are coming so enough supplies will be available, as well as lunch which will be served afterwards. Please RSVP via message at the church office. (808) 536-9602.

October 17: A speaker from the Honolulu Police Department will be speaking on "Senior Safety and Scam Awareness". Please RSVP to JO at the church office (808) 536-9602 so we can assure that we can accommodate everyone for lunch.

See you there!

Upcoming

Evening Worship



Join us for Evening Worship, **Sunday, September 1 at 5:00 pm** in the Sanctuary with a potluck following service. Davy Lee will deliver the message "Light of God" based on II Corinthians 4:5-12.

Stewardship: FLOURISH



As memories of summer fade and we look forward to serving our community in the fall months, your Stewardship team invites everyone to our September worship services! The chosen theme, Flourish, has many meanings - to thrive or grow vigorously, to succeed and do well. These are our hopes for the 2025 Stewardship program that will determine the direction of our church!

Beginning **September 8**, and each Sunday thereafter we will hear a special speaker from our ohana who have agreed to share thoughts about Grace in Giving.. We anticipate the rebirth of our chancel choir with a special anthem on **September 29, STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**, directed by Jordan Goto. So dust off your vocal cords and join us in joyful singing!

On September 29 after worship, a celebratory

pot luck luncheon will be held in Miyama Hall. No signups will be necessary because we know what tasty surprises await us at Harris potlucks!

Your Stewardship team: Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga, Iris Kushima, Jeff Yamamoto, Wally Wake.

Pre-sale Pies



Pick up days will be Sunday, **Sept 15 and Sunday, Oct 13**. Orders taken on Sept. 1 and Sept 29 and Oct 6. Order with Lorraine Kadooka. Choose from apple, pumpkin, and pecan; 9 inch and 6 inch sizes available.

Wahine Basketball Clinic



Annual UH Wahine Basketball Clinic for middle school students will be held **Sept. 20** at the Nu'uauu Y Gym. As we have in the past, our Harris Wahine faithful will make bentos for all participants. You can help by donating any of the following: spam (original), bag of cuties, chips (small snack size), bottled water (16 oz), monetary donation (please make check payable to Harris UMC and "Outreach Fund" in the memo.) Donations may be brought to the church kitchen labeled "Basketball Clinic". Please place checks in the Offering Box. The last day to make donations will be **Sept. 15**. Contact Cheryl Yamamoto or Diane Matsuura for any questions. MAHALO for your generosity!

Upcoming

The Bazaar is November 2nd

HARRIS MISSION BAZAAR



9:00 am
to
1:00 pm

The Bazaar date is fast approaching and we still need a chair for the KauKauKorner in the Rear Courtyard (hot dogs, etc.). If you can help, please contact Dennis at 808 488-7591. Please join in this FUN EVENT!

Peace Bell Ringers



Learn to ring the Peace Bell! You are invited to ring the bell for Sunday Worship at 10:45 am and Special Events. Please consider this act of worship. Contact Davy Lee after

worship or email dlee78@hawaii.rr.com.

Diaper Donations are still Welcome



Diapers Size 4-5 are still being accepted for the Susannah Wesley Community Center. They can be left at the church office.

Choir Rehearsals Return



Join the choir and rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Miyama Hall with Jordan Goto.

Ho'ike Pono Hawai'i Acts of Repentance UPDATE

Sunday, September 22 at 5 pm
at Harris UMC and on Zoom

Come and learn what the task force has been doing, what happened at General Conference and what are the hopes for the future. AOR members will present the latest scholarship on Hawaiian History, relevant current issues, and try to answer any questions you may have about the United Methodist Church's Apology to Native Hawaiians.



Please register at <https://forms.gle/R4HAQjhR2zeYg3oFA> by September 15 for in person or online attendance. A Zoom link will be sent to you. Call Pastor Amy at 808-561-2260 with any questions.

Cal-Pac Learning Lab



The [Cal-Pac Learning Lab](#) is a series of webinars designed to equip clergy and lay leaders with the essential skills and knowledge needed to sustain and grow their ministries. Starting the week after Labor Day, the fall session will include trainings on HR practices, Charge Conference forms, SPRC, and governance models.

Registration Link: <https://calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/learninglab>

For more information, please contact Communications Director Dr. Alyssa Fisher at afisher@calpacumc.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.

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 **2x a month** and is always seeking volunteers. 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 9:00 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 for more details.

Youth Sunday School 6th -12th

Sundays at 9:00 am in Room 16. 1st Sunday: Bible Study with Aunty Diane, 2nd & 3rd Sundays: Youth Praise Band with Skylar Y., 4th Sunday: UMYF with Uncle Keven.



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

9/2 Labor Day-Church Office Closed

9/8 @ 10:45 am Stewardship: Flourish, Sanctuary

9/10 @ 5:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting, Room 10

9/12 @ 6:30 pm Worship Ministry, ZOOM

9/19 @ 9:30 am Royukai, Komuro Lounge

9/19 @ 6:30 pm SFM

9/21 @ 10:0 am United Women in Faith, Miyama Hall

9/22 @ 5:00 pm Hawaii Acts of Repentance Update, Miyama Hall

9/24 @ 6:00 pm Finance Committee

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 October newsletter by Monday, **September 23rd** 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 indicate your chosen Sunday of dedication and the name of the honoree on the sign up sheet located at the rear of the Sanctuary, or email or call the church office (at admin@harrisumc.org or 808-536-9602). We suggest a donation of \$48 to our Altar Flowers Fund, but it is not required. You may send a check with the memo "Altar Flowers" or donate online at harrisumc.org/



Contact Us!

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