

# The Weekly Bulletin

Jan 2/4, 2015

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

### **Strategic Planning Workshop**

Sunday | 1/4 | 12:00 pm

Contact: Phil Morris | [pdmorris@hawaii.rr.com](mailto: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)

### **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

"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](mailto:FUCH-Newsletter-Team@googlegroups.com))

*Weekly Bulletin* copy to Katy Launert [FUCH-Weekly-Bulletin-Team@googlegroups.com](mailto: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)

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

### **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:

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Building Clean-Up!

1/24, 1/25, 1/27 | Contact Katie Ackerman | 595-4047 | [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org)

Please sign up to clean the building on January 24th, 25th, and 27th. The pest control service is on January 26th. We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming signups.

We need many hands to make this work!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/psf3W5>
- 2) Just enter your email twice and you go to the sign-up! No account needed, no password.
- 3) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like. Sign up!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

On the day you arrive there will be a printed list of tasks from which you can select. This will help us know what is being addressed and what still needs work.

Please email Katie directly if you have additional questions. (Katie Ackerman)

## New Hospitality Team Needed

Contact: Marie Anne | 728-4842 or Janice Davis | 551-4748

A new Hospitality Team was formed in February of 2014 as part of the newly formed Welcoming Team. We volunteered to act as interim coordinators for one year. Our term will come to an end in February 2015.

The year has been both exhilarating and exhausting; fun and frustrating. We leave with gratitude for those of you who have volunteered time and donations. If you would like this time of fellowship to continue, please contact one of us. We would be happy to show you "the ropes" before we leave. (Marie Anne)

## **Chalice Circles: Connection, Caring & Community**

Contact: Carla Allison | [cbm@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:cbm@hawaii.rr.com) | 396-1488

Heather Lemkelde | [hlemkelde@gmail.com](mailto:hlemkelde@gmail.com) | 462-7860

Looking for Connection, Caring & Community? Join a Chalice Circle! At Chalice Circles you will:

- Connect with others
- Engage in exploring substantial questions that go beyond small talk
- Share deeply with 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 each 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.

Chalice Circles are currently forming in Hawaii Kai, Kakaako, Kaimuki, Honolulu, Ewa Beach & Waianae. Times vary. There is a Chalice Circle for you!

Questions or Interested? Contact Carla Allison or Heather Lemkelde

## **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:***

Contact Katie Ackerman | 595-4047 | [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org)

### **Young Family 'Ohana Covenant Group**

1/10 | 5:30 pm | Contact: Katie [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org)

Join other families with young or youngish children on Saturday, January 10th at 5:30 pm. Bring a potluck item. Childcare will be provided as parents/caregivers meet and talk during this reflective listening, deep-sharing time. The group meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month for a 5 month (10 session) series. Cost of childcare is supplemented by the Church and remains a reasonable \$5 per child, per night (\$50 per session), payable at the beginning of the January 10th. This group has proven a great way for families to connect and form wonderful relationships. Bring friends and interested parties (first-time families welcome!) to the first session and see what it is all about. Contact [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org) for more information.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Choose to spend some time with kids on a Saturday evening--by volunteering to child-watch during the Family Covenant Group, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Contact Katie to become certified and join the fun!  
[RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org)

### **Religious Education Meeting**

Sunday | 1/4 | 10:00 am | MR 1

All are welcome to learn about and provide feedback for First Unitarian Church of Honolulu's RE program. Contact Katie to add to the agenda. [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org)

## **Stone Soup is January 11th**

Sunday | 1/11 | 12:00 pm immediately following the 11:00 Service

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](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org) to volunteer.

## **Kindergarten OWL is Coming!**

Plan now to have your 5, 6, or 7 year old to attend OWL sexuality education January through March. Classes meet once a week, is a parent-involved program, and offers childcare for non-attending children. The program is scheduled 1:00 – 3:00 pm on Sundays. Childcare provided for non-participants. Classes are: January 11th (parent orientation), January 18th (child orientation), January 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd; March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. The whole program is finished just before Easter. Contact [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org) to sign up. There is a fee for this class; scholarships are available.

## ***SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:***

Contact: Susan Lebo | 595-4047 | [sjc@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:sjc@unitariansofhi.org)

### **January 15, 2015 – SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL Meeting**

Thursday | 1/15 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

Contact: Susan Lebo | 595-4047 | [sjc@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:sjc@unitariansofhi.org)

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)

### **2015 MLK Holiday Parade and Unity Rally**

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

Contact: Rick Stanley | 737-4906 | [paladin@hawaii.rr.com](mailto: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, and don't miss the Pre-Parade Poster Party on Sunday, January 18th – the best posters always come out of these Poster Parties! (Rick Stanley)

### **UUA Green Sanctuary Program**

Contact: Susan Lebo | 595-4047 | [sjc@unitariansofhi.org](mailto: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)