

# The Weekly Bulletin

April 24/26, 2015

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

### **French Toast & Bacon & Syrup, Oh My!**

Sunday | 4/26 | 11:00 am

Contact: Charlotte Morgan | 343-0137 | [lottefish@msn.com](mailto:lottefish@msn.com)

Our fabulous chefs, Ron and Mark will be back after the 10:00 am Sunday Service, April 26th, providing another sumptuous 4th Sunday Brunch. Come hungry our friends and enjoy a wonderful meal. All proceeds from the Brunch benefit the Unitarian Universalist Leeward 'Ohana Group (UULOG) as they continue to bring UU to Leeward Oahu.

Want more information about UULOG or helping with Brunch? Please contact Charlotte Morgan (Charlotte Morgan).

### **Common Read 2015 – Final Session**

Sunday | 4/26 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm | Meeting Room 1

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YOU ARE INVITED to the Final Session! In "Reclaiming Prophetic Witness," Paul Rasor dispels the myth that conservative Christianity is the only religious voice in our national policy. How do we lift our spirits, inspire our voices, and reclaim our place in the public square? LAST CALL to contact Liz for a free copy of "Reclaiming Prophetic Witness."

See the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/re/adults/read> for more information about the annual Unitarian Universalist "Common Read." This Book Study is co-sponsored by the Worship and Social Justice Programs. (Liz Flannery)

### **Gallery on the Pali New Exhibit**

4/26 – 5/28 | T-F 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & S/S 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Artists Reception: Saturday | 5/2 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm

"Suso In Italia Bella" Paintings by Nitya Brighenti

The work on display will be watercolors and oil on canvas paintings of images from Brighenti's travels to his birthplace in Italy as well as his immersion in Hawaii's natural beauty. The title of the show comes from a verse from Dante Alighieri, Commedia, Inferno Canto XX 61. Painting is for Brighenti a byproduct of poetry. This collection of paintings span a period of 10 years of the artists working life. Come and enjoy seeing his journey across a decade and continents.

## 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:

### A Service of Transitions...

Saturday | 5/9 | 5:00 pm | Island Pacific Academy - Kapolei

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The next Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Group (UULOG) Service will be on Saturday, May 9th, 5:00 pm, at Island Pacific Academy (IPA) in Kapolei. The famous Potluck is after the Service. This Service will be especially poignant as we bid aloha to the wonderful Larsen Family and to Rev. Jonipher who will be celebrating his last UULOG Service. We will also be rejoicing in the success of the Chalice Circles as the Ewa group will be involved with the Service.

If you would like more information on UULOG, please contact Charlotte Morgan (Charlotte Morgan).

### It's Tea Time for Wahine Choice

Saturday | 5/16 | 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

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The Honolulu Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation is hosting a High Tea for Planned Parenthood. Many years ago, two of our Unitarian Women (Noreen Chun and Jo Ashmore) started a revolving loan fund at Planned Parenthood to assist young women who could not afford to have a baby. Wahine Choice is a loan program and much of the money borrowed has been paid back, but there is still a need, prices have gone up while incomes have not.

Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. To pay by credit card – go to [www.unitariansofhi.org](http://www.unitariansofhi.org) and click on Donate (top right), then Wahine Choice. Enter amount for number of tickets you want at \$40 each. To pay by Cash or Check contact Catherine Graham 741-4317, [catgraham48@gmail.com](mailto:catgraham48@gmail.com) (Catherine Graham)

### General Assembly

6/24 - 28 | Portland, Oregon Convention Center

So far, a record 17 members from our congregation will be attending General Assembly this year as we join thousands of Unitarian Universalists from other parts of the country and indeed the world to celebrate the power of our faith and movement. It's not too late to register but the cheaper rate ends April 30th. Go to [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga) and sign up today and get ready to be inspired in June. (Rev. Jonipher)

## **Book Discussion Group**

Wednesday | 5/6 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. This autobiography is by the first Hispanic woman to be appointed as a justice to the United States Supreme Court.

Wednesday | 6/3 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss *Desert Solitaire* by Edward Abbey. Drawing upon his experiences as a ranger at Arches National Park in Utah, the author celebrates with word-pictures many scenes and places having emotional impact, and passionately decries the various human threats to their continuance. (Roger Wickenden)

## **OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Alaka'i Success!**

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What a wonderful Congregation!!! Last Sunday, there were 9 new Alaka'i at the first ever training. It is inspiring to see so many Church Members and Friends eager to be the friendly face of our Beloved Faith Community.

Who can be an Alaka'i? Anyone who cares for our beloved Church can be an Alaka'i. An Alaka'i will chat with newcomers, explain the flow of a typical Sunday Service, and answer additional questions about the Congregation or other connections.

