

Nu'u Vineyard News

NOVEMBER 2024



Honolulu Pride Parade on October 19th. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.*

Mahalo for Your Continued Support!

Thank you for attending October worship services and events. You are invited to the Harris UMC Mission Bazaar on Nov. 2nd, All Saints Day Service on Nov. 10th, and Thanksgiving Sunday on Nov. 24th!



October 19th: Honolulu Pride Parade. *Continued on Page 4.*



October 20th: Mahalo to Guest Preacher, Rev. Rona Mangayayam!

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris UMC Ohana,

This year, I have been thinking of November as a month of Thanksgiving. Even if we look forward to Thanksgiving Day, it might require advance preparation for inviting friends or family, deciding on a menu for a dinner, or making travel arrangements. Entering into a month of “Thanks-living” seemed like a great idea several weeks ago. However, as I once again tune into the news and hear hateful language against different ethnic groups, as I sort out misinformation and seek to find the real truth and facts about what is going on in our country and the world, experiencing November as a month of Thanksgiving — a whole month of Thanks-living — has become infinitely more challenging. So what to do? How do I (we) navigate these weeks without losing our own soul?



I first went to the Psalms, looking for the words of lament by people who had been deported: “By the rivers of Babylon we sat down and wept . . . on the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth . . .” I found these words in Psalm 37. Our situation is different, yes. No one has been deported — yet. However, the feeling of loss and despair hit home. How can I be happy, how can I give thanks, in the midst of all the deliberate vitriol and distraction? It would be so easy to become angry and disillusioned about — well, about everything. About life. About church. About God.

But as I paged through the Psalms looking for the one about weeping on the banks of the river, I also found both other Psalms of Lament and Psalms of hope and encouragement.

With the psalmist, I experienced my despair:

Psalm 22:1 “My God! my God why have you forsaken me?” (NRSV)

Psalm 17:1 “Listen to what’s right, Lord; pay attention to my cry!

Listen closely to my prayer; it’s spoken with lips that don’t lie!” (CEB)

Psalm 102:1-2 “Lord, hear my prayer! Let my cry reach you!

Don’t hide your face from me in my time of trouble! Listen to me!” (CEB)

And with the psalmist, I also found comfort and hope:

Psalm 23:1 “The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.” (CEB)

Psalm 25:1-2 “To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust . . .” (NRSV)

Psalm 31:1 “In you, O Lord, I seek refuge.” (NRSV)

Psalm 34:1 “I will bless the Lord at all times;

God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.” (NRSV)

Psalm 89:1 “I will sing of your steadfast love O Lord, for ever. . . .” (NRSV)

Somehow, all that helped. The psalms came alive in a way I have never experienced before; perhaps because I have never experienced the kind of despair this political season has wrought. As we go forward into November, I encourage everyone to seek refuge in the psalms, or other readings that might be helpful, to find hope so that we can truly be healed from any political or personal trauma. God’s steadfast love is there for us, and will help us move into a month of true “Thanks-living.”

May God bless and keep you,

Rev. Fran

November Worship Services



Sunday, November 3
24th Sunday After Pentecost
Service @ 10:45 am
Mark 10:46-52
Changing Directions

Sunday, November 3
Evening Worship
Service @ 5:00 pm
Mark: 27-38 NRSV
Who Do You Say?

Sunday, November 10
All Saints Day / 25th Sunday After Pentecost
Service @ 10:45 am
Revelation 21:1-6
Signs of Our Love

Sunday, November 17
26th Sunday After Pentecost
Service @ 10:45 am
Hebrews 10:22-25
Holding On

Sunday, October 24
Thanksgiving Sunday/Christ the King
Service at 10:45 am
Colossians 3:12-17
Giving Thanks
Potluck at 12:00 pm in Miyama Hall with
Charge Conference to follow in the Sanctuary

Photo by Prchi Palwe on Unsplash

Updates

Honolulu Pride Parade



UMC Pride Parade trolley on October 19th.



World Communion Sunday



Glenda Tali, Rev. Fran Wiebenga and Mel Billingsley on World Communion Sunday, October 6th.



