

Nu'u Vineyard News

JUNE 2026



Miyama Hall during the 2026 Rummage Sale on May 2. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto. Continued on page 5.*

You Are Invited to June Services and Events

We look forward to seeing you in June for our Special Sunday Services including Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 14 and UMCOR Sunday on June 28. Rev. Kim Houff will guest preach on June 7 and Rev. Rona Mangayayam on June 21.



The Playground invites children ages ~3-6 to engage with God through quiet, wonder-filled play.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris 'Ohana,

Last week, I had a conversation with a neighbor about a woman he met at an AA meeting, who sometimes used to rest or sleep overnight on Harris property. She is now marking 60+ days of sobriety, and is getting connected with services that can help her get back on her feet.

Last month, I heard about a young woman who was struggling with her mental health, went through a two-steps-forward, one-step-back process in treatment, and is now doing well.

Last week also marked the anniversary of a dear friend's decision to keep living, as difficult a road as that has been for them sometimes.

The truth about life is that sometimes it's really hard. Relationships, health, work—they're all processes and sometimes things are smooth and sometimes they are so rough we wonder if we'll make it.

I think this is where the Church—the Body—the hands and feet of Christ—has a crucial role to play. We, through the grace of God in Jesus, and the work of the Holy Spirit, get to be a place where people can come and be loved, just as they are. Accepted, no matter what their process looks like. They can be part of a community where we all acknowledge that we're works in progress, recipients of mercy and grace, who work hard to extend mercy and grace to others.

The Church played a role in all of the stories I mentioned—sometimes big, sometimes small, sometimes indirect. There are people struggling all around us. This month, as we continue to learn and think and talk about how we at Harris Memorial are called to be the Body of Christ in the world, I hope we can remember that there are opportunities for connection and service all around, embodied in everyone we meet. And I hope you'll join us for UMCOR Sunday on June 28 as we hear about the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, and give a special offering to those who are facing difficult roads, all around the world.

May we encounter Christ in all of these people and places, and serve his children as though we were serving him.

In peace,



Pastor Lea



June Worship Services

Sunday, June 7 @ 10:45 am

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Acts 4:32–35

Wealth

Guest Preacher Rev. Kim Houff

Evening Worship @ 5:00 pm

Psalms 33:1-12

A Reason To Sing

Jo Tanimoto will deliver the message.

Sunday, June 14 @ 10:45 am

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Acts 18:24–28

Wisdom

Sunday, June 21 @ 10:45 am

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Acts 10:1–20, 34–35

Witness

Guest Preacher Rev. Rona Mangayayam

Sunday, June 28 @ 10:45 am

UMCOR Sunday/5th Sunday After Pentecost

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Updates

Worship Services



5th Sunday of Easter on May 3. Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.



Gift of Music: "Weave One Heart" presented by Children's Sunday School & Intergenerational Choir. Worship Service on Mother's Day May 10.



Mahalo to the Rummage Team and Davy Lee for buying & installing our new AED unit in the Sanctuary!



Harris Handbell Ringers on Pentecost Sunday May 24.



Harris Preschool



Children's Day on May 5. Harris Preschool has an open house every first Friday of the month. Paper goods are always being accepted as donations. For more information, contact Tasha at harrispreschoolhi@gmail.com

Updates

Guardians of Immigrant Justice



Congratulations to Reverend Amy Wake of Wesley UMC who was honored as one of the 2026 Guardians of Immigrant Justice at the Legal Clinic's Pau Hana Benefit on May 6 at Café Julia.

Harris Rummage Sale



Fried noodle prep in the kitchen on May 2.



Atsuko Igarashi in Miyama Hall on May 2.

Updates/Upcoming

Rummage Sale continued



Thank you for everyone who was able to participate in the church rummage sale. Your volunteer time and goods make a difference! Mahalo for all your help!

Rummage Chairs: Sachi Taketa & Annette Okimoto

Evening Worship



Please join us for Contemporary Worship Sunday, **June at 5 pm**, followed by a potluck dinner. Jo Tanimoto will deliver the message *A Reason To Sing* based on Psalm 33:1-12.

Royukai Senior Fellowship

Royukai Meeting on **Thursday, June 18, 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!!

Harris Ohana-One Body in Christ



Save the date....
July 12 for the Harris 138th Anniversary/Laity Sunday celebration! Join us for worship in Miyama Hall at

10:45 am - all led by our laity! It will be a grand day for worship, lunch and fun games for children and adults afterwards.

