

Nu' u Vineyard News

MARCH 2026



Human Relations Sunday on Feb. 1. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto. Continued on page 5.*

You Are Invited to March Services and Events

We look forward to continuing our Lent Series: *Let's Make Heaven a Place on Earth*, which will run through March 29. You are invited to our Palm Procession and Palm Sunday Worship Service on March 29.



Mahalo to Guest Preacher Bishop Stoneking on Feb. 1.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris 'Ohana,

There is a lot happening in our world right now. The news feels relentless—conflict, political tension, rapid technological change, concerns about safety here and abroad. It's a heavy moment.

One of the things I love about Harris is that when the world feels heavy, your instinct is to respond. You want to help. You want to act faithfully. That is a beautiful impulse. But I'm reminded again and again that if our action isn't grounded in something deeper than the headlines, it's easy to be pulled into anxiety, division, or "my side versus yours" thinking.

At our Taizé-style Evening Worship this week, as we sang, prayed, and shared Communion, I was struck by the steadiness of God. Worship anchors us. It reminds us who—and whose—we are. Especially during Lent, we return to the center: prayer, Scripture, repentance, the Table. If you're feeling untethered, I invite you back to those practices. Try a simple rhythm of daily prayer. Read the Scripture before Sunday. Pray as you drive to church. Small habits shape us over time.

In that same spirit, beginning after Easter we'll introduce a children's worship area in the Sanctuary. On the makai side near the front, we're creating a preschool-friendly space with soft seating and worship materials to help young children engage the mystery of worship. We're calling it the "Kupanaha (Wonder) Spot." Our hope is that it becomes a place of holy curiosity and joy for our youngest disciples—right in the heart of the Sanctuary.

We'll share more soon, and I welcome your questions.

This Lent and always, may we be people who worship—grounded in the steadfast love of God.

In peace,



Pastor Lea



March Worship Services

Lent Series: Let's Make Heaven a Place on Earth

Sunday, March 1 @ 10:45 am

2nd Sunday in Lent

Matthew 5:17-20; 43-48

Let's Make Heaven a Place on Earth

Evening Worship

Worship will be Taize Style: simple repeated hymns, short scripture readings and prayer, then periods of silence.

Holy Communion will be Celebrated by Rev. Booth

Sunday, March 8 @ 10:45 am

3rd Sunday in Lent

Matthew 6:1-4; 16-18

Practicing Piety

Sunday, March 15 @ 10:45 am

4th Sunday in Lent

Matthew 6:5-15

The Lord's Prayer

Sunday, March 22 @ 10:45 am

5th Sunday in Lent

Matthew 6:19-34

Finding Your Treasure

Sunday, March 29 @ 10:45 am

Palm Sunday

Matthew 7:1-23

Living into the Kingdom

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Updates

Worship Services



Worship service on Feb. 1. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.*



Potluck in Miyama Hall on Feb. 1.



The Ukulele Fellowship in Miyama Hall on Feb. 1.



Hiroshima Jogakuin University Students on Feb. 15.



Song leaders on Feb. 15.



Worship service on Feb. 22.

Updates

Harris Preschool



Harris Preschool students watch a lion dance performance on Feb. 10.



Royal Hawaiian Band performance for Harris Preschool on Feb. 19 in Miyama Hall.



Preparation of Ashes



Pastor Lea prepares ashes for service on Feb. 17.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 18 at 12:00pm.



Updates/Upcoming

Sanctuary Ministry: Hawaii J20+



Miyama Hall on Jan 30 for the J20+ forum.



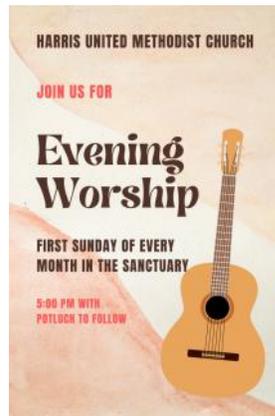
Harris Youth Lunch Fundraiser



Harris Youth raise funds for the Soup Ministry on Feb. 22.



Evening Worship

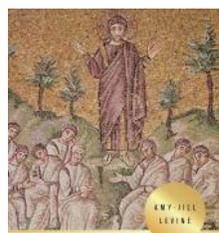


Please join us for Contemporary Worship Sunday, Mar. 1 at 5 pm, followed by a potluck dinner. Worship will be Taize Style: simple repeated hymns, short scripture readings and prayer, then periods of silence. Holy Communion will be Celebrated by Rev. Booth.

Royukai Senior Fellowship

Royukai Meeting on Thursday, March 19, 9:30am - 12:30pm. All are welcome. Lunch will be served. For any questions, contact Jo at the church office for more information.

Book Study: Sermon on the Mount



All are invited Sunday mornings 9:00am – 10:00am in Komuro Lounge. Facilitated by Brian Maeshiro, Amy-Jill Levine approaches the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) in its Jewish setting, revealing Jesus as a Jewish moral teacher calling us into deeper compassion and everyday faithfulness.

Each week we will listen to a chapter session and share our reflections as we explore Jesus's teachings as a practical, hopeful way of living as God intends. No homework: The book is optional and available on Amazon. Come whenever you can – everyone is welcome.

