

The Weekly Bulletin

June 19/21, 2015

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Where in the World is the Staff?

Please be aware of the plans of our awesome staff in the coming weeks.

Rev. Jonipher

June 23-28: UUA General Assembly, Portland OR

DLRE Katie

June 18-23: Working remotely from Portland, OR

June 24-28: UUA General Assembly, Portland, OR

Office Manager Jennifer

June 23: Association of UU Administrators Conference, Portland, OR

June 24-28: UUA General Assembly, Portland, OR

June 30-July 10: Vacation

Music Director Dennis

June 24-28: UUA General Assembly, Portland OR

Mondays: Church Building & Grounds are closed.

If a member of our Church Staff is not listed here then they have no planned business travel or vacation time off requested as of June 16, 2015.

Special Announcement this Week: Worship Services in Transition

Contact: Worship@unitariansofhi.org | 595-4047

During this time of Minister Transition, we will have more guest speakers and lay-led worship services and more responsibility on your Worship Team than usual. Your thoughts are especially important during this time. Please bring your ideas for guest speakers or service elements to the attention of the Worship Team through the above email, created just for this purpose, or see Eleanor Kleiber, Martina Queenth, Charlotte Morgan, or Steve Lohse in person. On behalf of our shared Worship Services, the Worship Team will give thoughtful consideration to all concerns. (Worship Team)

T-Shirts Have Arrived

Contact: Katie Ackerman | RE@unitariansofhi.org

T-shirt order has arrived! The color is a slightly different green as the previous color was not available. Please contact Katie Ackerman if you'd like to purchase a t-shirt. \$15.00 each / 2 for \$20.00.

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:

Gallery on the Pali New Exhibit

“An Expression of My Vision Through Watercolor”

On display | 7/12 - 8/6 | T-F 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & S/S 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Artists Reception: Friday | 7/17 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Kealohilani Samuel Ahai retired from the US postal service after 42 years. He is many things including a father to 4 grown children, a widow, a grandfather, a canoe paddling coach and an artist. His interest in watercolor art began in the 7th grade when watching friends paint in art class. In his own words he describes his work as various themes. “There are sailing canoes, stormy seas, volcanic eruptions, western themes, meadows, winter scenes, night and early morning scenes, just about anything that my imagination can conjure will make it onto a canvas. Some of my art work are to real places that I have seen and then recreated others are out of my imagination. My exploration of watercolors never really went away throughout my life, however it really picked up once I retired from the post office. This is when I started taking a beginning watercolor class at the Ala Wai Park. Esther Nowell was my teacher and still is. Once I began I was painting 3 or 4 paintings a week and still wanting to do more. Alongside the varying of subjects I also use different sizes from small miniature sized to large scale pieces. This will be my first art showing, I am so thankful to the Unitarian Church for giving me this opportunity. I never dreamed that this could be a possibility but here we are. I am looking forward to being able to share my art work with so many.” The gallery team is excited to provide this first step for Kealohilani’s artist career and we hope you enjoy viewing his work.

Summer 2015 Adult RE Series -- Continues

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

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

“A Sermon In You”

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 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!

Childcare provided. Contact Katie at RE@unitariansofhi.org to RSVP. (Katie Ackerman)

Save the Date for An Evening of Frivolity

Saturday | 8/1 | 5:30-7:30pm | FUCH

The Kaimuki Chalice Circle (KCC) is pleased to announce an evening of fun at First Unitarian. On Saturday, August 2, the KCC Players will be hosting a potluck supper. For entertainment, in the best tradition of summer stock (think Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney but not quite as spunky), Marshall Heaney's play, "L.A. Shake" will be read by our noble, but not ready for even Diamond Head Theater, KCC Players. This a musical comedy, so come prepared with food for fun and music. (Martina Queenth)

Submit Your Reservation Request for 2015-2016

5/29 - 7/1 | Building Manager: Don

Log in: <http://unitariansofhi.org/> Go to *Member Resources > Forms > Space Reservation*

The new Church year is starting July 1st and all Teams and groups needing confirmed space must submit requests for meeting space. You can do this by going to the website and logging on then go to forms, or you can fill out a "Request for Reserved Meeting or Event Space" form on the blue clipboard under the "Church Building & Calendar Info" bulletin board in the hall. Have a great new year. (Don Dvojacki)

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)

Mary Stewart Gaber Remembrance Gathering

Monday | 7/6 | 10:00 am | Club Room at Pohai Nani Retirement Home 45-090 Namoku St. Kaneohe

Mary's Son, Mike, has invited those wishing to attend Mary's Remembrance Gathering to please contact him at gaber.family@verizon.net. Additionally, they would love to receive any anecdotal stories of how their mother impacted your lives or any impressions or stories of her you'd like to share. They are putting together a scrapbook for the gathering. Photos would also be appreciated. See the letter and attachments from Mike on the Community Bulletin Board above the water fountain. (Jennifer Kane)

Book Discussion Group

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.

Wednesday | 8/5 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss *A Constellation of Vital Phenomena* by Anthony Parra. In this novel six principal characters commit acts of courage, betrayal and forgiveness as they persist in saving what means most to them from the destruction war. (Roger Wickenden)

OPPORTUNITIES:

CHECK OUT THE BUSINESS CARDS...

At the Pride Parade Booth on June 6th, the Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Group (UULOG) introduced a business card size, informational piece developed by Clement Smith. This card has basic information about our two Campuses: Honolulu and Kapolei. They are on the credenza in the foyer of our Church and on the Greeters' Table at UULOG Services.

