



## Sunday Worship Services

**August 4:** "Fear of Death" - Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong

Each of us, faced with our mortality, eventually are faced with the question of how we die. Why do human beings fear death, and how can this fear interfere with life in the here and now?

Worship Associate: Erin Brown; Greeters: Carolyn Eaton, Molly Rowland (9:15 am) / Nancy Mower, Rick Mower (11:00 am); Decorator: Ka'imī Nicholson; Parking: Bob Murphy.

**August 11:** "Faith and Doubt – All in the Family" by the Young Families 'Ohana Covenant Group

Faith and doubt are often presented as an either / or proposition, especially when discussing religion. When viewed outside of a religious context, we find that faith and doubt aren't so diametrically opposed. Members of the Young Family 'Ohana Covenant Group will explore the relationship between faith and doubt in daily life.

Worship Leader: Jean Brokish; Greeters: Jim Cooper, Lorraine Fay (9:15) / Charlotte Huszcza, Jim Lamont (11:00); Decorator: Martina Queenth; Parking: Dan Curran.

**August 18:** "Healthy Agnosticism" by Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong

Certainty is so overrated. When it comes to matters of faith, how can we have a questioning posture that leaves room for exploration and mystery?

Worship Associate: Martina Queenth;

Greeters: Catherine Graham, Nancy Schildt (9:15) / Carla Allison, Ginny Fine (11:00); Decorator: Nancy Schildt; Parking: Michael Brockert.

**August 25:** "Fear of the Unknown" by Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong

Oftentimes, we fear something because we do not yet have the necessary information or we have had a previous bad experience. How can we conquer these fears and live within the tension of the unknown versus the known? How can we set our intentions so we can embrace the possibilities of what's yet to be?

Worship Associates: Eleanor Kleiber and Marie Anne; Greeters: Paul Marshall, Helen Slaughter (9:15) / Leslie Horn, Lee Curran (11:00); Decorator: Martina Queenth; Parking: Michael Brockert.

**September 1:** "A UU Yom Kippur" by Martina Queenth

As UU's we can approach Yom Kippur as a process of introspection leading to change. We turn towards the spirit, towards other people in our lives, and turn towards our true selves as we focus on our personal behavior and on our lives in our community.

Worship Leader: Martina Queenth; Greeters: Carolyn Eaton, Betsy Brandt (9:15) / Nancy Mower, Rick Mower (11:00); Decorator: Betsy Brandt; Parking: Bob Murphy.

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Universalist  
community,  
inspired by our  
Principles,  
boldly growing  
compassion,  
justice, and joy.*

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## From the Minister

It may seem odd that the theme for August has to do with two negative elements I'm sure all of us have dealt with at some point in our lives—fear and doubt. Is there a trick up my sleeve, you may ask? Do two negatives make a positive because they cancel each other out? Not quite. Since we Unitarian Universalists are not shy about tackling important issues that affect our quest for meaning, we may as well face the fact that we have many moments of questioning, many opportunities to struggle with our inner demons of fear, many encounters with uncertainty because life is

often unpredictable. The trick is to not get paralyzed by our fears and not linger in doubt all the time and lose sight of trust. Trust is what overcomes both fear and doubt. Trust can also be translated as faith.

It's hard for me to believe that this August marks my second year as the Settled Minister for this Community of faith. As I look back over the past two years, I think it has been an amazing journey thus far. We have engaged in endeavors that may have us fearful of the outcome. Or we may have doubted some of the choices we have made, but I believe many of us have learned to ultimately trust the

process and trust each other. While we still make room for questions to arise as we continue to evolve, we also trust that we all come with good intentions—to boldly grow compassion, justice, and joy. We have come this far by faith, leaning on one another and keeping our eyes on the journey that is still ahead of us. With this unwavering vision in mind, fear and doubt will simply fade away.

Aloha no,  
Rev. Jonipher



## Upcoming Events

### Conversations with the Minister

On **Wednesday, August 21**, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, the Mission Ministry Team is sponsoring a potluck dinner program in the Art Gallery called Conversations with the Minister. The purpose is to encourage more in-depth exchanges within our Community about “hot”

sermon issues. The July sermon topics have been devoted to prayer. Let us share our responses to this topic, Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for UUs.

Please arrive by 5:30 pm with a potluck dish to share and your beverage of

choice. We will offer a food blessing promptly at 6:00 pm. The conversation with our Minister will run from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. All are welcome, regardless of one's stance on prayer!

Submitted by Mission Ministry Team

### Sun, Surf & UUs

While we will NOT have the traditional *Sunday Service at the Beach* on Labor Day Weekend, it has been suggested that we have a Beach Party on the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend.

