

Nu'u Vineyard News

OCTOBER 2024



Uh Wahine Basketball Clinic at Nuuanu YMCA on Sept. 20th. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto. Continued on Page 4.*

Mahalo for Your Support!

Thank you for joining us for our September Stewardship Campaign. Please join us in October for World Communion Sunday on Oct. 6, Laity Sunday on Oct. 29, and the Harris UMC Mission Bazaar on Nov. 2!



The altar in the Sanctuary during the Stewardship Campaign FLOURISH: The Grace of Giving. Week 1 vs. Week 4.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha,

As I look at the Liturgical Calendar — similar to but not quite the same as our yearly calendar — I have a new appreciation for October. Usually it gets sandwiched between September, which often brought the traditional excitement of the beginning of the school year, and fall activities ramping up after summer vacation; and Thanksgiving and Christmas. October was a holding place where not much happened until October 31 and Halloween, or All Hallow's Eve, which brought us into All Saints Day on November 1.



However, this year I am experiencing October as a time to prepare. To pay attention. To be ready for November and December. We set the stage for that preparation on October 6 with World Communion Sunday. In the midst of what is almost overwhelming, constant news of war and violence, real terror and destruction and human suffering, and misinformation that seeks to confuse and confound us, World Communion Sunday brings us the good news that God is present all over the globe, for everyone. We may not see God at work, but God is there, ready to welcome us with healing and hope, if only we “turn our eyes upon Jesus.”

Christians around the world unite in celebrating God's presence in the open table where all are welcome. We celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month, but in October we give witness that we celebrate as a global community. Speaking out with millions of others will, I hope, inspire us to stay faithful to Jesus' message of peace and justice in the midst of all the misinformation and violence that is thrown our way. We give witness to God present in all we experience; a God reaching out to all with a message of peace and goodwill. This message is grounded in the common elements of bread, and juice or wine, that we share as we remember Jesus's giving of himself. On World Communion Sunday we give witness to Christ's reality of hope.

I urge all of us to use this “between time” of October to prepare for all that is coming our way before the end of the year. We might read Matthew chapters 24 and 25. We might meditate on other favorite Bible passages. We might redouble our intention to start the day with a devotional time with the Upper Room. And, be assured, the more we flood the environment with prayers for peace, words of encouragement, gratitude for what is good and right and just, and our intention to live in hope, we will not only be strengthened in our own faith, but we will make a difference for others we meet along the Way.

Blessings to all,

Rev. Dr. Fran Wiebenga

October Worship Services

Sunday, October 6
World Communion Sunday/20th Sunday After Pentecost
Service @ 10:45 am
Psalm 26 (CEB)
God's Faithful Love

Sunday, Oct. 6
Evening Worship/Animal Blessing
Service @ 5:00 pm
Genesis 1:1-2:4 and Psalm 148
Remembering Saint Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 13
21st Sunday After Pentecost
Service @ 10:45 am
Luke 10:25-37
Loving Your Neighbor, or The Good Samaritan

Sunday, October 20
22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Service at 10:45 am
Guest Preacher: Rev. Rona Mangayayam

Sunday, October 27
Laity Sunday/Grubby Sunday
Service at 10:45 am
Mark 10:13-16
... With Deep Appreciation

Photo by Aaron Burden on Unsplash

Updates

UH Wahine Basketball Clinic



Sachi Taketa and Carole Suzui on Spam preparations in the Kitchen on Sept. 20th.



The Y gym was alive with the sound of bouncing balls and cheers from middle schoolers from the After School All Stars programs at Ke'elikolani, Washington, Kalakaua, Jarret, the Y youth program and youth from KKV. With the Wahine players and coaches there were at least 100 participants! Mahalo for your support!

Christian Education Sunday



Christian Education Sunday worship service on Aug. 25th. Congratulations to Elise Midori Ohta, Nanami Mariacela Mata, and Yuto Juan Mata!



Updates

Pie Presale Preparation



The Harris UMC kitchen on Sept. 19th for Pie Presale Day. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto*

Worship Services



Stewardship worship service on Sept. 22nd.



