
A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris 'Ohana,

As I write this, we are on day 30 of the federal government shutdown. SNAP benefits pause on October 31st and will not be disbursed on November 1st. If you are reading this on the day it was emailed, you may have participated in, worked, or shopped at our Mission Bazaar.

You might think these two things are unrelated, but Harris Church has a commitment to justice that is unmatched by many communities of faith across the country, and the proceeds from the Bazaar support missions—medical, economic, outreach, and evangelism—around the world. We are called to this work. You, the congregation and community of Harris United Methodist Church, are dedicated to this work.

Today we are reminded that justice and equity are not abstractions, they are ideals that are being tested every day. We can get tired and discouraged by having to toil in the same struggle over and over, and it is okay to wonder, “How long?” But we cannot turn away. You can rest if you need to. You can do something fun, learn something new, or stoke your sense of wonder to remind yourself why we’re in the struggle, to remind yourself what is the point. But we cannot turn away. Tomorrow millions of our neighbors will start to ration their food, to stretch their paychecks or their Social Security benefits to cover rent and medicine along with increasing grocery bills, and we are called to stand in solidarity with them. We are called—commanded—to help.

I hope you can find a way to ease the burden of someone who is facing the inhumanity of not being able to afford groceries because some power-hungry politicians have forgotten whose interests they are meant to serve. I hope we can find ways together.

We are committed to justice, to humanity, to generosity. Now is the time to act. I am here with you. Let’s do this.

In hope,



Pastor Lea



November Worship Services

Sunday, November 2 @ 10:45 am
21st Sunday After Pentecost / Communion Sunday

Rejoicing Always
Philippians 4:4-9; 19-20

Evening Worship @ 5:00 pm
Lay Speaker: Davy Lee
Incongruent Incongruity
2 Timothy 2:8-15

Sunday, November 9 @ 10:45 am
All Saints' Day / 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Love Boldly
1 John 4:7-21

Sunday, November 16 @ 10:45 am
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Serve Joyfully
1 John 3:16-24

Friday, November 23 @ 10:45 am
Christ the King

Lead Courageously
1 John 5:1-5

Friday, November 30 @ 10:45 am
1st Sunday of Advent

Seeing Hope
Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44

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Updates

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Worship Services



World Communion Sunday on Oct. 5.



Worship service on Oct. 19.

Presale Pies



Apple pies from the Harris kitchen on Oct. 12.



Card presented to Pastor Lea for Pastor Appreciation Month.



Lorraine Kadooka and the pie crew in the Harris kitchen Sunday morning, Oct. 12.



Mel Billingsley and Haoa Morris in Filipino dress for World Communion Sunday.

Updates

Aloha Aina Workshop



Meleanna Meyer conducted a workshop on the “Aina Aloha Mural on Oct. 11. Six artists of diverse styles and perspectives, yet united in purpose and vision created the mural. They explored a wide range of issues that surface repeatedly in the Hawaiian community.



The front of the mural depicted the Kumulipo. Kumulipo is the story an history of the beginnings of the earth according to Hawaiian traditions and values. The back of the mural in mostly “red” side depicts the hurts and betrayals of the overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom.

Meleanna opened the workshop with participants sharing information about the person who influenced our life. This mural gives us an opportunity to reflect on our own history and think about what we want to share with our families.

Submitted by Karen Ginoza



Harris Preschool



Harris preschool students visit with the Honolulu Fire Department on Oct. 10.



Harris preschool students visit Aloun Farms on Oct. 17.

Updates

Harris Preschool (continued)



Students on Friday, Oct. 24 dressed for brown day.



Students parade in the Harris UMC courtyard for Halloween on Oct. 31.



Parents and Harris members gave out candy to the students in costume.

Harris Preschool Open house is the **1st Friday of every month**. No appointment necessary, stop by anytime between 8am - 5pm. Call 808-532-4175 for more information.

Bazaar Preparations



Miyama Hall during Bazaar preparation week on Oct. 28.

BE STILL

God knows that you're tired.
He knows you're doing your best.
He knows you don't know exactly
what the future holds.

But, He sees you.

He sees you're not giving up.

He has a plan for you.

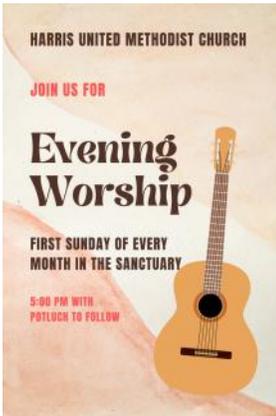
He will make a way for you.