If you would like to help plan this new Church event, please contact Rev. Jonipher ([minister@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:minister@unitariansofhi.org)).

# Lifespan Religious Education

## News From Emily

Dear Congregation,

The big news in the world of RE is that I have given notice as Director of Lifespan Religious Education, and this will be my last month of service to the Congregation. I am very grateful for the experience here, and I'm truly sorry it hasn't worked out. I will continue as a Member of the Church, and will do all I can to make the transition smooth.

In other RE news, this round of Young Families 'Ohana Covenant Group meetings is almost over, with August 10 being the last session for now. The group ranged from 4-8 families per meeting, with 10-20 children each

time. It was a space for parents of young children to come together and support each other on a particular topic, including Love, Money, Ego, etc. Big thanks to Matt Graves who very skillfully facilitated the group and to all the families who helped and participated!

The RE Team has been delighted to help support religious education in the emerging Congregations on the Leeward Side and in Kona. We provided RE for the Leeward Service this month, and brainstormed ways to help the Kona congregation as they actively seek more families and young people to join. It is exciting to show support,

encourage, and explore possibilities for our growing faith around the state.

Our Whole Lives is a human sexuality curriculum from the UUA that our Church has offered for many years, and there is a training coming up for those who want to be facilitators. FUCH will offer the program to our Senior High class this Fall and we will need people who have been trained. Please see the OWL page in the RE portion of the Church website for details or ask me if you're interested!

In Faith & Gratitude,  
Emily Carroll



## Wise OWL Leaders Needed

OWL, Our Whole Lives: Sexuality Education Leader Training, for Teachers, Parents, and Social Service Providers for OWL Junior High [Grades 7 - 9] and Senior High [Grades 10 - 12] **Friday, August 23, 6:00 to**

**9:00 pm, Saturday, August 24, 8:30 am to 6 pm and Sunday, August 25, 1:00 to 5:00 pm** at The First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. If you have questions, please contact Laurel Zeri (236-3032 or 389-7975)

[laurelzeri@gmail.com](mailto:laurelzeri@gmail.com)) To apply, please go the OWL page in the RE portion of the Church website or contact Emily ([re@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:re@unitariansofhi.org)). Deadline for registration is August 12.



## Young Adults Change Meeting Dates

The Young Adult Gathering for ages 18-35 will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, Upstairs at 12:30 pm.

Contact Emily ([re@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:re@unitariansofhi.org)) with any questions and contact Liz ([lizflannery@gmail.com](mailto:lizflannery@gmail.com)) to be added to the email. Also join the Facebook Group called [First Unitarian Church of Honolulu Young Adults](#).

# Nuts and Bolts: Things that keep our church running

## Coffee, Coffee, Coffee...

Thanks to the following wonderful Members and Friends for helping to keep us percolating:

August 4: Coffee Preparers:

Mitsue Stout and Sue Jordan.  
Coffee Clean-Up: Jim Myers, Grace Malakoff, Martha Myers.

August 11: Gene & Shirley Parola

August 18: Josh Johnson

August 25: Gene & Shirley Parola

## URGENT !!!!

The Board has requested to host Second Sunday Lunch (SSL) in October, 2013, which leaves us host-less for September.

If your Team has been waiting for this opportunity, please let Sali Toda (tntoda@hawaiiintel.net) know immediately -- if not sooner -- of your willingness to step up and handle September.

Below is the tentative list of hosts for the Church Year

2013-2014. Please confirm your Team's assignment, as soon as possible.

### 2013

- August 13 - SJC
- September 13 - ?
- October 13 - Board
- November 13 - Worship
- December 13 - Stewardship 2014
- January 14 - Religious Education
- February 14 - Pali Paths
- March 14 - HUUWF
- April 14 - ?

May 14 - Cooking Dudes

June 14 - ?

July 14 -

Membership/Aesthetics

August 14 - ?

The Second Sunday Lunch (SSL) Guidelines have been revised; if you have any suggestions, please let me know. Thanks to the groups who have volunteered

Mahalo, Sali Toda  
537.6977;  
tntoda@hawaiiintel.net

**Door Works**

Thanks to Don, our Resident Building Manager, the door to the Fred Harper Room now moves with relative ease. We appreciate all that Don does to keep our building functioning.



