

Nu'u Vineyard News

 DECEMBER 2025 



64th Annual Nuuanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto. Continued on page 5.*

You Are Invited to December Services and Events

We look forward to celebrating the advent season with you. Blue Christmas is on Dec. 21 at 5:00 pm. Christmas Eve service is Dec. 24 at 7:00 pm.



Diane Matsuura and Rev. Lea Booth on Nov. 25.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris 'Ohana,

As we move into the season of Advent and our preparation for Christmas, I want to take a moment to say how grateful I am for you all. You are truly a representation of Christ in the world, and our community, city, island, and world are better for having you in them. Mahalo nui loa for all the ways you minister to each other, to new people who come to church, to the people who need you, and to my family and me. You are a blessing.

Advent is the beginning of the church year, and as we journey together into what's next for Harris, I want to hear from you all about where you are sensing hope, where you are finding God's presence and action, what is working well. I also want to hear from you about what isn't working so well, what we could improve. I especially want to hear your thoughts—and I hope those of your friends and family who don't attend a church—how we can be more welcoming to them. What helps you feel close to God and to other people? What might help them to feel close to God and other people?

Throughout Advent and into Christmastide, we'll be “sensing hope” with our five senses, and I would love for you to share with me how you are sensing and sharing hope this season. It can be easy to fall into cynicism, to become jaded. But our hope isn't in this world, it is in the grace and power of the Risen Christ, who comes to us as a little baby at Christmas. As the great carol proclaims, he “comes to make his blessings known, far as the curse is found.”

This Advent and Christmas, I hope you can see, hear, taste, smell, and touch hope all around you in the lights and decorations, in the music and laughter, in the scents and tastes of favorite evergreens and food, and in the warmth of hugs and hands that welcome you as a beloved child of God.

I hope you had a rich Thanksgiving and I wish you a blessed, hopeful Advent and Christmas.

In peace,



Pastor Lea



December Worship Services

A SENSE OF HOPE

Sunday, December 7 @ 10:45 am
2nd Sunday of Advent / Communion Sunday
Hearing Hope
Isaiah 11:1–10; Matthew 3:1–12

Evening Worship @ 5:00 pm
Lay Speaker: Jo Tanimoto
Playing the Waiting Game
1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Sunday, December 14 @ 10:45 am
3rd Sunday of Advent
Tasting Hope
Isaiah 35:1–10; Luke 1:46–55

Sunday, December 21 @ 10:45 am
4th Sunday of Advent
Scenting Hope
Isaiah 7:10–16; Matthew 1:18–25

Sunday, December 21 @ 10:45 am
Blue Christmas
*A quiet time to acknowledge grief,
Pain, loss and receive God's comfort and love.*

Wednesday, December 24 @ 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve
Touching Hope
Isaiah 9:2–7; Luke 2:1–20

Sunday, December 28 @ 10:45 am
1st Sunday After Christmas
Embodying Hope
Isaiah 52:7–10; Luke 2:22–40

Updates

HARRIS MISSION BAZAAR



Updates

Bazaar Thank You. Thank you everyone who participated in any way to the great success of this year's Mission Bazaar – through your hard and long work in preparing for the bazaar, through your donations (both in goods and in cash) to the bazaar and through your purchases at the bazaar. All this resulted in a net amount of over \$17,000 for Mission. Again, thank you everyone who participated in one way or another. **A SUPER EFFORT FOR MISSION.**

2025 MISSION BAZAAR PROCEEDS

Booth	Pre/Post - Bazaar Donations	Bazaar Day Nov. 1	Total Gross Income	Startup Costs	Expenses	Total Expenses	Net Income
Asian-made items/Costume Jewelry	\$ 77.00	\$ 758.25	\$ 835.25	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 785.25
Baked Goods (Cookies, etc.)		\$ 545.62	\$ 545.62	\$ 100.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 495.62
Books	\$ 487.00	\$ 626.02	\$ 1,113.02	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 1,063.02
Country Store	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,146.63	\$ 2,246.63	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,846.63
Crafts		\$ 587.00	\$ 587.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 537.00
Finance Office		\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00	\$ 399.00		\$ 399.00	\$ 100.00
Fried Noodles/Hot Dogs		\$ 762.00	\$ 762.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 712.00
Kitchen Ware	\$ 85.00	\$ 1,010.54	\$ 1,095.54	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 995.54
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00				\$ 200.00
Pies	\$ 4,452.00	\$ 1,734.00	\$ 6,186.00		\$ 2,661.82	\$ 2,661.82	\$ 3,524.18
Plants	\$ 67.00	\$ 818.50	\$ 885.50	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 835.50
Refreshments (Drinks)		\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 145.00
Sewing Ministry		\$ 379.25	\$ 379.25	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 329.25
Silent Auction	\$ 1,121.00	\$ 1,947.30	\$ 3,068.30	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 3,018.30
Toys	\$ 8.00	\$ 457.26	\$ 465.26	\$ 51.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 415.26
White Elephant (including Christmas)	\$ 480.00	\$ 1,982.78	\$ 2,462.78	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 2,312.78
	\$ 8,077.00	\$ 13,449.15	\$ 21,526.15	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 2,961.82	\$ 4,210.82	\$ 17,315.33

Nuuanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



Updates

Worship Services



Worship service on Nov. 2.



