

The Weekly Bulletin

Dec 12/14, 2014

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

UULOG Welcomes the Sun

Saturday | 12/13 | 5:00 pm | Island Pacific Academy, Kapolei

UULOG will be welcoming both Rev. Jonipher and the Solstice. The Solstice signifies a new beginning and Jonipher will be talking about, "Spiritually, what's holding us back and how can we release the ties that bind so we begin the New Year with a greater degree of freedom? Follow us on a journey to liberating your life."

UULOG Services are held in Kapolei, at Island Pacific Academy. **December 13th is the Kapolei Parade of Lights which starts at 6:00 pm.** IPA allows parking for the Parade in their lot. IPA will save us 12 spots in front of the Building. Just tell them you are with the Unitarian Universalist Church. Bring your potluck and check out what the Leeward Side has to offer. (Charlotte Morgan)

Gallery on the Pali Current Exhibit

Friday | 12/5 - 1/8 | Gallery Hours: M-F, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & S/S, 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Artist Reception | Saturday | 12/13 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

"A Look Back" collection of works by 2014 GOTP Artists

This is a retrospective show displaying the diversity, quality and range of media that have been exhibited this year at the Gallery on the Pali.

Come to the reception to meet the artists, refresh your year with GOTP and reflect upon 2014.

Have something for the Newsletter or Weekly Bulletin?

Have Announcements, Photos, Artwork, Short Poems/Prose, or other pieces (50-100 words) to add to the Newsletter or *Weekly Bulletin*?

Newsletter Copy to Margaret Mann (FUCH-Newsletter-Team@googlegroups.com)

Weekly Bulletin copy to Katy Launert (FUCH-Weekly-Bulletin-Team@googlegroups.com)

Deadline Reminder:

For the *Weekly Bulletin*, every Tuesday at Noon;

For the *Church Newsletter*: every Fourth Sunday at Noon. (Katy Launert)

CHANGES:

Weekly Bulletin Takes a Break

The Weekly Bulletin will not be published the week of December 26/28. If you have an item you wanted included during that week please submit it for the December 19/21 Bulletin. Due Tuesday, 12/16 at noon to FUCH-Weekly-Bulletin-Team@googlegroups.com. (Katy Launert)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Would You Like to Hold the Baby

Sunday | 12/21 | 11:00 am

Wednesday | 12/24 | 5:00 pm

Come see the UU Holiday pageant "Would You Like to Hold the Baby" held for two performances only. Our children will tell us the story of a new baby Jesus and his mother Mary who welcomes the whole community to help her child grow into a leader who spreads compassion, justice, and joy. (Katy Launert)

Science & Humanism: Roadblocks to God?

Sunday | December 28th | 9:15 am & 11:00 am Services.

Can we believe in science and humanity and still find the Divine? Join for an entertaining and stimulating Service, as Charlotte Morgan ponders this question.

We will have a Talk Back at the 9:15 am Service and after the later Service, Charlotte will stay in the Sanctuary to discuss the topic with anyone who is interested. It is the Morgan's One Year Wedding Anniversary and there will be cake. (Charlotte Morgan)

Strategic Planning Workshop

Sunday | 1/4 | 12:00 pm

Contact: Phil Morris | pdmorris@hawaii.rr.com

The draft Strategic Plan that will chart our way to "Boldly Grow Compassion, Justice and Joy" will be the subject of two workshops. These workshops will examine the five draft Objectives and their tasks of our proposed Strategic Plan. The second workshop will be after the second Service on Sunday, January 4th. All this leads to a Congregational meeting on January 25th called to adopt the proposed Strategic Plan which has been in preparation for over two years. A draft Strategic Plan can be accessed through the Church website or by email from Phil Morris. (Phil Morris)

Meet our District Executive, Dr. Josh Searle-White

Friday | 1/9 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Gallery

Come meet our District Executive, Dr. Josh Searle-White on in the Gallery for a potluck and conversation. Bring your questions along! (Rev. Jonipher)

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday | 1/7 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert. This novel portrays the life and mind of an exceptional 19th century woman with a passion for scientific discovery.

