

The Weekly Bulletin

May 22/24, 2015

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

On Top of Spaghetti...Spaghetti Lunch has returned!!!!

Sunday | 5/24 | after the 10:00 am Service

Contact: Charlotte Morgan | lottefish@msn.com

Our own Chef Ron will again prepare his renowned Spaghetti Lunch. Bring the whole family and enjoy a heart healthy meal with your friends in our Church Community.

All proceeds from the Lunch benefit the Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Group (UULOG) and its mission to "boldly grow compassion, justice and joy" in West Oahu.

Want more information on UULOG? Please contact Charlotte. (Charlotte Morgan)

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 artist's 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:

Summer 2015 Adult RE Series “A Sermon In You”

Fridays | 6/12, 7/3, 7/17, 7/31 | 5:30 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 - 8:00 pm

Contact: Katie Gentry-Ackerman | RE@unitariansofhi.org

Do you feel you have something important to share? Have you ever wondered how a good sermon comes to be? Would you like to stand up at the pulpit, but aren't sure where to begin?

This series will help you discover and create a sermon to present to the congregation. Guided by experienced religious professionals and volunteers, you will discover what makes a great sermon and how to draw upon life experiences, observations, and resources to create and deliver a meaningful sermon.

Sessions:

Session 1: Friday, June 12, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (potluck 5:30 for those who wish)
Come get started with Rev. Dr. Jonipher on brainstorming and starting your sermon. Led by Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kuponu Kwong and Eleanor Kleiber

Session 2: Friday, July 3, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (potluck 5:30 for those who wish)
Bring your outline draft of your sermon. What are the next steps? How can you make it deeper?

Session 3: Friday, July 17, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (potluck 5:30 for those who wish)
Bring your completed sermon. Now how can you present it to the congregation? What visual aids or delivery methods would help?

Session 4: Friday, July 31, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm (potluck for all)
Bring and share your final sermon. A Worship Associate will schedule your Sunday!

Contact Katie to RSVP.

What To Do at General Assembly?

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 next month and for the rest of your life. (Rev. Jonipher)

Book Discussion Group

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.

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

We will discuss *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. It is a thorough review of the effects of mass incarceration associated with the war on drugs and how it constitutes a form of racial injustice. (Roger Wickenden)

OPPORTUNITIES:

The Alaka`i Are Everywhere

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

The Alaka`i welcome visitors to our beloved Church. The Alaka`i are the friendly face that helps visitors feel accepted and loved when they enter into our Faith Community.

We all can be Alaka`i and continue to show visitors that this is the place for them.

If you would like to hear more about the role of the Alaka`i, please contact any of our Engagement Team Chairs. (Charlotte Morgan)

2015-2016 Pledge Drive Launches Building a New Way: WE > i

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Margaret Mann | margaretmann2000@yahoo.com | 265-6551

Mahalo to the 31 members and friends who promptly stepped up and pledged during the kickoff of our annual pledge drive. Generously, they promised over \$67,600 to support our Church 'Ohana in boldly growing compassion, justice and joy in our Church, community and world! When asked to pledge boldly, 17 of the 31 increased their pledge! Combined their total is an 18% increase over their 2014-2015 pledging rate. Bravo and Mahalo!

To join this group of bold pledgers, contact Carla Allison or Margaret Mann, or simply complete a turquoise pledge form and drop it in the offering bowl during the worship Service.

WE > i means seeing beyond personal likes & dislikes and linking arms in support of the greater good. Pledging for the WE is focusing on what's possible for our UU 'Ohana. Building a New Way: WE > i is giving generously out of gratitude for all that has been and for all that is yet to come.