Updates

Pie Presale



The Harris UMC kitchen on October 13th for Pie Presale Day #2. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto*



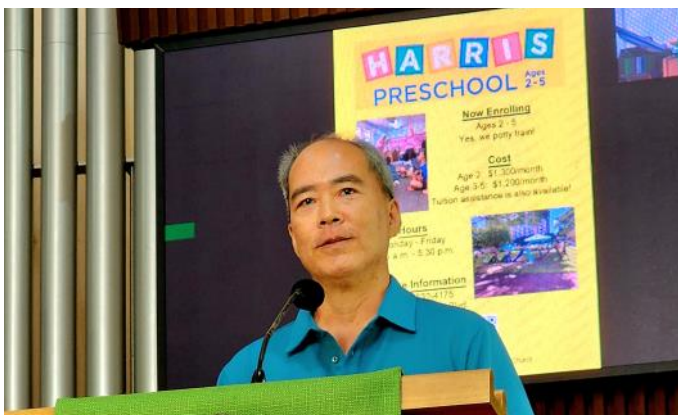
The Harris Fellowship Choir performs the Gift of Music "I Believe" by Mark Miller on October 27th.

Harris Preschool



Honolulu Fire Department visit to Harris Preschool on Oct. 4th. Students toured the truck and shot water out the fire hose.

Laity Sunday



Raude Nagaishi gives a presentation on Harris Preschool during worship service on Laity Sunday, October 27th.



Field Trip to Aloun Farms on October 25th.

For more information on Harris Preschool, contact Tasha at harrispreschoolhi@gmail.com or visit <https://harrisumc.org/preschool/>

Updates

Interesting facts about new member

Elise Midori Ohta



Her first name, Elise, means God's promise. Midori is the name of her maternal grandmother and means "green" in Japanese. Born in Los Angeles, Elise and her family came

to Hawaii and Harris 10 years ago and have been active in our ohana, "a nice community," since then!

Elise's favorite subject at Kawanakoa Middle School is math because she likes to work with numbers and feels it can help people in many ways in the real world. Her current career goal is to be a math teacher because she likes to help and teach others.

Here are more "Did You Know?" facts about Elise.....One special talent that she has is playing the viola. After learning to play the instrument for three years, perhaps we could entice her to provide a Gift of Music for one of our worship services! Cooking with dad, Jason and making gnocchi are more ways she likes to spend her free time as well as reading and building Legos. Her preferred place to eat is Restaurant Suntory, a Japanese restaurant in Waikiki. Japanese cuisine is her favorite!

When asked about her experience as a volunteer, Elise cites working at the refreshment stand during the Harris Rummage Sale and Missions Bazaar. We have often seen Elise as a liturgist during our worship services.

The next inquiry is about her favorite vacation spot. The city of Boston tops Elise's list for

several reasons. Boston holds a lot of history from early America, and she recommends a visit to Plymouth Rock and the Monument to our Forefathers. Boston is also known for its clam chowder and Boston Cream pie at the Omni Parker House. YUM!

Every new youth member is asked the same question. What would you like adults to know about today's teenagers? Here is Elise's response: "Teenagers want to be treated like everyone else: to be treated with respect and to earn more responsibility. We want to be seen."

Mahalo, Elise, for helping us get to know you better and welcome into the ohana of Harris United Methodist Church!

Submitted by Wally Wake

Royukai Senior Fellowship



HPD Scam Awareness Presentation on October 17th.

The next Royukai Senior Fellowship will be on November 21st @ 9:30 am in Komuro Lounge. Contact Jo Tanimoto at the Church Office for more information.

Upcoming

HARRIS BAZAAR

20 South Vineyard Blvd, Honolulu, Hi 96813
808 536-9602



NOVEMBER 2, 2024
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



**PIES, FRESH PRODUCE, BAKED GOODS, USED BOOKS,
WHITE ELEPHANT, TOYS, SEWING ITEMS, ARTS AND
CRAFTS, SILENT AUCTION, PLANTS, QUILTS, KITCHEN
WEAR, CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, SOFT DRINKS, MANGO
CHUTNEY AND JELLIES**



BRING YOUR OWN BAG



Upcoming

Evening Worship



You are invited to Evening Worship, **Sunday, November 3rd at 5:00 pm** in the Sanctuary with a potluck following service. Davy Lee will deliver the message “Who Do You Say?” based on Mark:27-38 NRSV.

All Saints Day

Sunday, Nov. 10 has been chosen as All Saints Day, the special worship service when we honor and remember the saints that have gone before us since October 2023. If there is a loved one you would like remembered, please call or email Erin at admin@harrisumc.org and provide the full name of your saint, date of passing, and a photo as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday, Nov. 4**.

Church Clean Up



The next Church Clean up is scheduled for **Saturday, Nov. 16th from 9:00 am—12 pm**. Mahalo for your support. Contact Davy Lee, Trustees Chair for more details.

