

Nu' u Vineyard News

MAY 2026



Easter Sunday Service on April 5. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto. Continued on page 4.*

You Are Invited to May Services and Events

We look forward to seeing you in May for our Special Sunday Services including Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home on May 10, Pentecost Sunday on May 24, and Peace with Justice Sunday on May 31.



Rev. John Miyahara and Rev. Lea Booth on Easter Sunday.

A Message From the Pastor

Dear Harris 'Ohana,

May feels like a month full of looking back and ahead at the same time –our young folks are getting ready to promote and graduate; some are even heading off to college in the fall. We are wrapping up the “program year” in church, and getting ready to slow some things down over the summer even as we prepare for what’s coming with new summer ministries and opportunities going into the fall. Many of you have also heard by now that my family is expecting to welcome a new baby girl in October, which also gives me a feeling of nostalgia and looking ahead.

This is always the life of the church—we recognize, appreciate, and honor our history and traditions even as we anticipate and make room for new ones. The festival of Pentecost is a church holiday that especially invites this attitude: we remember the arrival of the Holy Spirit of God among the disciples, giving birth to the Church. We also look ahead to the ways we are called to be the church in the world, drawing on the example of the early Christian movement.

On Pentecost Sunday (May 24), we'll begin a new series based on Bishop Robert Schenese's book *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* and we'll talk about how hospitality, worship, faith formation, mission & service, and generosity have both made Harris what we are today, and offer a challenge to us as we look to the future. I hope you'll come and be part of the conversation!

This month we also observe the *Festival of the Christian Home (May 10)* when we'll celebrate the environments and people who have nurtured our faith and growth, celebrating all that the generations have to share with each other. **Our keiki will lead us in song and dance, accompanied by a choir of adults.** We'll also *christen and bless our Playground* with its official name, and give thanks to God for all who will use it and be nurtured by the space and the people who volunteer in it. This Sunday will be a deep and wide celebration of what it looks like when the Body of Christ worships and shares together, and I hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am!

Finally, a small favor as we look both to the past and future: I'm planning a summer series around our congregation's own favorite hymns — the ones that have meant something to **you**. [Click here to fill out the survey online](#), or scan the QR code. There will also be a paper version available in the Sanctuary and the church office.

In peace,



Pastor Lea



May Worship Services

Sunday, May 3 @ 10:45 am

5th Sunday of Easter

1 Peter 5:5-7

Being Teachable

Evening Worship @ 5:00 pm

Isaiah 41:10

SHI-IHS

Davy Lee will deliver the message.

Sunday, May 10 @ 10:45 am

Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home

1 Peter 4:12-19

Faithful Under Fire

Sunday, May 17 @ 10:45 am

Ascension Sunday

1 Peter 5:10-11

The God of All Grace

Sunday, May 24 @ 10:45 am

Day of Pentecost-All are invited to wear red

Acts 2:1-21

Radical Hospitality

Sunday, May 31 @ 10:45 am

Peace with Justice/Trinity Sunday

Acts 2:42-47

Passionate Worship

Photo by [Candelario Gómez López](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Updates

Worship Services



Good Friday Service on April 3.



Harris Children's Choir on April 5.



Harris Ohana Ringers perform "Ah, Holy Jesus" on Good Friday.



Flowered Cross on Easter Sunday.



Brass players at Easter Sunday Service on April 5.



Updates



April 12: The Prayground offers a dedicated, sensory-friendly space for quiet worship engagement for families who wish to keep young children in the sanctuary.

Kokua Closet



Kokua Closet Open House on April 12. A secure room where items in good condition have been donated by Harris ohana and friends for our Hawaii immigrant population of men, women and children.



Hawaiian themed altar for the April 19 worship service.



Worship service on April 26.

Harris Youth



The Harris Youth collect items for the Keelikolani Family Resource Center.

Harris Preschool



Harris Preschool students before their egg hunt on April 2.

Updates/Upcoming

Rummage Prep Week



Miyama Hall on May 30.



Linens and handbags on May 30.

HARRIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CORNER OF NUUANU & VINEYARD

RUMMAGE SALE

May 2, 2026
9:00am to 12:00pm



Refreshments & Baked Goods

*Proceeds to support Harris UMC Ministries
Call 536-9602 for more information

Evening Worship



Please join us for Contemporary Worship Sunday, **May 3 at 5 pm**, followed by a potluck dinner. Davy Lee will deliver the message SHI-IHS based on Isaiah 41:10.

Royukai Senior Fellowship

Royukai Meeting on **Thursday, May 21, 9:30am - 12:30pm**. All are welcome. Lunch will be served. For any questions, contact Jo at the church office for more information.

Graduate Recognition Sunday 2026



We will recognize our graduates on **Sunday, June 14** during 10:45 a.m. worship! Please let us know of upcoming graduates (including preschool; elementary, middle, and high school; college; and training programs). Please email photos and a brief bio about your graduate to Rene: rene@ohta.us by **June 5**. We look forward to celebrating with you!!

Save the Date!

On **July 12** Harris will celebrate 2 events: our 138th anniversary and LAITY Sunday! We will worship together and then gather for a picnic style family lunch hosted by your lay leaders. No need to prepare anything - just come and have fun sharing food, conversation, songs and games as we gather as a church family. More information to follow in the June Nuunews!

Upcoming

THE LEGAL CLINIC'S
STAND UP FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE

2026 Pau Hana Benefit

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

5-7 PM

CAFE JULIA

DOWNTOWN HONOLULU

HONORING THE 2026 GUARDIANS OF IMMIGRANT JUSTICE:

The Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald (ret.)

Reverend Amy Wake

CLARE HANUSZ AWARD FOR EMERGING LEADERS IN
IMMIGRANT JUSTICE:

Brissa Flores Romero

*Purchase tickets,
register as a sponsor, or donate at*

Givebutter.com/2026TLCbenefit



THE
LEGAL
CLINIC

Immigration Law & Justice Network - Hawai'i

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!

Pies for Sale



Pies for sale on **May 24**. Pie flavors TBD. Orders will be taken on **Sunday May 10 and 17**.

"God, help us truly know that we are loved, so that we can truly be your love in this broken and hurting world. Amen".

from the Fellowship of
Worship Arts Reflections

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

5/2 @ 9:00 am Rummage Sale, Entire Campus

5/5 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM

5/6 @ 5:00pm Legal Clinic's Pau Hana Benefit, Café Julia

5/9 @ 1:00 pm Hawaii District Annual Conference, ZOOM

5/10 @ 10:45 am Mother's Day/Worship Service, Sanctuary

5/13 @ 6:00 pm Harris Foundation, ZOOM

5/21 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM

5/24 @ 10:45 am Pentecost Sunday, Sanctuary

5/26 @ 6:00 pm, Finance Committee, ZOOM

5/31 @ 10:45 am Peace with Justice Sunday, Sanctuary

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 June 2026 newsletter, please submit any info by **Monday, May 25** 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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