

Nu'u Vineyard News

OCTOBER 2025



UH Wahine Basketball Clinic at the YMCA on September 26. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto. Continued on page 5.*

You Are Invited to October Services and Events

We look forward to seeing you at our October worship services including World Communion Sunday on Oct. 5th and Laity Sunday on Oct. 19th. Grubby Sunday is Oct. 26th where we prepare for the Bazaar on Nov. 1st.



Presale pies on Sept. 21. The next Presale Pie day is October 12! Contact Lorraine Kadooka.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris 'Ohana,

As we conclude our stewardship season, I want to pause and say a heartfelt **thank you**. Your pledges and commitments are not just numbers on a page. They are acts of generosity, gratitude, and trust. Each one represents a prayer that God will continue to guide and provide for our church family. I am deeply grateful for the generosity and hope you have shown. If you haven't pledged yet, I invite you to consider doing so as an act of faith in God's promise to fill us to overflowing.



Even as we look with hope toward the future and move into the excitement of fall with the Bazaar, Halloween, All Saints' Day, and everything else that's coming up, there might be a disconnect. The world around us might seem to be getting dimmer all the time. BUT: that's only part of the story! There is good news happening everywhere, every day, and I think we could use a few doses of good news. Throughout this month, we'll draw from Paul's letter to the Philippians as well as stories of success, generosity, and invention here at home and around the world to reflect on how God is at work among us.

Like Paul, I thank God for you. You are an inspiration and a comfort to me. It is a joy to know you and to serve Christ alongside you.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lea', written in a cursive style.

Pastor Lea

October Worship Services

Sunday, October 5 @ 10:45 am
World Communion Sunday
17th Sunday After Pentecost
Thanking God
Philippians 1:3-11

Evening Worship @ 5:00 pm
Lay Speaker: Jo Tanimoto
Nurturing the Seed
Matthew 13:31-32

Sunday, October 12 @ 10:45 am
18th Sunday After Pentecost
Standing Firm
Philippians 1:27-30

Sunday, October 19 @ 10:45 am
Laity Sunday
19th Sunday After Pentecost
Serving Humbly
Philippians 2:1-11

Friday, October 26 @ 10:45 am
20th Sunday After Pentecost
Pressing On
Philippians 3:12-16



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Updates

Worship Services



Presentation of Action Bibles on Christian Education Sunday, Aug. 31.



Communion Sunday on Sept. 7.



Sept. 14 Blessing of 100 Reentry backpacks, for distribution at prisons, community health centers, programs, and shelters and housing for the incarcerated being released and in Reentry.



Rev. Lea Booth on Sept. 7, Stewardship Kickoff.



Recognizing Harris UMC's child care hires, Chloe Wilks and Selena Shi, during worship service on Sept. 14.

Updates

Wahine Basketball Clinic



Church & Society: Workers, NOT Billionaires!



Harris Church members on Sept. 1 at the "Workers, Not Billionaires" rally organized by Indivisible Hawaii and the ACLU Hawaii to protest policies perceived as favoring the wealthy over working-class families. Protesters addressed issues such as the rising costs of housing, food, and healthcare, and the loss of federal jobs. Concerns were also raised regarding immigration enforcement.

Updates

Anita Malama



While home on Kauai, Mel Billingsley visited Anita Malama who is a resident at the Kauai Care Home in Waimea. She gave Anita a candle holder that was made by the Harris Youth.

Anita was happy to hear about her many friends at Harris UMC. She truly misses the Bible studies and fellowship. We reminisced about the many activities that she had organized especially the trolley rides through downtown Honolulu during the Christmas holidays and returning to Harris to eat a bowl of saimin or eat pizza and drink hot chocolate. Her Pentecost decorations in the sanctuary with balloon creations were outstanding! At the Care Home, Anita attends weekly Bible studies and participates in activities as she is able.

Anita sent her love and aloha to her Harris UMC family.

Submitted by Mel Billingsley

Harris Preschool



Harris Preschool students visit with the Honolulu Police Department on Sept. 19.



Stewardship Celebration



Stewardship celebration potluck on Sept. 28 in Miyama Hall.



