

Nu'u Vineyard News

SEPTEMBER 2026



Dante Pablo in the Harris church parking lot on Aug. 16. *Continued on Page 5.*

You Are Invited to September Services and Events

Thank you for attending our August services and events. We look forward to seeing you in September for our 2027 Stewardship Kickoff campaign!



Guest Speaker Liza Ryan Gill and Pastor Lea Booth on Aug. 23, Peace with Justice Sunday.

A Message From the Pastor

Aloha Harris ‘Ohana,

If you’ve ever sung in a choir or played in a band or musical group, or even listened carefully to one, you know that one of the greatest things about making music together is that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. The magic of a choir is in the combining of the voices; the magic of the band or symphony is in the combining of all the different kinds of instruments into a harmonious whole. But a choir isn’t the same with only one kind of voice, and a symphony isn’t the same as a solo violin.



It’s the same in any community, including the Church—who we can be together in Christ is greater than who we are alone. We depend on each other’s talents and strengths. We depend on each other’s voices and contributions coming together in one sublime chorus.

This month as we enter our stewardship and giving season for 2026, we will hear and share stories about the ways we share our gifts in community, and how we are transformed in the giving and receiving. In the United Methodist Church, we promise to support our congregations with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness—and each of us has something unique and powerful to share.

You are a beloved child of God, worthy because you are who God made you to be. And, without your voice, without your contribution to the “Chorus of Generosity,” our community is less than it could be.

Harris is a community chock-full of gifts, talents, creativity, and vision. I can’t wait to see how all those voices come together to discern and contribute to where God is leading us next.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Lea' followed by a stylized flourish.

Pastor Lea

September Worship Services



Sunday, September 6 @ 10:45 am
15th Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 100
Joyful Noise

Evening Worship @ 5:00 pm
Romans 12:9-21 (various)
T&T

Davy Lee will deliver the message

Sunday, September 13 @ 10:45 am
16th Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 96
A New Song

Sunday, September 20 @ 10:45 am
17th Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 40:1-10
The Glad News

Sunday, September 27 @ 10:45 am
18th Sunday After Pentecost
Psalm 150
Praise the Lord!

Updates

Worship Services



Guest Preacher Rev. Stephen Kim on Aug. 9.



Ukulele Fellowship on Aug. 9.



Communion on Aug. 2.



Song Leaders Maya and Annie Yoshida Aug 2.



Nuuanu side tree breakage on Aug. 13.

Updates



Hand chime rehearsal in Miyama Hall on Aug. 23.

Harris Preschool



Harris Preschool is back in session. For more information, contact Tasha at harrispreschoolhi@gmail.com or visit <https://harrisumc.org/preschool/>

Hurricane Lala Clean Up



Big MAHALO to Dante Pablo for cleaning up the church parking lot on Aug. 16, the day Hurricane Lala passed.



Upcoming

Evening Worship



Please join us for Contemporary Worship Sunday, **Sept. 6 at 5 pm**, followed by a potluck dinner. Davy Lee will deliver the message "T&T" based on Romans 12:9-21 (various).

Royukai Senior Fellowship

Royukai Meeting on **Thursday, Sept 17, 9:30am - 12:30pm**. All are welcome. For any questions, contact Jo at the church office for more information.

may be placed in the box on the kitchen counter marked "Wahine bento". Monetary donations may be made by check to Harris UMC w/memo: Outreach Fund. Place in the offering box or give to the church office. MAHALO for your generosity! Contact Diane or Cheryl for questions.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed!

Would you consider serving as an Usher or a Hospitality Volunteer on the 1st Sunday of even-numbered months? A warm smile, a friendly greeting can make a meaningful difference in someone's worship experience. These simple acts of kindness help create a place where everyone feels welcome, valued, and at home. If you are interested in serving please leave a message for Jo at 808-536-9602.

Interested in Ringing Handbells?



Weekly rehearsals begin in September on Sat. mornings for an hour & a half long... specific time and start date TBD. New to ringing? No problem! We can set aside a separate time that we can gather to learn to read music and learn to ring. We will play in Worship for Advent and whenever we are ready to play in between. All for enjoyment and to Praise God! Contact Cheryl at cherylyamamoto@gmail.com.

Choir Rehearsals



Calling all voices! Harris Fellowship Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 6th from 9:30am - 10:00am in Miyama Hall. We rehearse every Sunday (which you do not have to attend all) and we share a choir anthem once a month in worship service. We look forward to seeing you and bring a friend!"