Upcoming



LENTEN OFFERING

Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic. Be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! Contribute to the needs of God's people. (Romans 12:11-13)

The Season of Lent has begun. It is a time to reflect on the journey of Jesus to the Cross. You are invited to participate in the Lenten Offering which continues through Palm Sunday March 29. This year our gifts will be distributed equally among the Harris Soup Ministry, the River of Life Mission and the Institute for Human Services, each group serving the houseless here in Honolulu.

Suggestions for you and your family:

Place a large cup or vase in the middle of your table.

Decorate it with a cross or a photo of a houseless person

At breakfast or dinner say a prayer for needy people.

Add some coins or dollar bills to the container.

Then on Palm Sunday convert the contents of the cup or vase to a check made payable to Harris United Methodist Church with a notation of Lenten Offering, or by paper money. While coins will of course be accepted, a check or paper money is preferred for health reasons. If coins are offered, please include them in a zip lock bag with the total amount written on the outside of the bag. Please drop your donation in the offering box on Sunday morning, mail it to Harris or alternatively drop it off at the Church Office. Electronic offering can also be made at www.harrisumc.org/donate

Lent is traditionally a time when we focus on committing to spiritual practices to help us grow in faith and love of God and neighbor – even and especially our enemies. An important spiritual practice for the members of the UMC during Lent is living into Jesus' call to give to support those in need (Matthew 6:2 and 25:31-46).



United Women in Faith

CAL-PAC MIDWINTER

JUSTICE FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Justice Is Love in Action



REGISTRATION: \$15

REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM
Registration due March 2, 2026

Register and send form & check payable to Cal-Pac UW Faith:

Dorinda Dunlap 1519 Nehoa St. #403, Honolulu, HI 96822 email: dorindadunlap916@gmail.com

For questions | Child Care Info: Contact Julie Wiggett email: jlwiggett@gmail.com

Love Gift: Target and Walmart Gift Cards and/or Diapers size 4 or 5

Guest Speaker: Rev. Amy Wake



SATURDAY

7 March 2026



PROGRAM

9:15 am - 2:00 pm



SUSANNAH WESLEY
COMMUNITY CENTER
(SWCC)
HAWAII
1117 KAILI ST,
HONOLULU, HI 96819



LOVE GIFTS

SWCC

TAKEAWAYS : • Compassion • Action • Understanding • Interconnection

Name _____

Email: _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

UWF District _____ Local Church Name _____

(Registrar info: Date Received _____ Amount _____ Check # _____)

Indicate any food allergies: _____ Vegetarian? _____

IMMIGRATION COURT OBSERVER TRAINING



Saturday, April 11, 9:30 to 11:30 am
at Wesley Church, 1350 Hunakai Street



*Tired of feeling like there's nothing you can do?
Looking for a non-confrontational way to help
local immigrants?*



Learn to be an Immigration Court Observer and support local detainees! Observers may attend court hearings online or in-person. No previous legal training necessary. Discover ways to care for detainees and their families in their time of need. Join us to make a difference today!

All are welcome!

to register:

bit.ly/3M9ER7x



Upcoming

You are Invited to Holy Week Services!



Palm Sunday, Mar. 29th @ 10:45 am—Palm Procession and Service.

Holy Thursday, Apr. 2nd @ 5:00 pm—Soup & bread, Handwashing and Service.

Good Friday, Apr. 3rd @ 12:00 pm— Service with scriptures from the Gospels in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday, Apr. 5th @ 10:45 am—Service followed by Egg Hunt and Potluck Lunch in Miyama Hall. Harris will provide ham, Contact Haa for more information. Feel free to bring flowers to flower the cross.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Easter Lilies



Twenty plants will be ordered to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning. You may sign up for a lily in memory or honor of someone beginning March on the sign up sheet at the rear of

the sanctuary. Price TBD. Checks should be made out to Harris UMC w/memo “Easter Lily”. Cash can be placed in an envelope labeled with your full name and “Easter Lily”. Payments can be placed in the offering box. Plants may be taken home on Easter Sunday after worship service.

Christian Education Scholarship Program



Applications for the Christian Education Scholarship Program of Harris United Methodist Church through the Harris Foundation are available on the Harris UMC website. Eligibility requirements include being a member/constituent of Harris UMC or Hawaii District UMC and being a student currently enrolled or accepted into an accredited institution. The deadline for submission is April 30th, 2026. Visit <https://harrisumc.org/spiritual-formation-ministries/> for more information on the scholarship, application, eligibility and submission requirements.

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!

Multimedia Volunteers Needed



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

Newsletter



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

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

- 3/3 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM
- 3/7 @ 9:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Room 5
- 3/14 @ 9:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Room 5
- 3/19 @ 9:30 am Royukai, Komuro Lounge
- 3/19 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM
- 3/21 @ 9:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Room 5
- 3/26 Kuhio Day-Church Office Closed
- 3/28 @ 9:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Room 5
- 3/29 Palm Sunday, Sanctuary
- 3/31 @ 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 April 2026 newsletter, please submit any info by **Monday, March 30** 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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@aloha2harrisumc