

# The Weekly Bulletin

July 24/26, 2015

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

### **Sunday's Service: You Can Age BUT Don't Get Old!!!!** by Charlotte Morgan

Sunday | 7/26 | 10:00 am | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

The trick is growing up without growing old (Casey Stengel). Join Charlotte as she explores the territory we all will visit. Now that the boomers are collecting Social Security there is an increased attention being paid to the joys and consequences of aging. Be prepared for some irreverence and some radical insights. (Charlotte Morgan)

### **Gallery on the Pali Current 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. 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.

## **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 Aimee Olivera Sanchez ([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:**

### **Summer 2015 Adult RE Series -- Continues**

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

Contact: Katie Gentry-Ackerman | [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto: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 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](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org) to RSVP. (Katie Ackerman)

### **Save The Date for An Evening of Frivolity**

Saturday | 8/1 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | 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 | 7:00 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.

Wednesday | 9/2 | 7:00 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 five. (Roger Wickenden)

### **We Love This Country and RESPECT**

Saturday | 8/8 | 5pm | Island Pacific Academy - Kapolei

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At the Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Group's (UULOG) July Service we focused on the prophetic and inspirational words of three Presidents, George Washington, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Barack Obama. Of course, we also sang our favorite American songs. As always, we had our Famous Fabulous Potluck after the Service.

This was a wonderful Service and we wish to thank Betty Andrews, Joanna Bressler, Dennis Graue, Linda Magee, Beth & Paul Marshall, Charlotte & Veronica Morgan, Bethany Schwartz, Clement Smith for coming and making the Service a success.

Our next Service is 5:00 pm, Saturday, August 8th, at Island Pacific Academy in Kapolei will deal with R.E.S.P.E.C.T. For more information about UULOG or the Services, please contact Charlotte. (Charlotte Morgan)

## **Wanna OG ???**

Saturday | 9/19 | 10:00 -3:00 pm

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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)

## **Play Reading - The Commitment**

Friday | 9/11 | 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

In September let's do THE COMMITMENT for 3 men; 2 women and a 'jury' (chorus) of 6. This will be our first play to read for the new season. You can vote for one to read — at a future date. . . . We are gender neutral. ;-) Edward Pickard has several full length scripts, any one of which would be sufficient for an evening.

- 1) DIVISION STREET for five women (4 sisters and their mother) (no men!)
  - 2) THE GIFT for 4 men (and 1 woman briefly) about a priest who has no faith.
- Suggest a play you'd like to read. (Norma Nichols)

## **OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Busy and Active Church Creates Calendar Conflicts**

Discussion about church calendar scheduling conflicts among various Teams and Programs, the Building Manager, and with the minister's assistance has reached a consensus that honors fairness, openness and compassion. The procedure has been followed informally in the past, but by stating it explicitly and clearly in writing, and communicating it to the church congregation we believe it will provide needed clarity about how to proceed when there are calendar conflicts within our busy and active church.

Procedure to Revolve Church Calendar Conflicts:

- The Building Manager, who electronically records the Church Calendar, is in the position to identify date/time/room conflicts.
- Once identified, the Building Manager notifies representatives of the Teams/Programs about the schedule conflict immediately.
- The Teams/Programs' representatives directly negotiate and resolve their scheduling conflicts with one another.
- Once the conflict has been resolved, they submit the resolved date/ time/room to Building Manager to make the change on the church calendar.
- If no agreement is reached, the Team/Program representatives seek assistance from the minister. (Betsy Brandt)

## **Worship Services in Transition**

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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](mailto: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](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org)

T-shirt order has arrived! Please contact Katie Ackerman if you'd like to purchase a t-shirt. \$15.00 each / 2 for \$20.00.

## **You Can Meet UUs Anywhere!!!!**

You want to be ready when such an opportunity comes your way. On the credenza in the foyer of our Church is a business card size, informational piece developed by Clement Smith. This card has basic information about our two Campuses: Honolulu and Kapolei.