OCTOBER 19, 2025

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Honpa Hongwanji
1727 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96813



LIVING TRUTHS

The injustices taking place, with the targeting of immigrant communities across the country, and the deceit about its purpose is intolerable. It is essential for those in our community to remember - understand - that this has occurred in the U.S., including Hawaii, at another time in history. Fundamental to the culture in Hawaii is an appreciation for diversity and equity. The haunting unwarranted and unacceptable injustice experienced by Japanese Americans through forced removal and incarceration is being repeated, through the disruptive brutality by federal agencies arriving unannounced and physically forcing the capture of people. We must expose the travesty and similarity of what is occurring now with what once occurred.

FEATURED SCREENING **FAREWELL TO MANZANAR**

Farewell to Manzanar is a 1976 made-for-television film based on the book by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston. The movie tells the story of Jeanne Wakatsuki's experiences as a Japanese American child imprisoned with her family at Manzanar during World War II, exploring themes of resilience, identity, and family.

4:30pm Doors Open/Refreshments

5:00pm Program Begins (5pm-8pm)

PANEL SPEAKERS

- **Josh Houston** - Son of Filmmaker
- **Tina Sablan** - Immigrant Advocate
- **Carole Hayashino** - President Emerita, JCCH
- **Ken Inouye** - 442nd Legacy Center
- **Logan Narikawa** - Moderator

SPONSORS

- **Honpa Hongwanji** – Mission of Hawaii Committee on Social Concerns
- **Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin**
- **Wesley United Methodist Church**

CO-SPONSORS

- **Allies in Resistance** • **JACL Honolulu**
- **UH Retirees Ohana** • **Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii**
- **Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce**



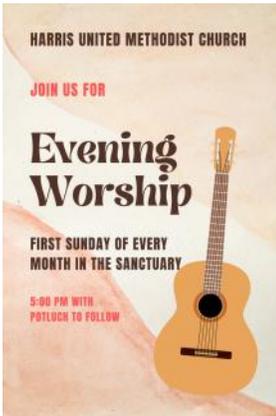
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Upcoming

Evening Worship



Please join us for Contemporary Worship next Sunday, **Oct. 5 at 5 pm**, followed by a potluck dinner. Jo Tanimoto will deliver the message "Nurturing the Seed" based on Matthew 13:31-32.

Vital Conversations on Immigration



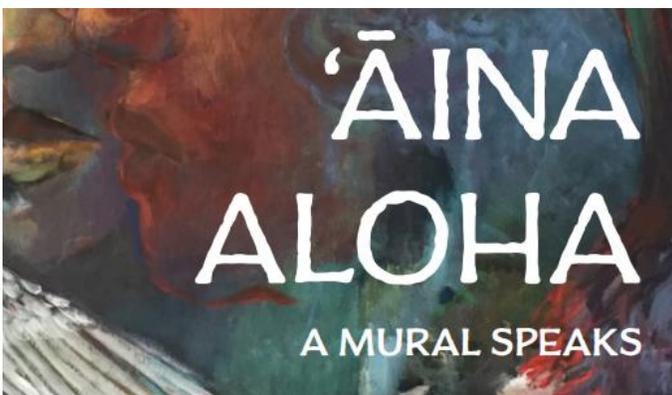
Wesley UMC is hosting "Vital Conversations on Immigration" on Mondays for 5 weeks starting **October 6 at**

6:30 pm HST via zoom.

Zoom Invitation Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81678156998>

For more information contact Pastor Amy Wake at pastoramywake@gmail.com.

Aloha Aina Mural Workshop



You are invited to the Aloha Aina Mural Workshop with Meleana Meyer. **Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 am—12:00 pm** in Miyama Hall. Light potluck lunch to follow.

Presale Pies



The next Presale Pie Day is **October 12**. Apple, custard, and pumpkin pies. \$20 for 9 inch and \$10 for 6 inch. Pecan pies will be available on **Friday, Oct. 31** after 12 noon at \$22 for 9" and \$11 for 6". Members and their friends should order the pies in October since we want to sell the pies on bazaar day to the public. Contact Lorraine Kadooka.

Royukai Senior Fellowship

The next Royukai fellowship will be **Oct. 16 @ 9:30 am**. Contact Jo at the church office for more information.

Honolulu Pride Parade



The Pride Parade is **Sat., Oct. 18**. Pickup time is 2:30 pm in the church lot. The parade starts at 4:00 pm at Magic Island. There is room for 35 seated and 10 standing. Contact Karen Ginoza at ginozak@aol.com if you would like to be on the trolley.

Liturgists Needed!

