

The Weekly Bulletin

July 10/12, 2015

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

PATRIOTS

Saturday | 7/11 | Service 5 pm | Potluck 6 pm | Island Pacific Academy - Kapolei
Contact: Charlotte Morgan | 343-0137 | lottefish@msn.com

Rekindle that patriotic fervor at the Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Group's (UULOG) July Service which will focus on those who have served our Country. Be prepared to sing our favorite American songs. As always, we will have our Famous Potluck after the Service. For more information, please contact Charlotte. (Charlotte Morgan)

Board Feedback Session and General Assembly Report

Sunday | 11:30am; after the service

Sunday, after the service at 11:30 am. Several member who attended the General Assembly recently will share their experiences. This will also be a time to ask Board members questions you have about anything as several of them will also be there. This will be a regular meeting every third Sunday to answer your questions through this transition period. (Margaret Mann)

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 | 6:00 - 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. Ester Newell 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.

Changes to our Publications

Beginning July, the Weekly Bulletin and Newsletter (*Kukui Lamalama*) will be published by our awesome volunteers! This will free up our Office Manager's time to focus on her other responsibilities, especially in the absence of a Minister. The only piece Jennifer will send out is an email letting you know it's available to view on our website. Mahalo to our fantastic teams for keeping the church communication flowing.

What does this mean for you? Beginning as soon as possible make sure all your copy is sent to the newsletter or weekly bulletin emails (listed below). If you have been sending them to our office your piece might not be included. (Rev. Jonipher/Katy Launert)

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 (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 -- Continues

Fridays | 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 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 the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. 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)

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday | 8/5 | 7 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.

Wednesday | 9/2 | 7 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss *Room* by Emma Donoghue. A woman is abducted and imprisoned in a single room for years where she bears and raises a son. The story is told from the viewpoint of the boy at the age of 5.

(Roger Wickenden)

Wanna OG ???

Saturday | 9/19 | 10-3pm

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How did the Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Group (UULOG) get its start? How has it grown? What are the next goals for UULOG?

All these questions and more will be answered at the Second Annual UULOG Retreat, Wild & Crazy Ideas II, on Saturday, September 19th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Want to hear more about the Retreat or UULOG, please contact Charlotte Morgan. We will be celebrating our Two Year Anniversary so there may be cake. (Charlotte Morgan)

OPPORTUNITIES:

Worship Services in Transition

Contact: Worship@unitariansofhi.org | 808-595-4047

During this time of Minister Transition, we will have more guest speakers, more lay-led worship services, and more responsibility on your Worship Team than usual. Your thoughts are especially important during this time. Please share your ideas for guest speakers or service elements with 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 thanks you! (Worship Team)

Hospitality Team Needs Volunteers

Contact: Sue Greene | 707-834-2252 | oomalava2@gmail.com

With summer schedules in flux, your hospitality team is in great need of help. We all know that convivial conversations over delicious treats and fair-trade coffee add greatly to our UU experience after service each Sunday- but the fruit and muffins don't slice themselves. Can you spare an hour before and/or after service, once or twice a month, to set up or clean up? We would love to have you! Training provided! Please contact Sue Greene. (Sue Greene)

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.

What's In Your Wallet!?!?!

The Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Group (UULOG) has 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.

So maybe it is Evangelism Light. (Charlotte Morgan)

Why Do We Want New Members???

Contact: Meghan Bundtzen | betterwithart@gmail.com

Charlotte Morgan | lottefish@msn.com

Martina Queenth | martinaq@juno.com

It is for a very selfish reason: every time a new person joins with us in our Faith Community, we are enhanced and enlarged. Each new Member helps us in our Mission *to grow compassion, justice and joy*. Each new Member helps us become that Spiritual Community which helps to transform lives.

If you would like to hear more about ways you can help a visitor find his or her spiritual home at First Unitarian, 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

At the June 21st Annual Meeting we voted, and thereby committed to, generating \$165,000 in pledge income. Now is the time to invest in 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.

As of June 21 over \$140,500 has been committed by 82 members and friends. Mahalo to Caryn & Katie Ackerman, Carla Allison, Marie Anne, Kay Armstrong, Herschel Beazley, Harmony Bentosino, Deborah Bond-Upson, Marilyn Bornhorst, Mark & Ron Brasher, Michael Brockert, Meghan Bundtzen, Dan Carpenter & Sue Yamane-Carpenter, Judith Clark, Jim Cooper & Martina Queenth, 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, Sue Green, Phil Haff, David Hafner & Theresa Moorlegghen, Jytte Hendrick, Judy & Bill Hepfer, David Hill, Leslie Horn, Travis Idol & Courtney Midla, Jennifer Kane, David Kearns, Eleanor Kleiber, Nan & Pierre Kleiber, Peter Knerr, Leanne MacIntire, Linda Magee, Alan & Eva Mair, Margaret Mann, Joel Merchant, Katie & Mark Metzger, 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, Elinor Ratcliffe, John & Cathy Rolph, 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, Lester Stiefel & Ako Brown-Stiefel, Mitsue Stout, Stephanie Teraoka, Richard & Karen Valasek, Kai White & James Kraus, Roger Wickenden, Connie Winterstein, Eve Zamora and Laurel Zeri.
(Carla Allison)

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

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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.