If you are interested in becoming an Alaka'i, please contact any of our Engagement Team Chairs. You are very important to our Church. (Charlotte Morgan)

### **Chalice Circles Continue to Expand!**

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New Chalice Circles are sprouting and participation is growing. Newcomers are always welcome and may choose to join one of six groups. If you want to go beyond small talk and be part of a connected, compassionate and caring community, there is a Chalice Circle waiting to welcome you. Membership requires commitment to regular attendance twice each month through June 30, 2015. Here's what participants are saying about Chalice Circles:

*"Being new to this UU community and to Honolulu I feel grateful and amazed by the beauty and simplicity of the Chalice Circle program. It's been a wonderful experience and opportunity to get to know people, and to grow with them in community."* Judith Clark

*"I like the Chalice Circles because for 4 hours a month it's possible to sit and have a conversation with friendly people from the Church. The conversation is focused instead of being random chat, so we can kind of compare how we think and feel about issues. In a family values place like Hawaii it gives me a family I wouldn't otherwise have. I recommend them."* Marshall Heaney

*"Chalice Circles are a delightful way to share our stories, uninterrupted through deep listening, and a way for us to get to know and relate to one another on a new level."* Helen Slaughter

Chalice Circle Options:

Mondays (2nd & 4th) Hawaii Kai 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesdays (2nd & 4th) Kaimuki 10:00-12:00pm

Wednesdays (2nd & 4th) Waianae 2:00-4:00pm

Wednesdays (2nd & 4th) Hawaii Kai 6:30-8:30pm

Thursdays (1st & 3rd) Kakaako 6:30-8:30pm

Thursdays (2nd & 4th) Ewa Beach 6:30-8:30pm

Mahalo to our awesome Facilitator Team: Carla Allison, Meghan Hughes Bundtzen, David Kearns, Jeff Kim, Heather Lemkelde, Martina Queenth, Connie Winterstein & Sue Yamane-Carpenter

Interested? Contact Carla or Heather. (Carla Allison)

## **AmazonSmile Donations**

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:***

Contact: Katie Ackerman | [re@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:re@unitariansofhi.org)

## **RE Planning / Team Meeting**

5/3 | 11:30 am | Meeting Room 1

All folks are invited to attend our monthly meeting; if you are at this Church or reading this bulletin, you are on the RE Team!

Topics include:

- Adult Program Selection
- Yearly Camp discussion
- Mid-year Assessment
- Summer Planning

Please come! Childcare provided. RSVP suggested but not required: [Volunteerspot Signup](#).

## **Join your RE Friends at Aiea Bowl**

5/2 | 11:45 am - 2:00 pm | Aiea Bowl

On May 2nd, FUCH RE has reserved two lanes for two hours, and you and yours are invited to come have a "rolling" good time. Bring your own shoes or rent there (\$3), and have a good time testing out the bumpers. You may start checking in at 11:45 am and the lanes are reserved starting at noon. Food is on your own. This is a great chance to join in and meet new families in the RE program. RSVPs strongly encouraged (best is [VolunteerSpot.com](http://VolunteerSpot.com), no need for a password, just enter your email twice).

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:**

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### **Annual Food Drive – FINAL REPORT!**

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The First Unitarian Church of Honolulu raised a grand total of \$3013.07 and 163 pounds of canned goods during our Annual Food Drive through Sunday, 4/12.

THANK YOU ALL who contributed time and treasure to ensure that no one in our Hawaii 'Ohana goes hungry. Special thanks go to the RE Program and to Clara Kraus for her Food Drive appeals during Announcements; to Jenn, our tireless banker; and to Nan Kleiber and Margot's Birthday Luau on Saturday 4/11 for boosting Food Drive donations to over \$900 on Sunday, April 12th! At 25 meals for every \$10 donated, our \$3013.07 ensures that the Hawaii Foodbank can supply 7,533 meals. We did good. (Susan Lebo)

### **Social Justice Program – MAY MEETING**

Next Council Meeting: Thursday 5/21 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

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The mission of the Social Justice Program is to engage (1) our Congregation inwardly in social action through Church Programs and (2) our Community outwardly in social action as a Church. The Social Justice Council supports Program leadership inwardly and provides primary leadership for responsible and effective social action outwardly. Our Congregation always needs leadership for social action, both within our Programs and into our Community! The Council meets on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Fred Harper Room.

See <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/social-justice> for information about the Social Justice Ministry of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. All visitors welcomed! (Susan Lebo)

### **2015 Honolulu Pride Parade**

Saturday | 6/6

Contact: Rick Stanley | 737-4906 | [paladin@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:paladin@hawaii.rr.com)

It is 'Pride in Paradise' time again! Save the date, Saturday, June 6th, for our participation in the 2015 Honolulu Pride Parade. Contact Rick Stanley for marching info or Charlotte Morgan [lottfish@msn.com](mailto:lottfish@msn.com) or Katie Ackerman [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org) for booth info. Organizing First Unitarian participation this year is a collaborative effort of our Religious Education (RE) Program, our Leeward 'Ohana Group (UULOG) campus, and our Social Justice Program. (Susan Lebo)