If George Moriwaki at age 95 can do it, so can YOU! Accommodations can be made to fit your needs. You can share the duties with another person - one read the welcome and another read the Scripture. You can read from the pulpit or from the front pew. If you feel God is calling you to serve, please contact Wally Wake. Mahalo!

HARRIS MISSION BAZAAR

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



NOVEMBER 1, 2025
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, JELLIES**



BRING YOUR OWN BAG



Upcoming

Bazaar Showers/Grubby Sunday

The Bazaar showers will be held on Sun., **Oct. 5 and 12** in the Courtyard before morning worship. Please donate cartons of soda and water, white flour, white sugar, butter, eggs, Ziplock bags, brown paper lunch bags, napkins, chopsticks and canned goods. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make your check payable to Harris UMC and marked "Bazaar". Thank you for giving!

Grubby Sunday is **Oct. 26** and we will move items donated from the stage and room 4 to the booth areas. A light lunch will be served.

All Saints Day



Sunday, Nov. 9 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 2024. 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 no later than **Monday, Oct. 27**.

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!

Gifts of Music Needed



Looking for Gifts of Music or Song Leaders during our Sunday 10:45 am Worship. These could be a solo, group, vocal, instrumental, as God Speaks to Your Heart. If interested, please contact Davy Lee at dlee78@hawaii.rr.com.

Sing, Ring, Strum with Us!

Feel free to explore our available music ensembles!

- Fellowship Choir: 9:30-10am Sundays in Miyama Hall with Jordan Goto, wjygoto@gmail.com
- 'Ukulele Fellowship: 9-9:30am Sundays in Komuro Lounge with Davy Lee, dlee78@hawaii.rr.com
- Beginner Handbells for youth and adults: 9-10am 2nd & 3rd Sundays in Room 5 with Skylar Yamamoto and friends, playball808@gmail.com

Sanctuary Ministry



We are ready to receive personal care items, shoes/sandals, clothing and other apparel in good condition for men, women and children. In addition, donations of gas cards, gift cards from drug stores and grocery stores would be most helpful. There is secured storage available in room 4 to accept your donations each Sunday. If you would like to help in this outreach or have questions about the variety of donations needed, please contact Wally Wake, 808-383-7397.



Aloha to Faith Leaders & Congregants,

You are invited to:

**Standing with Our Immigrant
Neighbors:
How Religious Leaders & Congregations
Can Make a Difference**

**Saturday, October 4 • 9:00–11:00 AM
(HST)**

Oahu - Church of the Crossroads

1212 University Ave, Honolulu, HI

Please join us to hear Rev. Dr. David Vásquez-Levy discuss how religious leaders and congregations can support and minister to immigrants during the second Trump administration. A nationally acclaimed leader in immigration justice, Dr. Vásquez-Levy blends theological depth, faith-based advocacy, and institutional leadership to inspire religious communities toward compassionate action.

His presentation will be via zoom and followed by in-person strategy sessions focused on effective and collaborative steps specific to each island. During the strategy sessions, ministers and lay-leaders on Maui can brainstorm and plan concrete ways to support immigrants in their congregations and communities.

Please open the link below to register and please share this invitation and link with your congregation. We would like all of our community to join us in learning ways we can help our immigrant neighbors in this time that is so fraught with danger for them.

<https://www.mobilize.us/protecthawaii2025/event/843859/>

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 9:00am** in room 3. Contact Aunty Rene 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: Beginning Handbells, Rm. 5 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

10/5 10:00 am Bazaar Shower, Courtyard
10/5 @ 10:45 am World Communion Sunday, Sanctuary
10/5 @ 5:00 pm Evening Worship, Sanctuary
10/9 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM
10/11 @ 9:00 am, Aloha Aina Mural, Miyama Hall
10/12 Presale Pies, Kitchen
10/12 10:00 am Bazaar Shower, Courtyard
10/14 @ 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation Ministry, ZOOM
10/16 @ 9:30 am Royukai, Komuro Lounge
10/18 @ 2:30 pm Pride Parade Trolley, Harris Parking Lot
10/19 @ 10:45 am Laity Sunday, Sanctuary
10/26 Grubby Sunday, Entire Campus
10/28 @ 6:00 pm Finance Committee, ZOOM
10/31 Presale Pies-Pecan, Kitchen
10/31 Preschool Halloween Parade, Courtyard
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 November 2025 newsletter, please submit any info by **Monday, October 27** 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 Jeff & Jean Yamamoto at 808-536-9602 or info@harrisumc.org.

Covenant Missionaries

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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