

The Weekly Bulletin

Aug 14/16, 2015

NOTICE/CHANGES:

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)

Childcare Provided. (Margaret Mann)

New Lay Minister

Please note: Russell Castagnaro's name was inadvertently left out of the list of new Lay Ministers approved by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on June 15th. His name will be included in the agenda for Congregational approval at the next Congregational Meeting August 16th. The Lay Ministry Team thanks you for your attention to this matter. We intend to ordain all the new Lay Ministers in September and we plan to include Russell in this ceremony. (Mickey Selwyn)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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)

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

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:

Ayurvedic Wellness and Yoga Asana Workshop

Tuesday | 8/25 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu | 2500 Pali Hwy
Please RSVP to Leana at leanakai@yahoo.com so we are sure to have enough supplies.

FUCH Religious Education is pleased to offer a transformative evening of self-care with Ayurvedic wellness & beauty basics, all levels yoga asana + deep relaxation, presented by Leana Levinsohn.

Leana (Hosken) Levinsohn, is a Lifestyle & Wellness Consultant. Her work integrates the teachings of yoga, Ayurveda and other ancient & playful practices to empower others to live the brightest version of their life. Leana is ERYT 500 certified with Yoga Alliance, and specializes in therapeutics, addressing the whole-being and making yoga accessible for every-body. She grew up in Kailua, attending the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu till she went away to college in Massachusetts. Leana currently lives in Del Mar, CA and enjoys teaching yoga classes, working with private clients, volunteering at Juvenile Hall, gardening, the beach and playing with her pups.

\$25 suggested donation (no one turned away for lack of funds - 25% of proceeds donated to the church)

Please bring your own yoga mat or a large beach towel; blankets and blocks optional.

Please RSVP to Leana at leanakai@yahoo.com so we are sure to have enough supplies.

Book Discussion Group

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.

Wednesday | 10/7 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss A Tale for the Time Being, a novel by Ruth Ozeki. A lunchbox washed ashore on the Pacific coast is found by a writer to contain a journal and letters gathered by a Japanese teenager who, before committing suicide, is determined to write down the story of her great-grandmother, a Buddhist nun. (Roger Wickenden)

Recycle: What's Old Is New Again

Saturday | 9/12 | 5pm Service, 6:00 pm Potluck | Island Pacific Academy in Kapolei

Contact: Charlotte Morgan | 343-0137 | lottefish@msn.com

Join the UULOG gang for their September Saturday Service on Recycling. The Services are always a little different, the Potluck is fabulous and the company is without peer. (Charlotte Morgan)

UULOG: A Toddler?!?!

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

Contact: Charlotte Morgan | 343-0137 | lottefish@msn.com

UULOG will be three years old in September. And to celebrate, we will have our Second Annual UULOG Retreat. Want to hear more about the Retreat or UULOG (Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Group), 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)

BLACK LIVES MATTER AT UU! Book Discussion and Workshop

The New Jim Crow

Three Sundays | 10/4, 10/18 and 11/1 | 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Contact: Lee Curran, dflicurran@hawaii.rr.com

YOU ARE INVITED to a Book Discussion and Workshop on the book **The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness** by Michelle Alexander. This book is very relevant in light of the murders of young black men and more recently the questionable deaths of young black women by police, and the mass murder of 9 black people in Charleston, SC. Why are so many more black men incarcerated in our prisons than white proportionately? How color blind are we really? Is slavery really over?

The Social Justice Council has ordered a limited number of books. Contact Lee Curran to reserve yours and start reading now. We will discuss 2 chapters per meeting. There will be 3 facilitators of this group: Lee Curran, Hilka Easterwood and Catherine Graham. (Catherine Graham)

OPPORTUNITIES:

Everything you need to know about FACE but were afraid to ask – or didn't even know to ask.

Contact: Catherine Graham | 741-4317 | dreamaloha@hawaii.rr.com

FACE, Faith Action for Community Equity, is the only inter-faith community organizing group on Oahu. It was formed in 1996.

In 1997, our UU congregation went through a several month long listening process whereby trained members of our congregation met with most of our members one-on-one to find out what was important to them in our church and in our community and asking them if they thought it would be a good idea if UU joined such an organization as FACE to increase our effectiveness in creating change in our society. In February, 1998, our congregation voted to become members of FACE.