Worship will feature devotional messages from our lay members and lots of music. It will be a great time for our church family to be together. We have several folks who are making their own special brand of chili - a "chili cook-off" to see which one tantalizes our taste buds! Let us know if you have a special recipe that you'd like to contribute. The rest of the lunch will be provided so no need to spend time in your kitchen. Just come and enjoy yourselves!

For more information, please see Wally or Diane, co-lay leaders for 2026.

Harris United Methodist Foundation

Leave a Legacy



The Harris United Methodist Foundation was established in 1990 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of aiding, promoting and developing religious, charitable and educational activities of the church and to make donations to qualified non-profit organizations.

In the Foundation's 35-year history, legacy funds, including memorial funds, have been established. Some of these funds are created by individuals through a one-time donation or through regular annual donations. Other funds are supported through donations from multiple individuals. The Foundation invests these donations in the name of the fund. To ensure that the assets of the various funds are secured in perpetuity, the principal is never touched. Instead, distributions are calculated from the annual gains of the investment. These distributions continue to provide a means to support the church's mission now and in the future.

In 2025, the Harris United Methodist Foundation distributed \$33,217.00 at the request of the following funds:

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| • Waimanalo Fund (for Harris Preschool) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| • de Jesus Fund (for Soup Ministry) | \$ 2,950.00 |
| • Music Fund | \$ 1,623.00 |
| • Education Ministry Fund | \$ 1,800.00 |
| • Parsonage Fund (for Finance) | \$24,344.00 |
| • Kehrberg Social Justice Fund (for <i>Reconciling Ministries</i>) | \$ 1,500.00 |

Grants are available to the church ministries, committees to support the mission of the church, and non-profit organizations supported by the ministries and committees. In the past, the Foundation has provided grants to the following:

- Harris UMC Sanctuary Ministry
- Harris UMC Multimedia team to upgrade the audiovisual equipment in the sanctuary
- Harris Soup Ministry
- Harris Preschool to assist in the purchase of playground equipment and tricycles
- Harris UMC UMYF for youth programs in Florida and Japan
- Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services – Youth Services
- Susannah Wesley Community Center Organization
- Hawaii District UMC Acts of Repentance Task Force

Thank you for your support of the Harris United Methodist Foundation through your donations. If you would like to donate to the Foundation, please make your check out to **Harris United Methodist Foundation** so the check will go directly to the Foundation. Please indicate if you would like your donation to support a specific fund. Informational brochures are available in the church office or on the church website.



On June 28, we will join the United Methodist Church in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief and development arm of the church. UMCOR comes alongside individuals, families and communities affected by natural or human-caused disasters---: famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events - to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope.

Your donations equip UMCOR to respond quickly when disaster strikes and to stay for the long term. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering helps cover the costs of this nonprofit UMC organization and allows for 100% of gifts given in response to disasters to assist with the disaster.

Thanks to UMCOR's reliable infrastructure, expert leadership and trained volunteers, every dollar received is leveraged to work as hard as possible meeting the needs of people in crisis around the world. UMCOR equips and partners with churches, annual conferences and local organizations to help communities rebuild, even when rebuilding takes years.

United Methodist Special Sunday offerings celebrate vibrant ministries while investing in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support these important ministries equips us to work together, empowered by God's love. Further details of giving will be provided soon.

**When you give generously to support UMCOR
Sunday, you embody God's love in action.**

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 9:00 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

On break for the summer starting June 1st. Will resume in August.

Youth Sunday School 6th -12th

On break for the summer starting June 1st. Will resume in August.



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

6/2 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM
6/6 @ 10:00 am Celebration of Life: Katherine Aratani, Sanctuary
6/7 @ 10:45 am Guest Speaker Rev. Kim Houff, Sanctuary
6/7 @ 5:00pm Evening Worship, Sanctuary
6/11 KAMEHAMEHA DAY-Church Office Closed
6/14 @ 10:45 am Graduate Recognition Sunday, Sanctuary
6/18 @ 9:30 am Royukai Fellowship, Komuro Lounge
6/18 @ 6:30 9m SFM, ZOOM
6/19 JUNETEENTH-Church Office Closed
6/21 @ 10:45 am Father's Day, Sanctuary
6/28 @ 10:45 am UMCOR Sunday Guest Speaker Rev. Rona Mangayayam, Sanctuary
6/29 @ 6:30pm 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 July 2026 newsletter, please submit any info by **Monday, June 29** 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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