The Harris Fellowship Choir with Director, Jordan Goto singing The Gift of Music: “May Gifts, One Spirit” on Sept. 29th.



Stewardship Celebration Potluck after worship service in Miyama Hall on Sept. 29th.

Mahalo to the expanded Stewardship team. Harris is so blessed with many talented, spirit filled volunteers and we want to recognize these team members by name! Avis

Updates/Upcoming

Nakamoto, Rene Ohta, Jeff Yamamoto, Cheryl Yamamoto, Iris Kushima, Mahe Vaka'uta, Erin Takahashi, Glenda Tali, Haoa Morris, Jo Tanimoto, Jason Ohta, Rev. Fran Wiebenga, and Wally Wake,

These folks were visionaries, planners, witnesses, implementers and committed to see the future of Harris UMC FLOURISH in 2025! Thanks be to God!

Harris Preschool



Harris Preschool fire drill on Sept. 9th.



The preschool students get a visit from The Honolulu Police Department on September 20th.

Royukai



Silk scarf dyeing in Miyama Hall on Sept. 19th with lunch in Komuro Lounge.



The next Royukai Senior Fellowship will be on Oct. 17th @ 9:30 am in Komuro Lounge for the HPD Senior Scam Awareness presentation. Contact Jo Tanimoto at the Church Office for more information.

Upcoming

Animal Blessing



Proverbs 12:10a “The righteous know the needs of their animals”

Please join us for an Animal Blessing on **Oct. 6th @ 5:00pm** in the courtyard. All are welcome to bring their beloved pets to be blessed. Please make sure that your loved ones are either in carriers or on a leash.

Pre-sale Pies



Pick up day is **Sunday, Oct 13.**
Order with Lorraine Kadooka.

	<u>9 inch</u>	<u>6 inch</u>
APPLE	\$18	\$8
PUMPKIN	\$16	\$7
PECAN	\$20	\$10

Bazaar Showers

Oct. 6 & 13 in the courtyard before worship. Needed items: soda and water, white flour, white sugar, butter (lots and lots of butter), eggs, Ziplock bags, brown paper lunch bags, napkins 7 chop sticks. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make your check payable to **Harris UMC** and marked “Bazaar”. Thank you for giving.

The Bazaar is November 2nd

HARRIS MISSION BAZAAR



9:00 am
to
1:00 pm

The Harris Bazaar is **Nov. 2nd from 9am-1pm.** Come check out the produce, pies, baked goods, used books, toys, sewn items, plants, silent auction and more!

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.

Join us for Bible Study

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Komuro Lounge with Brian Maeshiro. Topics to be covered:

Is Heaven Real?

When Prayers Go Unanswered.

Why Do The Innocent Suffer?

Anyone can join at anytime. You don't have to read the book or have come to earlier discussion groups.

Choir Rehearsals Return



Join the choir and rehearse on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am** in Miyama Hall with Jordan Goto.

Charge Conference Forms are Available



The Harris UMC Charge Conference will be held Sunday, **November 24th at 12:00pm** after morning worship service. Harris UMC Chairs please see the Charge Conference forms at <https://www.calpacumc.org/chargeconference/>

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

10/6 @ 10:45 am World Communion Sunday, Sanctuary

10/6 @ 5:00 pm, Animal Blessing, Courtyard

10/8 @ 5:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting, Room 10

10/10 @ 6:30 pm Worship Meeting, ZOOM

10/17 @ 9:30 am Royukai Senior Fellowship, HPD Senior Scam Awareness, Komuro

10/17 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM

10/19 @ 5:00 pm Honolulu Pride Parade

10/20 @ 10:45 am Worship Service with Guest Preacher: Rona Mangayayam

10/27 @ 10:45 am Laity Sunday/ Grubby Sunday, Sanctuary

10/29 @ 6:00 pm Finance, 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 November newsletter by Monday, **October 28** 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