## Volunteer Appreciation

It was a hot summer afternoon, but ten faithful volunteers showed up for our July 20th Work Party. Thanks to Julian Showkeir, Vin Lettvin, Jim Cooper, Martina Queenh, Paul Marshall, Alan Mair, Dan Curran, Molly Rowland, Al Rowland, and Don Dvojacki for cutting vegetation back in preparation for painting, washing windows, installing refurbished window screens, painting siding, installing a new toilet seat, removing weeds from the driveway

and repainting lines for parking stalls. Thanks also to Charlotte Huszcza who took care of recyclables the day before the Work Party. Our next Work Party will be in mid-September.

For several years Julie Elting has been a regular parking volunteer, and we have enjoyed her smiling face on the second Sunday of the month. Now Julie is taking a year off to work on her PhD but says we can expect her back when she is finished.

Thank you for your faithful service, Julie!

Thanks to to Dan Curran who is stepping in to Julie's place on the second Sunday.

We always need more volunteers in the hospitality area of our Sunday morning services. If you would be interested in being a greeter, decorator, or parking guide, please call Molly Rowland at 988-4426 or talk to her at Church.

**Fourth Sunday Lunch**

Fourth Sunday Lunch is on hiatus until October.





## Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church

### Second Sunday Lunch with Rep. Karl Rhoads

Following the 11:00 am Service on Sunday, August 11, the Social Justice Council will host Second Sunday Lunch with special guest Karl Rhoads. Representative Rhoads chairs the House Committee on Judiciary, a key committee in passing Marriage Equality for Hawaii in 2014. Karl will join us for lunch followed by a brief "Lege 101" discussion with Q&A about Hawaii State Legislature processes. The lunch menu will include tofu curry over jasmine rice with homemade mango chutney. See you there!

### Marriage Equality Update

On Sunday afternoon, July 21, a UU delegation accompanied Rev. Jonipher to a Marriage Equality forum organized by Hawaii United for Marriage (HUM) and the ACLU of Hawaii. Over 120 community leaders and elected officials brainstormed messages to take back to

their respective organizations. HUM and the ACLU plan a second forum, probably Sunday afternoon, August 11, at a location TBA. We will continue organizing and letting lawmakers know that we want action in 2014!

### Four Noble Truths of Social Justice

1. There is persistent injustice in the world.
2. Root causes drive these persistent injustices that in turn drive more injustice.
3. Principle-based action transforms root causes to drive justice rather than injustice.
4. To transform root causes to drive justice rather than injustice, do this:

Mindfully observe the injustices in the world around us.

Compassionately describe these social injustices.

Honestly identify root causes that drive these

injustices.

Boldly prescribe Principle-based actions that transform root causes.

Strategically anticipate future cause-driven justice opportunities.

### Social Justice Council Meetings

The Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu meets on the Third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Fred Harper Room. The Council meets this month on Thursday, August 15, when the agenda will include workshops to clarify Democratic Process for Social Justice Ministry partnerships and a Task Force to review our Social Justice Resolutions. Please contact the Council at (808) 595-4047 or [sjc@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:sjc@unitariansofhi.org) or visit [www.unitariansofhi.org](http://www.unitariansofhi.org) for more information about the Social Justice Ministry of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. Visitors always welcomed!



## Art, Music, Literature, and More

### Gallery On the Pali

#### *Hidden in Plain Sight*

Photography by Joseph C. Harris Jr.

Exhibit runs from **July 28** through **August 29**

Artist's Reception: **Saturday, August 3, 5:00 - 7:00 pm.**

Joseph C. Harris, Jr. is a macro-photographer who was born and raised in New

Orleans. His photography uncovers the hidden, often overlooked, natural environment in his new found island sanctuary and has served as a means of gaining solace and inner peace. He hopes that those who view this hidden world through his lens will deepen their appreciation of the natural beauty of their environment

and ultimately of their fellow human beings.

Gallery Hours:  
Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00pm, Saturday & Sunday, 2:00 to 6:00 pm.



## In Our Circle: Membership life

### Thank You Karen

The Thank You Party, on Sunday, July 21 for our retiring Music Director, Karen Valasek was a great success. The Sanctuary, Sun Room, and Foyer were filled with well-wishers. Entertainment

was supplied by Members of the Band, and Sam Keli'ihomalu who played and sang for us. Through the generosity of our Church's friends and members, Karen received a gift certificate to

Nordstrom's, one of her favorite stores. We all appreciate the fine Music Program Karen created for our Beloved Community.



Karen's Farewell Party

### Calling all UU Women!

You are cordially invited to attend a tea on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the home of Sheila O'Keefe, 2235 Oahu Avenue in Manoa. Hot and iced teas will be served with a variety of finger foods and desserts. The tea is a resumption of the Honolulu UU Women's Federation monthly meetings. Agenda items include:

looking at different meeting times or days, talking about our upcoming traditional annual clothing exchange in October, changing / continuing our student sponsorships and how we intend to raise funds for that, including producing a full version of the Vagina Monologues in February 2014 in conjunction with the

One Billion Rising celebration, Valentine's Day and weekend, and other topics. Feel free to bring a dessert plate to share. Contact Sheila O'Keefe (489-4629 or [shesokinhi@yahoo.com](mailto:shesokinhi@yahoo.com)) for more information or directions. All women are welcome.



