

Nu'u Vineyard News

JULY 2026



Students on Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 14. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.*

You Are Invited to July Services and Events

We look forward to seeing you in July for worship. Our Special Sunday Services include Anniversary Sunday/Laity Sunday on July 12.



Mahalo Rev. Rona Mangayayam for guest preaching on June 21.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris 'Ohana,

This month marks one year since I first walked through the doors of Harris Memorial as your pastor. I remember the nerves, the excitement, and the overwhelming sense that I was stepping into something I didn't yet (and still don't) fully understand but know to be true—a congregation with deep roots, a rich history, and a spirit of welcome and aloha that I treasure deeply. A year later, I can say wholeheartedly: what a gift it has been to become part of this 'ohana.



This year we have laughed together, worshipped together, grieved together, and dreamed together. We have done some early visioning work as a congregation, sitting with questions about who we are, who our neighbors are, and where God might be calling us next. That discernment is still unfolding, and I find myself genuinely excited about what is emerging. God is doing a new thing here at Harris, leading us into new ways of being, and I am eager to follow!

Some of what excites me most is already happening. This summer, our intergenerational Sunday School class centered on art and craft, “Created to Create,” has been a joy to witness — people of different ages and different life stages sitting together, making things, being together in a way that is simple and profound all at once.

We have also piloted a new partnership with Kokua Kalihi Valley, KVIBE, and Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani Middle School, bringing KVIBE's bike repair workshop to our campus: a practical, beautiful act of showing up for the young people and families in our neighboring community. These feel like signs of what Harris Memorial has always been and is becoming. We are a congregation that doesn't just open its doors but walks out of them, into the neighborhood, with intention and care.

There is more to come. More partnerships to build, more neighbors to meet, more ways to be the Body of Christ in this corner of Honolulu. I am so grateful to be on this journey with you. Here's to year two of many, and wherever God leads us next.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Lea', with a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pastor Lea

July Worship Services

Sunday, July 5 @ 10:45 am
6th Sunday After Pentecost
1 Kings 19:1-16
In a Weary Land

Evening Worship @ 5:00 pm
Romans 5:1
Just Right, Right Just
Davy Lee will deliver the message.

Sunday, July 12 @ 10:45 am
7th Sunday After Pentecost
Romans 12:5-8
One Body in Christ

Sunday, July 19 @ 10:45 am
8th Sunday After Pentecost
Genesis 21:1-21
Presence

Sunday, July 26 @ 10:45 am
9th Sunday After Pentecost
Ezekiel 37:1-14
All Thy Works



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Updates

Worship Services



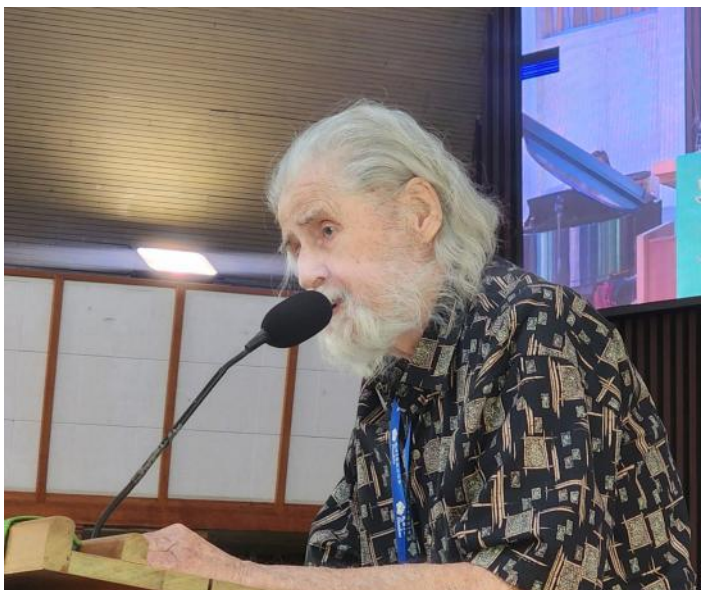
Graduate Recognition Sunday on June 14. *Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.*



The Ukulele Fellowship performs the Gift of Music: "Dance" by Jim Manley on June 21.



Guest Pianist, Joshua Kaye on June 21, the 4th Sunday after Pentecost.



UMCOR Sunday on June 28.

Updates



AFARI HAS CHANGED ITS NAME AND SCOPE

American Friends of Asian Rural Institute (AFARI) has announced changes are underway. After more than 40 years of working hand-in-hand with the Asian Rural Institute, American Friends of Asian Rural Institute (AFARI) is embarking on a new chapter-under the name Kibo Alliance.