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
WAHINE BASKETBALL CLINIC
FUN AFTERNOON OF
BASKETBALL SKILLS, DRILLS &
GAMES LED BY WAHINE PLAYERS
& COACHES!!



FRIDAY, SEPT. 25
4pm-6pm
NU'UANU YMCA GYM

For MIDDLE SCHOOL students!
Sign up with your leaders
TURN IN WAIVER FORMS WITH
GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
WEAR: Athletic shoes, shorts/
Tshirt, bring water bottle

FREE SURPRISE GIFT and dinner
bento will be given to ALL
participants!

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[@aloha2harrisumc](#)

LET'S GO WAHINE!!
LET'S GO BOWS!!

The Annual Wahine Basketball Clinic for middle school students is **Sept. 25 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** at the Nu'uauu Y gym. Spam

Upcoming

Fall Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Kids Sunday School grades 1-5 in room 10 with Aunt Mel and assistants

Youth:

- 1st Sunday: Bible based lesson in room 16 with Aunt Diane
- 2nd & 3rd Sundays: Handbells in room 5 with Aunt Sherry
- 4th Sunday: UMYF in room 16 with Uncle Keven

Adults: TBA

9:00– 9:00am Ukulele Fellowship, Miyama Hall

9:30–10:00am Fellowship Choir, Miyama Hall
Childcare for children infants to 5 years old available in room 3 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

HARRIS MISSION BAZAAR



9:00 am
to
1:00 pm

The 2026 Mission Bazaar

The Bazaar date is set for November 7, 2026 from 9a-1p. If you can help, contact Dennis at 808-388-8282. Please join this FUN EVENT!

Newsletter



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

Volunteers Needed for the Sanctuary Ministry

1) Kokua Closet is looking for volunteers who would be willing to welcome our immigrant guests and on occasion, their attorneys, by appointment, M-F between the hours of 9-12. Appointments usually take about 30 min.

2) We are also looking for volunteers to help us sort and size the many donations generous donors have given. Morning hours are preferred. Please contact Wally Wake, 808-383-7397 if you want to participate in these outreach opportunities.

Charge Conference Forms

Attention Ministry Leaders and Chairs! Please submit your reports to Erin at admin@harrisumc.org by **Thursday, Oct 1**. Chairs, please see the Charge Conference forms at <https://www.calpacumc.org/chargeconference/> We will need to complete the Charge Conference packet earlier this year since the Pastor will be on maternity leave. Charge Conference is **Sunday, Nov. 15 @ 12:00pm**.

Requirements For Cooking in the Kitchen



The State Department of Health requires a person with a current food handler's certificate to be present when food is prepared in our kitchen. Classes for the food handlers certificate are free. See the Hawaii Department of Health website or use the QR code for more info. Please get certified and the office will keep a copy of your certification on file.

**Hawai'i UMC Acts of Repentance Task Force
presents a film screening of the documentary**

MĀLAMA MĀKUA

Sunday, September 13

4:00 - 5:30 pm

at Harris United Methodist Church

Come and learn about Mākua Valley: sacred land, former home to Hawaiian residents, location of Army live-fire training for 80 years, with a lease that ends in 2029. Hear the story of lament, advocacy and hope for the healing and restoration of the 'aina, from the people who lived it.



1- hour film
followed by Q & A
with filmmaker Mikey Inouye and others
20 S. Vineyard Blvd.
FREE PARKING
OPEN TO ALL

Sponsored by the Hawai'i District of
the United Methodist Church
Acts of Repentance Task Force

TO REGISTER:

<https://forms.gle/Dpww9MZjzMsBaxrWA>



Questions? Contact Amy at
pastoramywake@gmail.com

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 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 Miyama Hall. Contact Davy Lee.

Kids Sunday School K-5th Grade

Meets every Sunday at 9:00am in room 10. Contact Aunty Mel B. 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

9/1 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM

9/5 @ 9:00 am UWF Mission U, Welsey UMC

9/6 @ 10:45 am 2027 Stewardship Kickoff, Sanctuary

9/6 @ 5:00 pm Evening Worship, Sanctuary

9/7 Labor Day-Church Office Closed

9/10 @ 9:00 am Visitation, 10:00 am Service, Donna Oshiro COL, Sanctuary

9/13 @ 4:00 pm Malama Makua, Sanctuary

9/17 @ 9:30 am Royukai Fellowship, Komuro Lounge

9/17 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM

9/29 @ 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 October 2026 newsletter, please submit any info by **Monday, September 28** 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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