Interfaith Service 2024

The 63rd Nu’uanu Valley Interfaith Service will be held on **Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 7:00 pm at Community Church of Honolulu** which is located at the end of Nu’uanu Ave, not far from Harris. Our theme is “Transcending Our Differences, Bringing Joy and Unity”. The following faith communities are participating: Baha’I Faith, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Community Church of Honolulu,

First Unitarian Church, Harris UMC, Hawaiian Church of Hawai’i Nei, Honpa Hongwanji, Nu’uanu Congregational Church, Muslim Faith, Soka Gakkai International, Temple Emanu-El, United Church of Christ-Judd St. Harris will have children, youth and adults participating. Come and join this truly amazing collaboration of faith communities in what may be the longest running Interfaith service in the US!

History of the Nu’uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The very first service, then called the Union Thanksgiving Service, was held in 1960. The Rev. Paul Wheeler, then Rector at St. Clements Episcopal Church, invited interested clergy to plan the service. Also among the first group were:

- Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Kyodan
- Rev. Harry Komuro, First United Methodist Church
- Rev. Frank Ricker, First Unitarian Church of Honolulu
- Rabbi Roy Rosenberg, Temple Emanu-El
- Rev. Ernest Shinkaku Hunt, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
- Father Joseph Turk, St. Stephen Catholic Church

From the outset, it was truly an interfaith endeavor. Rev. Wheeler was to give the sermon at that first service; but at the last minute, he came down with a cold. So Rev. Ernest Shinkaku Hunt read Rev. Wheeler’s text – a Buddhist subbing for an Episcopalian. In

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1964, Bishop Fujitani was the first non-Jewish speaker in the Synagogue. More recently, the Imam from our local mosque called the faithful to prayer for the first time ever, anywhere in a Jewish Synagogue.

Every year (except 1962) since 1960, the religious leaders of the Nu'uau Valley (mostly) have planned and organized a Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, passing the hosting around from one religious community to another. We have reason to believe it is the longest running truly interfaith service ever, anywhere! (from the memories of Bishop Fujitani and Rev. Gene Bridges)

Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch



Come Celebrate and Give Thanks!! Plan to stay after worship on **November 24**, for a festive Thanksgiving potluck in Miyama Hall. Turkey and dressing will be provided, so bring your favorite holiday side dish of a vegetable, salad and/or dessert for a time of Thanksgiving fellowship around the table.

Those participating in the Charge Conference will be able to leave at 1:00pm for the Sanctuary.

Don't know what to bring? Questions? Find Haoa Morris, who is our official Fellowship Coordinator and Event Planner.

Harris Charge Conference

The Harris UMC Charge Conference will be held Sunday, **November 24th at 1:00pm** after morning worship service. Harris UMC Chairs please see the Charge Conference forms at <https://www.calpacumc.org/chargeconference/> Completed forms are due **Nov. 12th**.

Grieving During the Holidays



Wesley UMC invites you to join in a zoom presentation called "Let's Talk Story About Grieving During the Holidays" on **Tuesday, November 19 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm**.

To register, please click here or see the attached flyer at the rear of the Sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please contact Wesley UMC at (808) 737-3444 or at wesleyumchawaii@gmail.com.

Kupuna ID with HPD



Get your free kupuna or keiki ID on Sunday, **December 1st** immediately following worship service in Komuro Lounge. The Senior Safety Card is meant to only provide additional information to emergency responders, it is not to protect from any injury, harm, or garner any special treatment.

Advent Candles



Sunday mornings during Advent, Dec. 1, 15, 22 and Christmas Eve (Dec. 8 is already spoken for), we will light the Advent Candles while we wait again for the Christ Child. If you would like to light the candles on one of these days, please see Rev. Fran or Worship Chair Jo Tanimoto, or call the church office at 808-536-9602. Arigato.

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.

Choir Rehearsals

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

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=VTltYm1jbjFYM29vQ1h3ZzgyYWZJUT09>



Meetings & Events

- 11/2 @ 9:00 am HARRIS BAZAAR, Entire Campus
- 11/6 @ 1:30pm Leadership Selection, ZOOM
- 11/8 @ 9:30 am Visitation 10:00 am Service Celebration of Life: Kitty Robertson
- 11/9 @ 10:00 am Church Council, ZOOM
- 11/10 @ 10:45 am All Saints Day, Sanctuary
- 11/11 @ Veterans Day-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 11/13 @ 6:00 pm Foundation Meeting, ZOOM
- 11/14 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM
- 11/16 @ 9:00 am Church Clean Up, Entire Campus
- 11/21 @ 9:30 am Royukai Senior Fellowship, Komuro Lounge
- 11/21 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM
- 11/24 @ 12:00 pm Thanksgiving Potluck, Miyama Hall
- 11/24 @ 1:00 pm Harris Charge Conference
- 11/26 @ 6:00 pm Finance Committee, ZOOM
- 11/26 @ 7:00 pm Interfaith Service, CCH
- 11/28 Thanksgiving-Church Office Closed
- 11/29 Day After Thanksgiving-Church Office Closed