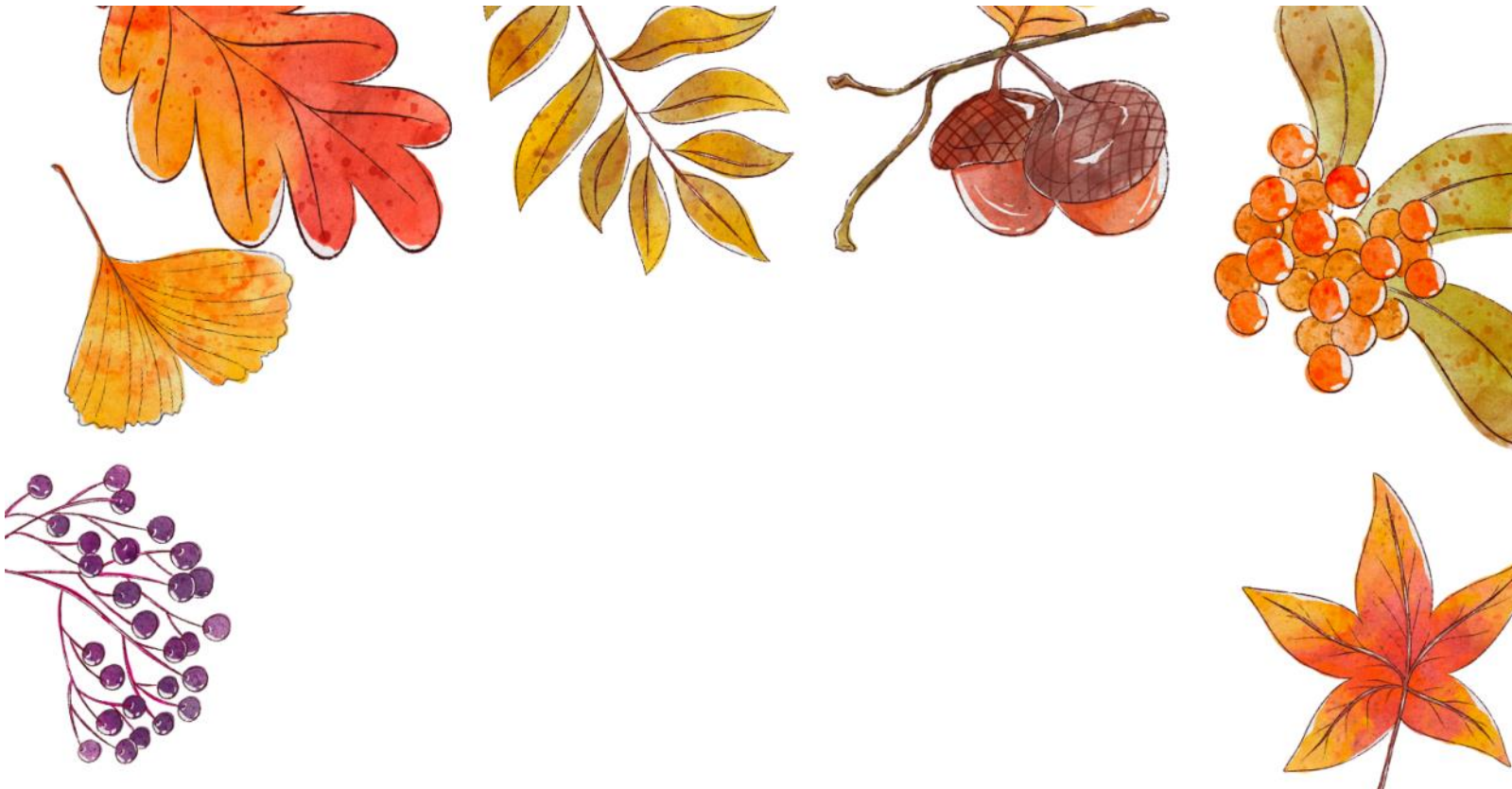
The Ushers and Greeters team needs volunteers for the 10:45 am Sunday worship services. Ushers are the first people that the church attendees and visitors meet when they come to Harris UMC. If you enjoy making people feel welcome, you'll be a great usher! Contact Mel B. at 808-536-9602 or email info@harrisumc.org.

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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