Why "Kibo Alliance"? "Kibo" means hope in Japanese, and fittingly, it also echoes that spirit in Swahili and even means action in Tagalog. The Executive Director of Kibo indicates this word beautifully captures the journey of ARI's participants and graduates: the hope, the action, and the global community they have been building with supporters like Harris.

Over the years, AFARI's work has grown beyond supporting ARI's transformative training. Today, Kibo also focuses on empowering ARI graduates as they return home and put their learning into action in their own communities. The Executive Director of Kibo describes its expanded role-alongside supporting donors in embodying Takami's vision of empowering rural leaders around the world.

What does this mean to Harris as a donor?

- Supporting ARI remains at the heart of what Kibo does. Your donations may still go directly to ARI scholarships, projects, or programs-just indicate your preference as always.
- If you've made a bequest or legacy gift, nothing changes. They remain registered as AFARI and are simply updating its public identity.
- Their commitment to distributing ARI publications and managing U.S. donations for ARI continues uninterrupted.

Kibo's partnership with ARI is as strong as ever, and their connections with ARI graduates are growing. The Executive Director indicated the new name more fully reflects the breadth of their shared impact and the communities they serve.

Updates

KVIBE Bike Workshop



A bike mechanic workshop for Keelikolani Middle School students by Kokua Kalihi Valley on June 11 and 12 in Miyama Hall.



UMCOR Sunday Helps Relief Efforts Around the World—and Here at Home



On June 28, we celebrated UMCOR Sunday. However, if you did not participate, there is still the opportunity to support this effort – one of the best opportunities to support those in need.

UMCOR is among the most universally recognized agencies in our denomination. Across the world, when UMCOR receives a call for help, whether it be for natural disaster, war, global migration, health crisis, or the devastating impacts of poverty, its staff demonstrates the strength of our connection by coordinating efforts to respond accordingly.

UMCOR Sunday presents an opportunity to support the administrative costs of strengthening, deploying and sustaining the ministries of UMCOR around the world, while ensuring every subsequent contribution to each individual project, or Advance, goes 100% as intended by the donor.

UMCOR is particularly strong at supporting the work of recovery long-term. By frequently being present for years after disaster strikes, UMCOR is able to ensure not only rebuilding of physical infrastructure, but the rebuilding of peoples' lives.

Updates/Upcoming

Thanks to UMCOR Sunday and other generous gifts, UMCOR is one of the most efficient ways to make sure your gift directly reaches those in need. You can learn more about UMCOR Sunday at <https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/umcgiving/special-sundays/churchwide-special-sundays/umcor-sunday-ministry-article>

Submitted by Dennis Pacht, Global Ministries Chair



Royukai Senior Fellowship

Royukai Meeting on **Thursday, July 16, 9:30am - 12:30pm**. All are welcome. Lunch will be served. For any questions, contact Jo at the church office for more information.

Evening Worship



Please join us for Contemporary Worship Sunday, **July 5 at 5 pm**, followed by a potluck dinner. Davy Lee will deliver the message "Just Right, Right Just" based on Romans 5:1.

Harris Ohana-One Body in Christ

Sunday, July 12! **MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR**. Harris will be celebrating Laity Sunday and our church's 138th Anniversary!

An informal worship service is being planned in Miyama Hall at 10:45 am featuring messages from Ken Inouye, Cheryl and Scott Marlow, as well as singing some of our favorite hymns - all led by our laity. You can expect special music from Live Our Lives - our young adult group, and the Harris Ukulele Fellowship. A banner featuring our theme Harris Ohana - One Body in Christ is being made by Avis Nakamoto.

Following the worship service a simple chili "cook off" luncheon is being planned. Your taste buds will be tantalized by chili contributions from Jo Tanimoto, Scott Cervas and Josh & Lea Booth as well as canned chilli! The menu also includes hot dogs/buns with fixin's, cut veggies, chips, rice, cake and ice cream. Come and enjoy without having to cook!

Stay for some fun afterwards as we play a Harris version of BINGO with prizes! Afterwards our youth will have some simple games for "kids" of all ages! The celebration will end with Hawaii Aloha.

Submitted by Wally Wake and Diane Matsuura, co-lay leaders

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

7/3 INDEPENDENCE DAY-Church Office Closed

7/7 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM

7/12 @ 10:45 am Anniversary Sunday/Laity Sunday, Miyama Hall

7/16 @ 9:30am Royukai Senior Fellowship, Komuro Lounge

7/16 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM

7/28 @ 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 August 2026 newsletter, please submit any info by **Monday, July 27** 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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