Be still...

God will handle what you can't
handle yourself. Until God opens another
door, trust Him right where you are.
If you still trust God, Don't forget Amen.

Upcoming

Evening Worship



Please join us for Contemporary Worship next Sunday, **Nov. 2 at 5 pm**, followed by a potluck dinner. Davy Lee will deliver the message “Incongruent Incongruity” based on 2 Timothy 2:8-15.

All Saints Day



All Saints’ Day is **Sunday, Nov. 9**. Join us for a special worship service when we honor and remember the saints that have gone before us since October 2024.

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!

Royukai Senior Fellowship

The next Royukai fellowship will be **Nov. 20 @ 9:30 am**. Contact Jo at the church office for more information.

Harris UMC Charge Conference

The Harris UMC Charge Conference will be held **Sat., Nov. 22 at 10:00 am** (SPRC meets at 9:00 am). Ministry Leaders, please submit your report to Erin at admin@harrisumc.org. by Monday, Nov. 10. Harris UMC Chairs please see the Charge Conference forms at <https://www.calpacumc.org/chargeconference/> Please complete your forms by Monday, November 10. This will give us a few days to compile the documents by the district deadline.

Thanksgiving Potluck



Come Celebrate and Give Thanks! Plan to stay after worship on **November 23**, for a festive Thanksgiving potluck in Miyama Hall. Turkey and ham 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.

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

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.

Newsletter



To receive the newsletter electronically. Visit <https://harrisumc.org/newsletter/> and add name and email to the mailing list.

64th Nu'uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

You are cordially invited to

“Kahea - Calling All Peacemakers”

When:

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

7:00 PM Hawaii Standard Time

Where:

Honpa Hongwanji Temple 1727

Pali Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96813

Contact:

(808) 909-6550

Service Opportunity Fair 6:30 pm

Celebration Service 7:00 pm

Fellowship to follow

**Request for sign language
interpreter to be made by
November 19th**

There will be Live Stream Options



NVITS Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/nuuanuinterfaith>

Upcoming

Advent Candles



Sunday mornings during Advent, **Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21** and Christmas Eve 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 Pastor Lea or Worship Chair Jo Tanimoto, or call the church office at 808-536-9602. Mahalo!

Youth: Canned Food and Diapers



The Harris UMC youth group will be collecting canned food and diapers to benefit the Susannah Wesley Community Center on **Nov. 2, 9, 16** (before and after worship service). Thank you for your support!

Multimedia Volunteers Needed



Contact Scott Cervas, our Multimedia Director at multimedia@harrisumc.org if interested.

Susannah Wesley Donations

The Susannah Wesley Center is requesting the following priority items during the SNAP pause:

1. SPAM
2. Vienna sausage
3. 2lb or 5lb bags of rice
4. Any other canned protein (canned stew, tuna, chicken, etc.)
5. Saimin or other noodles

Contact info@susannahwesley.org or 808-847-1535 for more info.

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!

Know Your Rights



Join the Know Your Rights training and learn how to protect yourself and your community. This essential session will equip you with the information and resources needed to navigate quickly changing immigration policies and procedures and provide legal information for your church. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed and prepared! Know Your Rights Training, hosted by the CalPac Immigration Team

Date & Time: November 3, 4:30-6pm HST
Registration coming soon.

Please check out current resources here: <https://www.calpacumc.org/immigration/>

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

11/1 @ 9:00 am Harris Bazaar, Entire Campus
11/2 @ 5:00 pm Evening Worship, Sanctuary
11/4 @ 6:30 pm Worship Ministry, ZOOM
11/9 @ 10:45 am All Saints' Day, Sanctuary
11/11 Veterans Day-Church Office Closed
11/12 @ 6:00 pm Harris Foundation, ZOOM
11/15 @ 9:00 am Church Clean Up Day, Entire Campus
11/20 @ 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation Ministry, ZOOM
11/20 @ 9:30 am Royukai, Komuro Lounge
11/22 @ 10:00 am (SPRC 9:00am) Charge Conference, Komuro Lounge
11/23 @ 11:45 am Thanksgiving Potluck, Miyama
11/24 @ 6:00 pm Finance Committee, ZOOM
11/25 @ 7:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Honpa Hongwanji Temple
11/27 Thanksgiving-Church Office Closed
11/28 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

For the December 2025 newsletter, please submit any info by **Monday, November 24** 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 \$63 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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