Mahalo to Carla Allison, Marie Anne, Harmony Bentosino, Marilyn Bornhorst, Jim Cooper & Martina Queenth, Junko & David Davis, Carolyn Eaton, Lorraine Fay, Jeff Fox, Catherine Graham, Phil Haff, David Hill, Leslie Horn, Jennifer Kane, Nan & Pierre Kleiber, Leanne MacIntire, Linda Magee, Alan & Eva Mair, Margaret Mann, Charlotte & Veronica Morgan, Phil & Dorothy Morris, Mike Mottl & Jill Rabinov, Lynda Orr, Al & Molly Rowland, Aimee Sanchez, Nancy Schildt, Julian Showkeir & Mickey Selwyn, Natasha Smith, Stephanie Teraoka, Kai White & James Kraus and Roger Wickenden. (Carla Allison)

You Could Vote!!!

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On June 21st, at 11:30 am, our beloved Church will have its Annual Meeting where we will vote in our Board, decide bylaw changes and approve the Budget.

If you become a Member of the Church 30 days before the Annual Meeting, you too will be able to participate in this democratic process.

Contact any of our Engagement Team Chairs: Meghan, Charlotte, and Martina to start the process to becoming a fully enfranchised Member of our Faith Community.

Your vote counts!!! (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!

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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 6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesdays (2nd & 4th) Kaimuki 10:00-12:00 pm
Wednesdays (2nd & 4th) Waianae 2:00-4:00 pm
Wednesdays (2nd & 4th) Hawaii Kai 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursdays (1st & 3rd) Kakaako 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursdays (2nd & 4th) Ewa Beach 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Summer Leader Signups!

Please head over to VolunteerSpot and sign up now for one of the Summer Outdoor RE days. If you have a specific skill (or two!) you would like to teach this term please:

1. Go to VolunteerSpot, sign up for the Sundays you would like to Lead. VolunteerSpot is here: [VolunteerSpot Signup](#). Select a "theme" and type that into the comments. Themes can include (but are not limited to): fire building, first-aid, tent and shelter construction, knots, plant-ID, orienteering/way-finding/mapping. If you don't care what you teach, just put your name in and something like "will lead any subject" in the comments.
2. Contact me to help build the lesson for the day. Together we can plan a story or "lesson" and determine how we can relate it to a UU principle; perhaps you have it all figured out and just need me to give your lesson the DLRE stamp of approval!
3. Then recruit one or two other folks to support your day.

All the children ages 5-17 will gather on the playground. We will be working to communicate to families that kids should wear outdoor wear, sunscreen, and bring water bottles. Youth age 14-17 will be official helpers, and can be one of your three "support" staff.

Additional logistics will be emailed out as we near our start date.

RE Team Meeting

Sunday | 6/7 | 8:45 am | Meeting Room 1

Please join the friends and family of RE'ers everywhere to discuss Religious Education events and issues. Childcare provided. The end of the meeting will offer a Safe Congregations required training for teachers/leads in the RE program.

Childcare During Celebration of Rev. Jonipher

Sunday | 6/7 | after the 10:00 am Sunday Service

We will have childcare during this event extended to 1:00 pm so that adults might be able to fully participate if they wish. Children are, as always, welcome in the Sanctuary if they prefer to stay.

DLRE Ackerman Off-Island June 19-29

Please be advised that Katie will be off-island from 6/19-6/28. Please use email or phone for contact and note that there will be no office hours during that time.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

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2015 Honolulu Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday | 6/6 | Contact: Rick Stanley | 737-4906 | paladin@hawaii.rr.com

TWO WEEKS until Ke ala hou (A new path)! Save the date, Saturday, June 6th, to march in the 2015 Honolulu Pride Parade.

Contact:

Rick Stanley for marching info paladin@hawaii.rr.com

Charlotte Morgan lottefish@msn.com or Katie Ackerman re@unitariansofhi.org for booth info

Steve Lohse lohse@hawaii.edu for pre-Parade Blessing Circle info

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

Social Justice Program – JUNE MEETING

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

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The Social Justice Program of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu engages our Congregation inwardly in social action through Church Programs and our Community outwardly in social action as a Church. Have a social justice matter on your mind? Bring it to the Social Justice Council in person at a Council meeting or in writing for thoughtful consideration.

All visitors welcomed. 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. (Susan Lebo)