Emily Carroll provides RE for the Leeward Ohana Group's Service

### Leeward 'Ohana Group (LOG)

LOG had its Second Service on July 20 at the home of Stephanie Teraoka. At this Service for the first time, LOG provided RE for two children. Thanks to Emily

Carroll for coming out to the Wild West (aka, the Leeward Side) and being with the children.

The next Service of LOG will be on Saturday, August 17

at 5 pm. For more information, please contact Charlotte Huszcza (672-7341; [lottefish@msn.com](mailto:lottefish@msn.com)).

### Camp Mokuleia 2014 Shaping Up

The Camp Mokuleia planning group is already creating another exciting Church Camp which will be Mothers' Day Weekend, May 9-11, 2014. Some ideas include: a camp reunion at Church in December (wear your tie

died shirt), an early bird discount, a theme and logo contest and, of course, your favorite activities which will return at camp. Stay tuned for more announcements about camp. Want to help? Contacts: Margaret Mann

([margaretmann2000@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretmann2000@yahoo.com)), and Beth Marshall ([bmarshall3842@gmail.com](mailto:bmarshall3842@gmail.com)), Veronica Morgan ([veronicarmorgan@msn.com](mailto:veronicarmorgan@msn.com)), Charlotte Huszcza ([lottefish@msn.com](mailto:lottefish@msn.com)).



The Camp Mokuleia Planning Group  
Veronica Morgan, Beth Marshall, Charlotte Huszcza, Margaret Mann

## CALENDAR (April 6 – May 13, 2012 )

### August 6, Tuesday

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)
- 7:00 pm Men's Support Group (FHR)
- 7:30 pm Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

### August 7, Wednesday

- 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Book Discussion (FHR)

### August 8, Thursday

- 7:00 pm Pali Paths (FHR)

### August 11, Sunday

- 9:15 am 1st Church Service (Downstairs)
- 11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)
- 11:00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)
- 12:30 pm Young Adult Gathering (MR#1)

### August 13, Tuesday

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)
- 6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (FHR)
- 7:30 pm Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

### August 14, Wednesday

- 7:00 pm Building Team (FHR)
- 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### August 15, Thursday

- 1:00 pm Gallery on the Pali, Team (Gallery)
- 4:30 pm Membership Team Meeting (Gallery)
- 6:00 pm Social Justice Council (FHR)

### August 18, Sunday

- 9:15 am 1st Church Service (Downstairs)
- 10:00 am Listening Post (FHR)
- 11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)
- 11:00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)

12:15 pm Membership Team Step 1 (FHR)

- 12:30 pm Convening of Chairs
- 12:30 pm All About Our Church (FHR)

### August 20, Tuesday

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)
- 7:00 pm Men's Support Group (FHR)
- 7:30 pm Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

### August 21, Wednesday

- 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### August 22, Thursday

- 7:00 pm Pali Paths (FHR)

### August 23, Friday

- 5:00 pm Our Whole Lives Academy (MR#1)

### August 24, Saturday

- 8:00 pm Our Whole Lives Academy (MR#1, 3)

### August 25, Sunday

- 9:15 am 1st Church Service (Downstairs)
- 11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)
- 11:00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)
- 11:30 am Newsletter Deadline (Office)
- 12:30 pm Young Adult Gathering (MR#1)
- 8:00 pm Our Whole Lives Academy (MR#1, 3)

### August 27, Tuesday

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)
- 7:00 pm All Believers Network (Sun Room)
- 7:30 pm Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

### August 28, Wednesday

- 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)

11:00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)

### September 2, Monday

Labor Day Church Office closed  
September 3, Tuesday

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)
- 7:00 pm Men's Support Group (FHR)
- 7:30 pm Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

### September 4, Wednesday

- 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### September 8, Sunday

- 9:15 am 1st Church Service (Downstairs)
- 11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)
- 11:00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)
- 12:30 pm Young Adult Gathering (MR#1)
- 1:30 pm OWL Grade 10-12 Parents (MR#1)

### September 10, Tuesday

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)
- 6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (FHR)
- 7:30 pm Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

September 11, Wednesday

- 7:00 pm Building Team (FHR)
- 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

This calendar represents only Church programming. Other events may be scheduled

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