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 December newsletter by Monday, **November 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

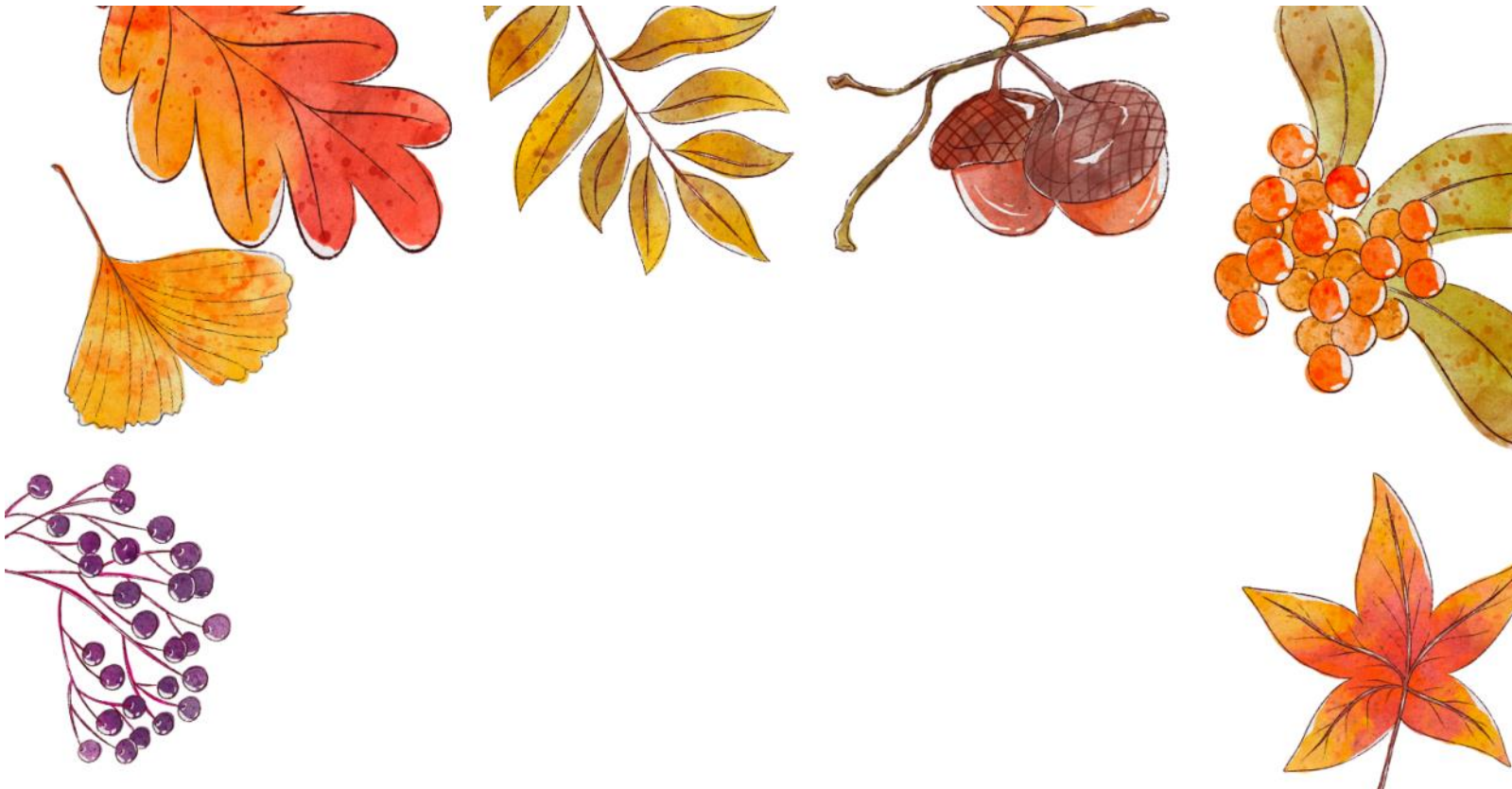
The Ushers and Greeters team needs volunteers for the 10:45 am Sunday worship services. Ushers are the first people that the church attendees and visitors meet when they come to Harris UMC. If you enjoy making people feel welcome, you'll be a great usher! Contact Mel B. at 808-536-9602 or email info@harrisumc.org.

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 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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