

Nu'u Vineyard News

OCTOBER 2026



Mahalo to everyone who supported the UH Wahine Basketball Clinic on September 25!
Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.

You Are Invited to our October Services and Events

We look forward to seeing you at our October worship services and events including World Communion Sunday on Oct. 4th and the Honolulu Pride Parade on Oct. 17th!



Rev. Lea Booth on Sept. 13.

A Message from the Pastor

Beloved Harris 'Ohana,

This Sunday's message is centered on Philippians 3, where Paul writes about pressing on: forgetting what lies behind, straining forward to what lies ahead, pursuing the goal to which God has called us. It is a passage about holy momentum, about not letting the past—whether its failures or its glories—hold us back from what God is doing next.

How fitting a Scripture to meditate on as I prepare to step away for parental leave, because I think it describes Harris Memorial well right now. You gave generously during our stewardship season, and there is still work to do. You have shown up faithfully week after week, and there is still work to do. You have taught and led and worshiped and served, and there is still work to do!

As I take time to adjust to a new way of being in my family and in the world, I want you to know that you are in good hands. This is not a platitude but rather a genuine statement of faith in who you are. Our lay leaders, our committees, our ministry teams, and our guest pastors will hold this community with care while I am away. This church knows how to do its work. You have always known how to be the church. I have every confidence that you will press on, that God's work in and among and through you will continue, and that we will enter 2027 refreshed and ready to continue running this race.

I carry you with me into this threshold moment in my own life, as I prepare to welcome my second daughter. The warmth and love of this 'ohana has meant more to my family than I can say.

Press on, Harris family. I will see you in the new year.

In peace,

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

Pastor Lea





October Worship Services

Sunday, October 4 @ 10:45 am

World Communion Sunday

Philippian 3:4-14

**You are welcome to wear cultural dress and
bring breads that represent your heritage.**

Sunday, October 11 @ 10:45 am

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Scott Cervas

Sunday, October 18 @ 10:45 am

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Uriya Simeon

Sunday, October 25 @ 10:45 am

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Tom Choi

Updates

Christian Education Sunday



Christian Education Sunday on Aug. 30.

Sanctuary Ministry



The Sanctuary Ministry gave an update on Kokua Closet activity on Sept. 13.

Harris Preschool



The Honolulu Police Department visits Harris Preschool students on Sept. 16. For more information, contact Tasha at harrispreschoolhi@gmail.com or visit <https://harrisumc.org/preschool/>

Updates

Global Ministries: Missionaries



We have learned that UMC Missionaries, Miguel Mairena and his wife, Nan McCurdy, have retired from their work in Mexico for health reasons. We were never fortunate enough to meet Miquel, but we did host Nan here at Harris several years ago. Their work with “Give Ye Them to Eat” in Puebla and Tlancualpican, Mexico, to improve the lives of impoverished people in county side areas will be long appreciated. Please join Global Ministries in prayer wishing them renewed health for a long and happy retirement in their new home in Nicaragua.

While Miquel and Nan can never be replaced, Global Ministers identified another couple, Dr. Floyd (Tom) Corey and Dr. Delecia Corey, who work in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, as Harris’ new Covenant Missionaries. This selection was recently approved by our Church Council.

The Carey’s are from Louisiana. Delecia has bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degrees in English as well as a master’s in school administration; she is assigned as the director of Hope Vocational School in Phnom Penh. Tom is an M.D. with a postgraduate degree in gynecology and obstetrics and serves both Hebron Hospital and Mercy Medical Center. In the short time they’ve been serving, they’ve discovered the lifetime of experience they both have in their professions will be passed on to a young generation of Cambodians who are eager to learn and gracious in their patience of southerners in their land.

If you would like further details, please contact Dennis Pacht at denenr@aol.com. We hope to provide updates on their work in Phnom Penh in the future. Please keep the Careys in your prayers.

Submitted by Dennis Pacht

Updates

Stewardship Celebration Worship Service



Harris Fellowship Choir performs "Many Gifts, One Spirit".

Sunday School



Pastor Lea taught Sunday School on Sept. 27. The children made paper eagles from the lesson from Isaiah "Flying with Eagles" and sang "The Hippo Song," making different animal sounds like a choir.

