

# The Weekly Bulletin

July 31/Aug 2, 2015

## **NOTICE:**

### **Congregation Meeting**

Sunday | 8/16 | 11:30 am | Church Sanctuary

Congregation Meeting, August 16th, 11:30 am in the sanctuary. This meeting was mandated by the Annual Meeting to discuss FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity). (Margaret Mann)

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

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

Friday | 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 | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

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)

### **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

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:

*Weekly Bulletin*, every Tuesday at Noon;

*Church Newsletter*: every Fourth Sunday at Noon. (Katy Launert)

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

### 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 5. (Roger Wickenden)

### R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Aretha, You Go Girl!!!!

Saturday | 8/8 | 5: 00 pm | Island Pacific Academy - Kapolei

Contact: Charlotte Morgan | 343-0137 | [lottefish@msn.com](mailto:lottefish@msn.com)

Join Us at the UU Leeward Ohana Group (UULOG). Our next Service will deal with R.E.S.P.E.C.T. We will have a TED Talk, a Talk Back and wonderful fellowship. Come on over to the Leeward Side.

For more information about UULOG or the Services, please contact Charlotte. (Charlotte Morgan)

### Gallery on the Pali New Exhibition

#### *Bodies in Motion: Waikiki* by Diana Nicholette Jeon

On display | 8/9 - 9/10 | T-F 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & S/S 2:00 - 6:00 pm

Artists Reception: Friday | 8/14 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

This series of painterly street photographs was created on the beach in front of the Outrigger Reef Hotel. Jeon states, "I am choosing to work with this series differently than what we commonly think of as "straight" street work. I have used a painterly style on purpose, which speaks to an aesthetic that is particularly prevalent in mobile art and some of the newer contemporary photography being done today." More of Jeon's work can be seen at: <http://www.diananicholettejeon.com> (Meghan Bundtzen)

## **Wanna OG ???**

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

Contact: Charlotte Morgan | 343-0137 | [lottefish@msn.com](mailto:lottefish@msn.com)

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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

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**

Contact: [Worship@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:Worship@unitariansofhi.org) | 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](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)

## **Welcome your new BFF!**

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)

Many visitors come through our Church doors and one of them may become a good friend. You never know what connections can be made.

If you see a newcomer, greet them with the love that surrounds our Beloved Church. 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

Carla Allison | [cbm@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:cbm@hawaii.rr.com) | 396-1488

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 YamaneCarpenter, 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 GillisDavis, Catherine Graham, Dennis Graue, Sue Green, Phil Haff, David Hafner & Theresa Moorleghen, 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 BrownStiefel, 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 @ 6:30-8:30 pm

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

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

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

Ewa Beach: 1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:00-9:00 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)

## **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)

### **REGISTER NOW!**

Our Fall Term starts August 2, 2015. Please go to our [website](http://www.unitariansofhi.org/forms-registration-20152016) (or <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/forms-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.

### **Navigators Chapter 106 Informational Meeting**

Have you ever wanted to have your child participate in the fun and community of a scouting program, but felt that the ones you knew of were not the best fit? Come check out Navigators USA! This scouting program is affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist church and embodies principles of cooperation, service, and community. The program is open to all interested youth, both boys and girls. The meeting will address Chapter meetings, levels and badges, activities, dues, parental involvement, and age limits.

This meeting will take place August 16th at 12:30 at the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. Please RSVP to [Chapter106@navigatorusa.org](mailto:Chapter106@navigatorusa.org)

## **You Are Invited to a New Vespers Service!**

Interested in a short, all- age inclusive spiritual gathering? As part of the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Honolulu, a Windward Ohana Group is exploring a way to gather together to meet needs to sing, move, share, create, celebrate and break bread together. We are nonsectarian, have no creed, but we honor the 7 UU principles.

Our Very First experimental gatherings will happen on Saturday, August 1. and Sept. 5. If there proves to be enthusiasm, it will continue monthly.

**Where:** Nancy Schildt's home at 707 Kaha St.

**When:** August 1st, September 5th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Please arrive before 5:00 pm as the Service will start promptly.

**What:** Circle Dances, Candle lighting, readings and story for all ages, more music and singing. Pizza will be ordered for 6 p.m. at which time we can talk about how it went and gathering in the future. Parking (if you can walk a block) will be at the end of Kaha Street at the park. If walking is difficult - drive past first house (705 Kaha) down looong driveway and park anywhere. Parking lot closes at 7:00 pm.

## **Service that Serves! Let's Make a Meal with Family Promise!**

Friday | 8/21 | Nuuanu Congregational Church

All RE youth and families are invited to join Nancy S. and other adult volunteers to make and serve dinner to families in need on August 21st (Friday). This is through the Family Promise program and will take place at Nuuanu Congregational Church. This will involve cooking for about 20, and purchasing (reimbursable) food. These are families with kids, so we might have some fun activities, too! Please RSVP to [RE@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:RE@unitariansofhi.org) so we know how many to expect and can coordinate cooking.

## ***SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:***

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### **Social Justice ACTION OF THE MONTH – AUGUST**

The Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

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

Each month, your Social Justice Council highlights particular Church or Community Actions of the Month that the Congregation can participate in. In August, as we observe the 70th Anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Hawaii Theatre hosts "Peace On Your Wings," an original musical inspired by the real-life story of Sadako Sasaki and her thousand paper cranes.

YOU ARE INVITED to a Honolulu Encore Performance of "Peace On Your Wings" at the Hawaii Theatre, presented by Ohana Arts Festival and School and sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Tickets available in person at the Hawaii Theatre Box Office, charged by phone at 528-0506, or online at <http://hawaiitheatre.com>.

Performance dates include the following:

Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 pm

Friday, August 7th at 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 8th at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 9th at 2:00 pm

There will be a special appearance and performance by Sadako Sasaki's brother, Masahiro Sasaki, and his son, Yuji Sasaki, at the Saturday and Sunday shows.

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

Tuesday, August 18 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

Contact: Steve Lohse | 595-4047 | [sjc@unitariansofhi.org](mailto: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 Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Fred Harper Room. Contact 808-595-4047 or [sjc@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:sjc@unitariansofhi.org) or see <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/social-justice> for more information about the Social Justice Ministry of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. All visitors welcomed. (Steve Lohse)