Youth collect supplies for Sussannah Wesley on Nov. 2.



All Saints' Day on Nov. 9.



Handbell performance on Nov. 16.



Celebrating the Saints' who have passed since Nov. 2024.



Thanksgiving Sunday on Nov. 23.

Updates

Thanksgiving Potluck



Harris Preschool



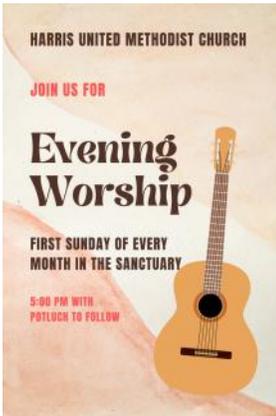
Preschool students on Nov. 26.



Preschool families celebrate Thanksgiving with a luncheon in Miyama Hall on Nov. 26.

Upcoming

Evening Worship



Please join us for Contemporary Worship next Sunday, **Dec. 7 at 5 pm**, followed by a potluck dinner. Jo Tanimoto will deliver the message "Playing the Waiting Game" based on 1 Corinthians 1:3-9.

Royukai Senior Fellowship

The next Royukai fellowship will be **Dec. 18 @ 9:30 am**. Contact Jo at the church office for more information.

Blue Christmas Service



Harris UMC will host a Blue Christmas service on **Sunday, December 21st at 5 pm** in the Sanctuary. This service recognizes the time of "blue" feelings such as pain, confusion and fear for those who have experienced losses of a loved one, relationships, employment, housing or financial setback. Our church recognizes that this is not a joyous season for everyone and we seek to provide a time and space for acknowledgment, comfort and prayer for those in need.

Christmas Eve Service



Christmas Eve worship service will begin at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 24**. Join us for this special Candlelight Service! Hear the beautiful story and sing the glorious hymns of the Birth of Jesus.

Sanctuary Ministry



The time is NOW for volunteers to help complete the organization of room 4, where donations are piling up for our immigrant neighbors. If you have a couple of hours to devote to this outreach

project, please contact Wally Wake, 808-383-7397.

We would like to set a deadline of **Monday, January 5, 2026** to let agencies and attorneys supporting immigrants know that our doors are open from 9-1, Monday -Friday.

No further clothing is needed at this time for adults, but donations of children's clothing are welcome. In this time of need, gift cards would be greatly appreciated! Mahalo for your generosity!

Coffee With the Pastor



You are invited to join Pastor Lea after worship service on the second Sunday of each month. This is a great opportunity to meet Pastor Lea, ask questions, share your story, and discuss ideas over a cup of coffee!

Upcoming

RING in the New Year By Playing HANDBELLS!



Youth to Seniors and Everyone-in-between are welcome Saturday mornings beginning **January 10, 2026 from 9:30-11:00 am** in Miyama Hall. No experience, some experience, experienced....we'll all have fun ringing! Bring a friend ~ All Are Welcome! See Cheryl Yamamoto or Diane Matsuura for any questions.

Childcare Workers Needed

Harris UMC is looking for certified childcare workers on Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to noon. Please call the church office for more information: 808- 536-9602.

Newsletter



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

Multimedia Volunteers Needed



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

Harris Preschool Break

The preschool will be on winter break from **Dec. 22-Jan. 5th**. For more information, contact Tasha at harrispreschoolhi@gmail.com or visit <https://harrisumc.org/preschool/>

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 Jordan Goto at the office.

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!

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE, & SO IS OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

December 6 9am - 1pm
December 7 11am - 1pm

Whether you're looking for home baked goods, home made crafts, or festive decorations, we've got you covered.

KILOHANA KUMC
5829 Mahimahi St.
Honolulu, HI 96821

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

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

12/2 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM

12/7 @ 5:00 pm Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary

12/9 @ 6:00 pm Finance Committee, ZOOM

12/18 @ 9:30 am Royukai, Komuro Lounge

12/18 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM

12/21 @ 5:00 pm Blue Christmas, Sanctuary

12/24 @ 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary

12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY-Church Office Closed

1/1 NEW YEARS DAY-Church Office Closed

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 January 2026 newsletter, please submit any info by **Monday, January 5** 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 Price Change

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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