Presale Pie Day



Updates

Wahine Basketball Clinic



Mahalo to the volunteers & donations for the Wahine Basketball Clinic on Sept. 25.
Photo Credit: Greg Yamamoto.

Upcoming

Out of Office

Rev. Lea Booth will be on maternity leave from **October 5 through January 3.**

Please contact Rev. Scott Cervas at 808-230-5648 for emergency pastoral care.

Mission Bazaar Shower

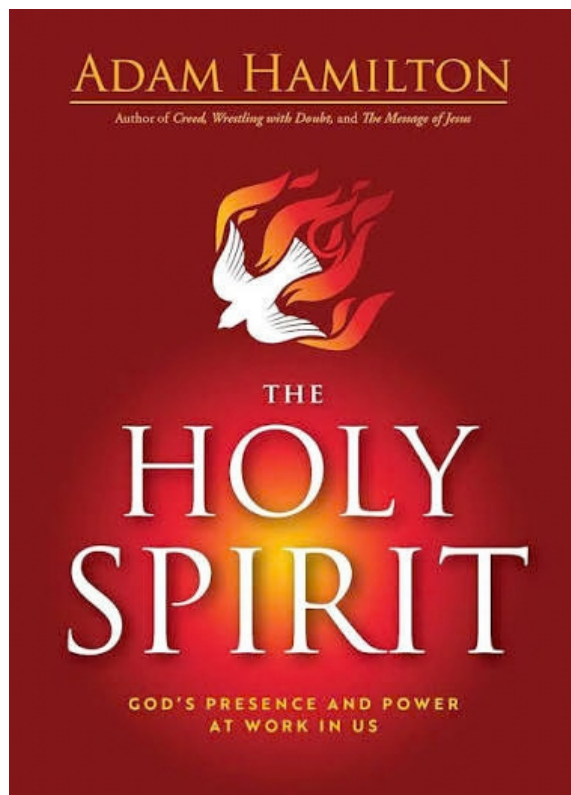
The shower will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 11** in the Courtyard before morning worship. Please donate items (to reduce our out-of-pocket expenses), especially cartons of soda and water, white flour, white sugar, butter (lots and lots of butter

eggs, Ziplock bags, brown paper lunch bags, napkins, chopsticks and canned goods.. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make your check payable to Harris UMC and marked "Bazaar". Thank you for giving.

Spiritual Formation Ministry

Classroom teachers, assistants and resource persons needed! A flexible classroom schedule will be worked on for volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Mel B. at billingsleymel@gmail.com or Diane Matsuura at dianematsuuraoutlook.com

Book Study: Holy Spirit by Adam Hamilton



Starts **Sun, Oct 11 @ 9:00 am in Komuro**

Lounge. Of all the members of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is the one we understand least. God the Father feels familiar. Jesus feels close, his life and words preserved in the Gospels. But the Spirit remains, for many Christians, a quiet mystery.

Who is the Spirit? How does the Spirit move in our ordinary moments, our doubts, our prayers? How does the Spirit impact how we believe and live?

This study, a companion to Adam Hamilton's book *The Holy Spirit*, invites you to search Scripture with an open heart and discover how the Spirit still moves among God's people today. No homework. The book is optional and available on Amazon.

Come whenever you can – All are welcome!

Upcoming

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is **Oct. 4 at 10:45 am**. You are welcome to wear cultural dress and bring breads that represent your heritage.

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The Pride Parade will be on **Sat, Oct. 17, at 3 PM**. Please submit register with the QR if you would like to march or ride our trolley in the parade with us or email woonicoles@yahoo.com.

The parade organizers usually ask all participants to be at Magic Island parking lot by 2 PM since nearby roads will start closing at that time. The closest parking will be at Ala Moana beach park and very limited, and the parade will end at Kapiolani Park. The **trolley will leave HUMC at 1:30 PM**.



Royukai Senior Fellowship



Thursday, Oct. 15 at 9:30am. Marlene will be demonstrating the Japanese craft of Chigire-e, washi paper-tearing to make a picture. Kits will be available for \$5. Please let her know if you are attending: email: marfels@sbcglobal.net or mobile phone: (808) 255-2343.

