

Nu'u Vineyard News

JULY 2025



Rev. Fran's last worship service on June 29. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto. Continued on page 4.*

You Are Invited to July Services and Events

Mahalo for attending June worship services and making Rev. Fran's last Sunday a special event. We look forward to seeing you at our July worship services as we welcome Rev. Lea Booth to Harris UMC!



A Message From the Pastor

Dear Harris Ohana,

Aloha!

I am the Rev. Lea Booth—please call me Pastor Lea or Rev. Lea, whatever you like best!--and I'm overjoyed to begin our ministry together this month. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and all you do here at Harris as well as out in the world, and in learning all I can about this church, its history, its people, and the neighborhood and wider community in which we live and work in building God's kin-dom here in Honolulu.



Josh, August, and Pastor Lea.

I want to thank Rev. Dr. Fran, Lorraine Kadooka and the SPRC, and the staff, volunteers, and members here who have made my family and me feel so welcome as we transitioned from San Diego. Y'all greeted us, fed us, made sure we had a place to stay, helped enroll our daughter in preschool, and invited us into the community even before I was officially your pastor. You have made this huge change easy and enjoyable, and we are grateful to you and for you!

I was born and grew up in Jacksonville, Florida to parents who were also born and grew up there. I was baptized and confirmed in the United Methodist Church there, and because my mom was a worship leader and choir director, I call myself a "PK lite"--much like preachers' kids, my brother and I were in church a lot, and we moved churches several times as well. I also attended Roman Catholic schools for much of my life, giving me an early education in religion and church history that has served me well as I pursued my call to ministry.

I joined the United States Marine Corps in 2004 and became a helicopter crew chief, and was stationed in San Diego in 2005. After three deployments in four years—including the 15th MEU in 2008 when I visited O'ahu for the first time—I decided to leave active service, and that's when I discerned a call to ordained ministry in the UMC. I received my Master of Divinity degree from Drew Theological School in 2017 and was ordained an Elder in 2023. I have served churches in La Jolla and in the middle of San Diego, and now I'm here with you!

My husband Josh grew up in San Diego County, and never lived anywhere else until moving here in June! We met in 2009, were married in 2019, and have a three-year-old daughter, Aggie (short for August), who loves church.

We are delighted to be here, and are looking forward to all the good things that God is doing and will do at Harris UMC. Mahalo for welcoming us. We can't wait to get to know you.

In peace,
Pastor Lea

July Worship Services

Sunday, July 6 @ 10:45 am

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Showing Up with Open Hands

Evening Worship @ 5:00 pm

Lay Speaker: Davy Lee

Sunday, July 13 @ 10:45 am

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Luke 10:25-37

Showing Up for Each Other

Sunday, July 20 @ 10:45 am

6th Sunday After Pentecost

Luke 10:38-42

Showing Up in the Moment

Friday, July 27 @ 10:45 am

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Luke 11:1-13

Showing Up in Prayer

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Updates

Rev. Fran's Last Service



June 29. Photo Credit: *Greg Yamamoto*



New members Scott and Cheryl Marlow on June 22, the 2nd Sunday After Pentecost.



Congratulations to Harris Organist, Kaori Kawabuchi, for winning the 2025 Na Hoku Award.

Updates

Worship Services



Graduates on Graduation Recognition Sunday June 8.

Avery Toyozaki Baptism



7th Sunday of Easter on June 1.



May 30.

Kauluwela Elementary



Harris Youth fly doves for Pentecost Sunday on June 8.



Brian and Skylar giving out Oreos and stickers from Harris UMC at the Kauluwela Elementary School Ho'ike on May 23.

Updates

Harris Preschool



The Harris Preschool students present Rev. Fran with a lei during her last visit on June 18.

Open house is on the 1st Friday of every month. No appointment necessary, stop by anytime between 8am - 5pm. Call 808-532-4175. To learn more about Harris Preschool, visit <https://harrisumc.org/preschool/>

Did you know there's a prayer called the "I don't know" prayer?

You just go off Somewhere quiet and hidden
and you walk right up to the heart of God
and you say, "I don't know."
I don't know where to go from here.
I don't know how to process this.
I don't know what to do with these emotions.
I don't know how to handle this situation.
It covers a lot of I don't knows.
And then with Whateverdusty little sand
grain of faith you have, you say. But You
know."
And you leave it there.
God most certainly hears that prayer
I find myself praying this prayer often.
Amen if you're thankful.
Let us disappoint the enemy by declaring,
"God is great."

Welcome Jeff and Jean Yamamoto, our new Greeter & Usher Coordinators



Aloha from Loretta Shinobu Igarashi-Montgomery



This muumuu is perfect in so many ways. It goes with my plumeria bracelet and earrings. I sang with some friends in high school and we called ourselves, "The Flowers." Each of us picked a flower to be our stage name and I was going to be "Plumeria." Thank you.



Harris UMC members support Kaori Kawabuchi, Pianist at Empire Steak House on June 4.