Pick up a couple to put in your wallet. When you talk to friends about the Church, you can give them the card to remind them when and where we have Services. Remember Clement if you or your business has a graphic design project. (Charlotte Morgan)

Why Are We Here???

Contact: Meghan Bundtzen | betterwithart@gmail.com

Charlotte Morgan | lottefish@msn.com

Martina Queenth | martinaq@juno.com

Why do we go to this Church??? We could say that we are a "Transformative Spiritual Community" and our goal is "to help people lead better lives and create a better world." That's true and there is more: we are a loving community and we take care of each other.

Do you believe that there are others who may want to be part of this community? The Engagement Team says, "YES!"

Let's help visitors really know who we are; let's help visitors feel accepted and loved when they enter our Beloved Church. If you would like to hear more about ways you can help a visitor feel truly comfortable here, please contact any of our Engagement Team Chairs. (Charlotte Morgan)

PLEDGE NOW for 2015-2016: Building a New Way: WE > i

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

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

Now is the time to give back and set the foundation for Building a New Way where WE>i. Pledges made now are payable between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

Questions? Contact: Margaret Mann or Carla Allison.

As of June 15 nearly \$131,000 has been committed by 70 members and friends. Mahalo to Caryn & Katie Ackerman, Carla Allison, Marie Anne, Kay Armstrong, Herschel Beazley, Harmony Bentosino, Marilyn Bornhorst, Michael Brockert, Meghan Bundtzen, Dan Carpenter & Sue Yamane-Carpenter, Judith Clark, Jim Cooper & Martina Queeneth, Dan & Lee Curran, Janice Davis, Junko & David Davis, Mimi Davisson & Steve Engh, Don Dvojacki, Carolyn Eaton, Lorraine Fay, Ginny Fine, Jeff Fox, Lisa & Jeff Gillis-Davis, Catherine Graham, Dennis Graue, Phil Haff, David Hafner & Theresa Moorleghen, Jytte Hendrick, David Hill, Leslie Horn, Travis Idol & Courtney Midla, Jennifer Kane, David Kearns, Eleanor Kleiber, Nan & Pierre Kleiber, Leanne MacIntire, Linda Magee, Alan & Eva Mair, Margaret Mann, Sylvia Mitchell, Charlotte & Veronica Morgan, Phil & Dorothy Morris, Frank & Liz Morrow, Mike Mottl & Jill Rabinov, Nancy Mower, Rick Mower, Bob & Betty Murphy, Jim Myers & Grace Malakoff, Ka'imi Nicholson, Sheila O'Keefe, Lynda Orr, Dorothy Ovio, Gene & Shirley Parola, Blake Porter & Heather Lemkelde, Al & Molly Rowland, Beth Ruze, Gio Sabio, Aimee Sanchez, Nancy Schildt, Bethany Schwartz, Julian Showkeir & Mickey Selwyn, Jim & Sharon Skouge, Helen Slaughter, Natasha Smith, Rick Stanley, Mitsue Stout, Stephanie Teraoka, Richard & Karen Valasek, Kai White & James Kraus, Roger Wickenden and Eve Zamora, Laurel Zeri. (Carla Allison)

Chalice Circles Launch New Series: Locations and times are now available for the July through December Chalice Circle series.

Contact: Carla Allison | cbm@hawaii.rr.com | 396-1488
Heather Lemkelde | hlemkelde@gmail.com | 462-7860

There is lots of buzz about Chalice Circles because participants find the conversations relevant and meaningful. Being part of a connected, compassionate and caring community yields benefits beyond expectations. Chalice Circles are 5-10 people who meet twice a month for two hours to explore pre-selected topics. Each group is guided by a trained facilitator and members agree to follow a set of guidelines for respectful group interaction. Membership requires commitment to regular attendance twice each month June through December 31st, 2015.

"I feel grateful and amazed by the beauty and simplicity of the Chalice Circle program." Judith Clark

"It has added a whole new dimension to my experience with the UU Church." Lee Curran

"I have been awarded some of the most meaningful interactions I've had through this church." Dawn Shin

"We get to know and relate to one another on a new level." Helen Slaughter "In a family values place like Hawaii it gives me a family I wouldn't otherwise have." Marshall Heaney

Have questions or want to register? Don't see a location or time that works for you? Contact Carla Allison or Heather Lemkelde.

Locations, Dates & Times

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

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Kaka'ako: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6:30-8:30 pm

Kaimuki: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 10am-12:00 pm

Kailua: 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 3:00-5:00 pm

Central Oahu: 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6:30-8:30pm

(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

Social Event Save-The-Date

Saturday | 7/18 | 5:00 - 9:00 pm | Family Fun at Church

Save the date for an evening of family fun on July 18th at the church. Older kids will have produce a play with Nancy. Younger ones will have childcare and get to be an audience for the play. Meal plan is TBD, but adults will have their own time and/or activity as well.

Email Katie at RE@unitariansofhi.org for more info or to volunteer.

Teen Group?

There has been some interest in holding a teen session (I would encourage it to be open to ages 13-15). I will be reaching out to past teen group volunteers, but if you would like to participate, please contact me. I would like to suggest meeting every other week for four-six sessions. Please contact me at RE@unitariansofhi.org if you would like to participate as a volunteer, or if you would like your teen to participate.

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:

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

Social Justice Program – JULY MEETING

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, July 16 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

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

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