Wednesday | 2/4 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam. The title of this novel is the nickname, derived from an acronym, of its central character. Born in Malaysia, educated in England, engaged in a successful career as a barrister in Hong Kong, and now retired in England, he seeks to repair at least a few of the missed connections of his earlier life. (Roger Wickenden)

Gallery on the Pali New Exhibit

1/11 - 2/12 | T-F, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & S/S, 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Artists Reception: Saturday | 1/17 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

“Undercurrents of Tradition” is a triad reflection on the *mana* of Hawaii by Rochelle Weidner, Anita Bruce and Rebecca Snow.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Chalice Circles: Connection, Caring & Community

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Everyone is invited to join a Chalice Circle where you will:

- Connect with others
- Engage in exploring substantial questions that go beyond small talk
- Share deeply to attentive listeners in a high-trust environment
- Be part of a small group that cares for one another during times of trouble and celebration
- Participate in Church and community service of the group's choosing

Starting in January, Chalice Circles of 5-10 people will meet twice a month for two hours to explore pre-selected topics together. Each group is guided by a trained facilitator and members agree to follow a covenant which acts as a common set of guidelines for respectful group interaction. Membership requires commitment to regular attendance starting January and running through June.

Six groups with varying locations and times are currently forming. There is a group for you!

AmazonSmile Donations

We received \$25+ so far! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to First Unitarian Church of Honolulu whenever you shop on Amazon. If you are someone who uses Amazon regularly or just once in a while, please go to <http://unitariansofhi.org/amazon> and sign up. The Church will receive a donation whenever you make an order! (Jennifer Kane)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

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Adopt A Family is On!

Mahalo nui loa (thank you so very much!) to the Metzger family for coordinating the Adopt-A-Family (through Helping Hands Hawaii) effort this year! 12 year old Eden is championing this cause, and I am in awe of her compassion and willingness. Our Church IS a church of helping hands and this proves it.

I urge you to bring an unwrapped gift THIS SUNDAY. If you are unable to purchase a gift by then, monetary donations will be accepted and used to bring these families a great Christmas.

The first family is a family of four, headed by a single mom. The children are ages 6 months to 3 years. Some wishes are a bike for the 3-year old, princess toys for the middle child, and a stroller and car seat for the baby. Gift cards help, too.

The second family is a family of four with two kids. Mom cares for the father, who is terminally ill. The children are a 9-year old girl (hoping for Barbies) and an almost 2-year old boy (Duplos, Mr. Potato Head). Gift cards to locally-accessible stores would help out the parents.

Contact Eden Metzger for more information: katiemetzger10@gmail.com and the phone number is 225-5524.

Extra Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Wow, what amazing effort I'm seeing from Pageant folks, adults and kids alike! Thank you and what a wonderful show it should be! This is the final stretch to get everything in tip-top shape, so there are some extra rehearsals. If you or your child is in the Pageant, please plan to attend the following extra rehearsals:

- Dec 14: Please plan to attend an ALL PARTICIPANTS rehearsal from 12:30 - 1:30pm in the Main RE room.
- Dec 19: Dress Rehearsal, ALL PARTICIPANTS Main Sanctuary, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Stone Soup is Jan. 11

Yes, it is that time of year again--Stone Soup Sunday! We urge everyone who is coming to bring a cup of chopped vegetables, meat or broth and to enjoy the wonder of Stone Soup. I'm also looking for a Story For All Ages volunteer who can present the story to the congregation. Children will spend time cooking up the Stone Soup and we can always use parent/adult volunteers in the kitchen. Contact Katie at RE@unitariansofhi.org to volunteer.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Contact: Susan Lebo | 595-4047 | sjc@unitariansofhi.org

2015 MLK Holiday Parade and Unity Rally

Monday 1/19/2015 | 9:00 am | from Magic Island to Kapiolani Park

Contact: Rick Stanley | 737-4906 | paladin@hawaii.rr.com

Do you prefer a compassionate world of economic equity that ensures Basic Needs as a matter of course? Would you like to help prepare the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu to participate in this year's Parade? All time and talent welcomed. See <http://mlk-hawaii.com/home/> for more information. (Rick Stanley)

UUA Green Sanctuary Program

Contact: Susan Lebo | 595-4047 | sjc@unitariansofhi.org

Do you seek responsible and effective environmental stewardship that sustains the only planet that we have? Would you like to help the First Unitarian Church become an accredited UUA Green Sanctuary Congregation? See <http://www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary/> for more information. (Susan Lebo)

December 18 – SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL Meeting

Next Meeting: Thursday 12/18 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

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The Social Justice Council meets on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Fred Harper Room. Pooling our talents and sharing a little time, we will make Historic Moments happen! Visitors always welcomed. See <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/> for information about the Social Justice Ministry of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. (Susan Lebo)