Nan Kleiber describes her experience as a participant: "I found the experience enlightening as a method of communication, and enlivening as an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with NEW people, that is ones I don't already know, in our church community. I especially enjoy the multi-generational character of our group."

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 31, 2015. (Carla Allison)

Locations, Dates & Times

Hawaii Kai: 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6:30-8:30pm
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Kaka'ako: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 6:30-8:30pm
Kaimuki: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 10am-12pm
Kailua: 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 3-5pm
Central Oahu: 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6:30-8:30pm

4th Sunday Lunch On Hiatus June & July...

Our dear Chefs Ron and Mark Brasher will be on vacation June and July as they tour Belgium and other parts of Europe. We will miss them and wish them a safe and wonderful vacation. Ron and Mark will be back in August for another wonderful 4th Sunday Lunch. (Charlotte Morgan)

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

This Sunday, June 12:

On Sunday during RE time children 5-17 will spend time outdoors learning about maps and navigating! Wear your sunscreen and plan to have a great time outside!

Social Pasta Bar Family Fun Night: July 18, 5:00-9pm

Come join us for an evening of family fun on July 18 at the church. Older kids will have produce a play with Nancy. Younger ones will have childcare and then get to be an audience for the play. Meal plan is a pasta bar potluck (with kid-friendly and adult-enticing selections). Sign up/RSVP at [Volunteer Spot \(http://vols.pt/o6PVfm\)](http://vols.pt/o6PVfm). Direct questions to the evening's fantastic volunteer coordinator Lisa at lisagill@hawaii.edu.

Want to Form Connections With Other Families? Join YFOCG!

On Saturday, August 8th at 5:30pm join families with young or youngish children at Young Families Ohana Covenant Group (YFOCG). Bring a potluck item and beverages of your choice. 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 session, payable at the beginning of the session series. 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 for more information.

RE Team Meeting Time Moves to 11:30

The monthly RE Team Meeting will move to the first Sunday of the month at 11:30; this will start August 2nd. Remember, all are welcome and childcare is provided; room 1 upstairs. Come shape the religious education experience! Reply to this email for more information.

Skills Training for Sexuality Educators Sept. 18-20th (7th-12th Gr.)

Do you have a 7th -12th grader in your life? Are you a teacher, parent, or someone who has an interest in making quality sex ed a reality for today's youth? Join us! This training will also prep you for facilitating the 7th - 9th Grade and 10th - 12th Grade OWL programs in the fall and spring!

Information about this Skills Training for Sexuality Educators is on the church's website: <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/sexualityeducation>.

And/or, contact Katie Ackerman [re@unitariansofhi.org] if you have questions. Please

pass this information on to others who might be interested: teachers, parents, especially home-schooling parents.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Contact: Steve Lohse | 808-595-4047 | sjc@unitariansofhi.org

Social Justice ACTIONS OF THE MONTH – JULY

(1) Sunday, July 12 | 10:00 am | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu
PLEASE JOIN US in church this Sunday as Sonia Blackiston, Planned Parenthood Director of Education, discusses the recent Board of Education vote to implement Comprehensive Sex Ed for all Hawaii public schools. Our Hawaii UU Women's Federation (HUUWF) will also present the \$3000+ to Planned Parenthood that they raised at the Wahine Choice HI-Tea in May.

(2) Tuesday, July 14 | 6:00 pm | ARTS at Marks Garage, 1159 Nuuanu Ave.
YOU ARE ALSO INVITED to a free screening of "Vessel," the story of a physician sea captain who sails her ship through loopholes in international law to provide abortions at sea for women with no safe or legal alternatives. The screening is followed by a panel discussion including our own Nan Kleiber. This event is co-sponsored by Planned Parenthood and the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, among other partners. Please, SUPPORT the social action of this Church, as well as fact-based sexuality education and legal reproductive rights – join us on Sunday, July 12, and on Tuesday, July 14. (Nan Kleiber)

Social Justice Program – JULY MEETING

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

Contact: Steve Lohse | 808-595-4047 | 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. (Steve Lohse)