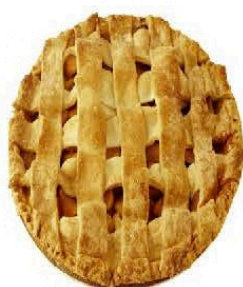
Evening Worship

Evening Worship Services **will be on hiatus through the end of 2026** as we take time to prayerfully evaluate and reimagine the service. We look forward to sharing updates in the new year and hope to return in 2027. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

All Saints Day

Sunday, Nov. 8 has been chosen as All Saints Day, the special worship service when we honor and remember the saints that have gone before us since October 2025. If there is a loved one you would like remembered, please call or email Erin at admin@harrisumc.org and provide the full name of your saint, date of passing, and a photo no later than **Monday, Oct. 26**.

2026 Harris UMC Mission Bazaar



65 Years of Mission Giving

November 7, 2026 marks the 62nd year of the Harris all-church Bazaar. The annual event began when the congregation first held a Bazaar to raise funds to pay for its church buildings. Then, in 1961, the members of Harris decided that all the proceeds from the Bazaar would go for mission outreach programs. From that year onwards, funds raised from the Bazaar are given to mission projects in Hawaii and around the world. In mid-2026, \$18,000 was granted by Harris to mission projects from the funds primarily raised in the 2025 Mission Bazaar. If anyone is interested in further details on these donations, please contact Dennis Pacht, Global Ministries Chair at denenr@aol.com or 808 488-7591.

This year we hope to have the usual booths, including Asian-made items/Costume Jewelry, Baked Goods (Cookies, etc.), Pies (varieties), Books (Used), Country Store (Fresh vegetables and fruit, etc.), Crafts and Christmas Items, Kau Kau Corner (Fried Noodles, etc.), Kitchen wares/dishes, Plants, Refreshments (soda and water), Sewing Ministry (Quilts and Linens), Silent Auction (new and vintage items), Toys, White Elephant (Large items) and White Elephant (Small Miscellaneous items - hats, handbags, office supplies, etc.).

Donations: So check you closets and storage areas. If you have not used it, bring it to the stage at Harris' Miyama Hall. Join in reuse and recycle. Sorry we are not equipped to handle furniture or air conditioners. PLEASE DO NOT BRING USED CLOTHING.

Also, if you have not already joined one of the work groups, please contact Dennis at the above address to discuss how you can best participate. If you have already volunteered, invite someone to join you. We need everyone

Further details will be provided shortly.

Ongoing Ministries

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 Mon. at 6am and Sun. at 9am to prepare soup for IHS. Contact Linda Matsushita at the church office 808-536-9602.

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 Miyama Hall. Contact Davy Lee.

Kids Sunday School K-5 Grade

Meets Sundays at 9:00am in room 10. Contact Aunty Mel B. for more details.

Youth Sunday School 6-12 Grade

Sundays at 9:00 am in Room 16. 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-atworship/>

Or us the QR to ZOOM:



Meetings & Events

10/3 @ 9:00am Visitation, 10:00 am Service
COL: Jane Uyetake. Sanctuary
10/6 @ 6:30 pm Worship Team, ZOOM
10/11 @ 9:00 am Bazaar Shower, Courtyard
10/15 @ 9:30 am Royukai, Komuro Lounge
10/17 @ 1:30 pm Honolulu Pride Parade
Trolley, Harris UMC Parking Lot
10/22 @ 6:30 pm SFM, ZOOM
10/27 @ 6:00 pm Finance Committee, ZOOM

For more events, view the Facility Calendar Online



General Information

Newsletter Deadline

For the November 2026 Newsletter,
please submit any info by **Oct. 26.**

Covenant Missionaries

Rev. Claudia Genung-Yamamoto, Japan
Jonathan McCurley, Japan
Dr. Floyd Corey and Dr. Delecia Corey,
Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

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!

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.



Altar Flowers

You are invited to dedicate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one using the sign up sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary. We suggest a donation of \$63 to our Altar Flowers Fund, but it is not required.

Worship Volunteers Needed!

Would you consider serving as a greeter/usher? A warm smile, a friendly greeting can make a meaningful difference in someone's worship experience. If you are interested in serving please leave a message for Jo at 808-536-9602.

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