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. UUs are everywhere. We just need to point them in the right direction. (Charlotte Morgan)

## **How Is Your Spiritual Path???**

Contact: Meghan Bundtzen | [betterwithart@gmail.com](mailto:betterwithart@gmail.com)

Charlotte Morgan | [lottefish@msn.com](mailto:lottefish@msn.com)

Martina Queenth | [martinaq@juno.com](mailto:martinaq@juno.com)

We are all on our own spiritual path and that path is enhanced when you are surrounded by a loving, compassionate community such as that at First Unitarian and UU Leeward Ohana Group.

The Engagement Team is dedicated to helping visitors feel comfortable and welcome. If you would like to hear more about ways you can help a visitor become a part of our Faith Community, please contact any of our Engagement Team Chairs. (Charlotte Morgan)

## **Who Is Going To Put Us Over the Top?**

### **Pledge Drive 2015-2016 Continues: Building a New Way: WE > I**

Contact: Margaret Mann | [margaretmann2000@yahoo.com](mailto:margaretmann2000@yahoo.com) | 265-6551

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At the June 21st Annual Meeting we voted, and thereby committed to, generating \$165,000 in pledge income. As of July 21, we are over \$146,000. Mahalo to the many generous pledgers! If your name is not listed below, please contact Margaret or Carla to join our church 'ohana in Building a New Way where WE>i. Pledges made now are payable between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Join this generous group of pledgers by contacting Margaret or Carla, or simply put your completed pledge form in the offering plate.

Mahalo to Caryn & Katie Ackerman, Carla Allison, Marie Anne, Kay Armstrong, Herschel Beazley, Harmony Bentosino, Deborah BondUpson, 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, Jeff Kim, 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, Dawn Shin, 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: More Locations & Dates Are Coming Soon!**

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Locations, Dates & Times:

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

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

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

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

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

The increasing interest in Chalice Circles has Kailua and Kaka'ako already discussing sprouting new groups. What a wonderful challenge to have! There is lots of good buzz about Chalice Circles because participants are finding the conversations relevant and meaningful. Being part of a connected, compassionate and caring community is yielding benefits beyond expectations.

Chalice Circles are 5-10 people who meet twice a month for two hours to explore preselected 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 through December 31, 2015. Contact Carla or Heather for more info. (Carla Allison)

## **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](mailto:re@unitariansofhi.org)

### **Fall Religious Education Volunteer Gathering**

Sunday | 7/26 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm | Meeting Room 1  
Childcare, pupus, cold beverages will be provided

Everyone who is interested in helping out in August - December is invited to join us. Never volunteered? No problem! Come prepared to form a team of 4-5 who will work together delivering the curriculum. Bring your calendar so that you can schedule the sessions you will lead and co-lead. Plan for a minimum "two-Sunday" commitment. The meeting will close with dessert (and a required annual training for Safe Congregations of about 20-30 minutes).

RSVP if possible to [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org).

### **REGISTER NOW!**

Our Fall Term starts August 2, 2015. Please go to our [website](http://www.unitariansofhi.org/forms-re-registration-20152016) (or <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/forms-re-registration-20152016>) and register your family for 2015/2016 programming. We are excited to have you and yours join us for all the great offerings this fall!

If you are "just checking us out" please register if you like, or come see Katie Ackerman, DLRE, to complete a "Visitors" form.

### **Want to Form Connections With Other Families? Join YFOCG!**

Saturday | 8/8 | 5:30 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu | Childcare @ \$5/child

On Saturday, August 8th at 5:30 pm 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](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org) for more information.

### **RE Team Meeting Time Moves to 11:30**

Sunday | 8/2 | 11:30 am | Meeting Room 1 | Childcare provided

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! Online information and forms at: <http://goo.gl/smuaaU>

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](mailto: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 | 595-4047 | [sjc@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:sjc@unitariansofhi.org)

### **Social Justice Program – AUGUST MEETING**

Tuesday, August 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 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 Tuesday 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)