

The Weekly Bulletin

May 1/3, 2015

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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)

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)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

A Service of Transitions...

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

Contact: Charlotte Morgan | 343-0137 | lottefish@msn.com

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 Beach 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
Contact: Catherine Graham | 741-4317 | catgraham48@gmail.com

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 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 (Catherine Graham)

General Assembly--New Information

Wednesday-Sunday | 6/24 - 28 | Portland, Oregon Convention Center

Rev. Jonipher is co-leading two workshops (6/25 from 1:15-2:30 on “Energy Centers” and 6/27 from 1:15-2:30 on people of color's experience within Unitarian Universalism and co-preaching on Friday morning (6/26 from 8:00-8:45 am). Go to www.uua.org/ga to register 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:

Like to Meet New People? Like To Talk?

Then Being An Alaka`i Is For You...

Contact: Meghan Bundtzen | betterwithart@gmail.com | Charlotte Morgan lottefish@msn.com |
Martina Queenth | martinaq@juno.com

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.

Contact any of our Engagement Team Chairs to hear more about this exciting volunteer position. (Charlotte Morgan)

UUSC-UUA Response to Nepal Earthquake

On April 25th, communities in Nepal, India, and Bangladesh suffered a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake. So far, reports reveal that more than 4,000 people have died and thousands more are injured or missing. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) President Bill Schulz and Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President Rev. Peter Morales have issued this joint statement in response to this tragedy:

Source URL: <http://www.uua.org/news/press-release/uusc-uua-response-nepal-earthquake>
(Carla Allison)

Chalice Circles Continue to Expand!

Contact: Carla Allison | cbm@hawaii.rr.com | 396-1488
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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

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](#).

Do Your Children Want to Lead A Service?

Do your kids want to lead? Do they have a sermon to share? If you or your kids are under 18 and would like to participate in leading a 10:00 am Sunday Service, please contact Katie at re@unitariansofhi.org. The Service date is 5/24, and there will be a few planning and practice sessions beforehand. Signups required, all age children welcomed.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

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State Board of Education ALERT!

Tuesday | 5/19

Contact: Laurie Temple Field | Planned Parenthood of Hawaii | 442-4226 | LField@pphi.org

On April 21st, the Hawaii State Board of Education (BoE) discussed revising state policy to mandate providing sexual health education to all students, including adding additional requirements and clarifying language. The Board may vote on these policy changes at its May 19th meeting. Also on May 19th, the Student Achievement Committee may discuss rescinding its current condom ban on school campuses. There is aggressive conservative opposition to these policy changes, and we need to assure the BoE that the true majority in Hawaii supports this excellence in education. By the time you receive this Weekly Bulletin, we will know the BoE agenda for Tuesday May 19th and whether our testimony and attendance is needed for the May 19th meeting. Please stay alert, and we will keep you informed! (Nan Kleiber)

Social Justice Program – MAY MEETING

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, May 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

It is 'Pride in Paradise' time again! Save the date, Saturday, June 6, for our participation in the 2015 Honolulu Pride Parade. Contact Rick Stanley for marching info or Charlotte Morgan lottfish@msn.com or Katie Ackerman re@unitariansofhi.org for booth info or Steve Lohse lohse@hawaii.edu for pre-Parade Blessing Circle info.

Organizing First Unitarian participation this year is a collaborative effort of our Religious Education (RE) Program, our Leeward 'Ohana Group (UULOG) campus, our Social Justice Program, and of course of our marching UU Congregation. (Susan Lebo)