Harris United Methodist Church's Sanctuary Ministry

Honolulu,
Hawai'i

Contact us at
hisanctuarynetwork@gmail.com

Harris UMC's Sanctuary Ministry supports our immigrant neighbors as they navigate our challenging immigration system. Since 2017, we have coordinated an informal **Hawai'i Sanctuary Network**, which includes other congregations and community members who wish to assist immigrants in our state.

We have directly supported approximately 50 immigrants, mostly mothers and their children. Our clients are referred to us by clinics that provide free legal services, including The Legal Clinic at First UMC.

We provide plane tickets, rides, lodging, and other support to immigrants from neighbor islands who must travel to Honolulu for their immigration hearings and appointments, or if they have been released from detention and are in need of a place to stay.

We have also developed an immigrant accompaniment manual, as well as co-hosted a citizenship fair and several panel and community discussions about immigration policies.

We are blessed to have a very supportive and generous congregation who enable us to do this work!



Updates/Upcoming

Ac 2025 Recap

Legislative Highlights: We voted on the ratification of four proposed amendments to The United Methodist Constitution. Results of the denomination-wide votes will be announced in the fall.

- We passed the 2026 conference budget.
- We passed a resolution to stand with our immigrant neighbors.
- We passed a resolution to begin a process to divest from fossil fuels.
- We passed a resolution to commit to not renewing military leases on O’hau.
- We did not amend the way apportionments will be calculated, and instead passed a recommendation to do further study into a new calculation formula for the coming year.



Legislative Highlights: Bishop Escobedo-Frank challenged us to be miracle workers, monster slayers, waymakers, light bearers, truth seekers, love givers, and cherish peddlers.

Intergenerational Summer Sunday Fun—Seeking Peace Together



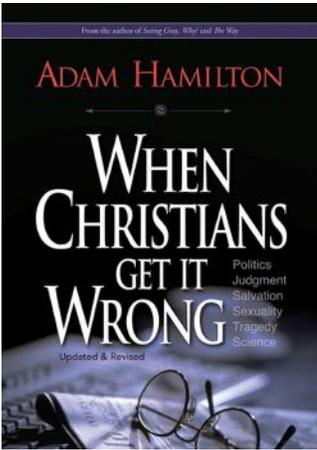
We had a great time in June exploring how we can seek peace with God, within ourselves, and with others through fun games and activities! Mahalo to our awesome June leaders: Isabel & Elise, Aunty Marlene, Aunty Avis, Aunty Kelly & Thiele ohana, and Aunty Karen G!

Come join us at 9:30am on Sundays in Miyama Hall in July! Mira will lead our session on July 6, followed by Praising God with Movement with Aunty Mel on July 13, 20, and 27.



Upcoming

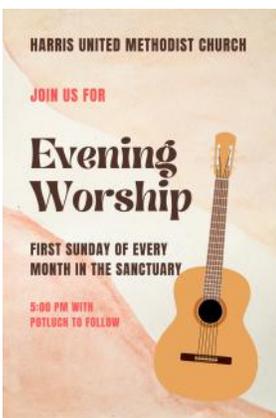
Book Study: When Christians Get It Wrong



Sundays in July, 9am-10am with Brian Maeshiro in Komuro Lounge. No Homework – No Required Reading. Join us for a thoughtful and engaging book review. Topics for discussion include: When Christians Are Unchristian Christians,

Science, and Politics. When Speaking of Other Religions. When Bad Things Happen, In Dealing with Homosexuality, When Christians Get It Right. This is a flexible, come-as-you-can Sunday gathering—feel free to join us whenever you are available! We'll watch segments from the course DVD together and engage in meaningful discussions.

Evening Worship



Please join us for Contemporary Worship next Sunday, **July 6 at 5 pm**, followed by a potluck dinner. Davy Lee will deliver the message.

Royukai Senior Fellowship

The next Royukai fellowship will be **July 17 @ 9:30 am**. Contact Jo at the church office for more information.

A Mural Speaks

Workshop to be held in **August** at Harris UMC on Aina Aloha.

Many artists worked collaboratively to create a mural which depicts the hurts in the history of Hawaii. The front of the mural shows HOPE in the "aina." The back of the mural shows pain in red.

Stay tuned for updates on this event.



Help us collect **10,000 diapers (sizes 4 & 5)** by July 31st

COLLECTION INFO

- July 1-31
- Monday - Friday
- 9am - 4pm

808-847-1535

1117 KAILI STREET

The Next Church Clean Up



Mark your calendars! The trustees have set **November 15 from 9 am-12 pm** as the next Church Clean Up day. Mahalo for your support!

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

On break for the summer. Will resume in August.

Youth Sunday School 6th -12th

On break for the summer. Will resume in August.



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

7/1 @ 10:00 am Bishop Awards, Sanctuary

7/4 INDEPENDENCE DAY-CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7/6 @ 10:45 am Rev. Lea Booth's first Sunday, Sanctuary

7/6 @ 5:00 pm Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

7/10 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM

7/17 @ 9:30 am Royukai Fellowship, Komuro Lounge

7/29 @ 6:00 pm Finance Committee, ZOOM

View the calendar online: <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

For the August 2025 newsletter, please submit any info by **Monday, July 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 \$60 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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We Are Social!



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