What has FACE done in the nearly 20 years since we joined?

To name a few actions...

* FACE members went door to door at Kam IV Housing in Kalihi to interview residents, compiled the results, presented the report to the powers that be and Result was a redevelopment of the dilapidated public housing project.

* FACE petitioned the Dept. of Transportation, at the bequest of our church, to put up a stop light on the Pali Highway after several pedestrians were killed trying to cross the street.

* FACE saved 300+ units of affordable rental housing at Kukui Gardens which really put FACE on the map.

- * FACE got Gov. Abercrombie to visit Mayor Wright Housing after getting residents to sign a petition stating that they had not had hot water for a long time. After the Governor's visit, hot water was repaired.
- * FACE was instrumental in getting an increase in the minimum wage in Hawaii
- * FACE got the Driver's License Permit Test to be given in the native language of the taker so those new to our land and still learning English could still be legally able to drive.
- * FACE worked on getting an Office of Housing in the Mayor's office to oversee affordable housing issues as affordable rental housing was becoming more and more scarce in Honolulu.

Not every issue that FACE has worked on over the years has resulted in the desired changes but FACE keeps on trying. FACE has trained many of its members to be community organizers which benefits not only FACE but the member congregations.

Over the years about 20 or so of our congregation have been very active in FACE and many more have supported it financially. Many members have expressed how proud they have been that UU has been a member of this organization.

In March of this year, the Social Justice Council and Jonipher Kwong, our minister, sent a letter to FACE resigning the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu from FACE. They did not announce this to the congregation. I believe that since we, as a congregation, voted to join this group, that the SJC and minister did not have the authority to resign us. We need to vote as a group if we want to stay active or not. Unitarian congregations have congregational polity. That means that there is no bishop to tell us what to do, that we utilize the democratic process. We, as a congregation, have the right to make this decision as a whole.

This issue was brought to the attention of the congregation at the June 21 Annual Meeting and a majority of those present voted to table the discussion and vote for a separate congregational meeting to be held within 90 days. That meeting has been called for Sunday, August 16th, after the church service.

Please attend. Please call or email Catherine Graham. (Charlotte Morgan)

The Worship Team is Looking for You!

Contact: Worship@unitariansofhi.org | 595-4047

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS for Sunday morning guest speakers or worship services? The Worship Team invites you to share your Sunday Suggestions through the above email created just for this purpose, or see Eleanor Kleiber, Martina Queenth, Charlotte Morgan, or Steve Lohse in person. All Sunday Suggestions welcomed for consistently inspiring and compelling Sunday morning experiences!

DO YOU HAVE ROOM in your home for Sunday morning guest speakers? The Board and Worship Team will begin inviting a number of guest ministers to Honolulu for up to three weeks at a time in the near future. Please contact the Worship Team if you have room in your home to accommodate a Sunday guest minister for a few weeks. Fun for you, less costly and more convenient for everybody!

FREE YOUR INNER WORSHIP ASSOCIATE! The Worship Team is looking for a few good Worship Associates, the people who MC Sunday morning services with readings and announcements and such. Have you ever thought that you might like to be that person? Yes, you can! (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! 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)

Who Is That With The Handwritten Name Tag !?!?!

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

Who indeed?!?! Many visitors come through our Church doors and one of them may become your new best 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. We are here for you. (Charlotte Morgan)

Kaimuki Chalice Circles Moves to Nu'uaniu

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

In a wonderful action of support for one of their members, the Chalice Circle meeting in Kaimuki recently relocated to Nu'uaniu. The Nu'uaniu group, like all Chalice Circles, is open to new members. Want to be part of a connected, compassionate and caring community engaging in relevant and meaningful conversations? There is room for you!

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.

Current Locations, Dates & Times – More Coming Soon!

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

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

Nu'uaniu: 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 (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

Navigators Chapter 106 Informational Meeting

Sunday | 8/16 | 12:30 pm | Chapter106@navigatorusa.org

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

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

Friday | 8/21 | Nu'uauu Congregational Church | RE@unitariansofhi.org

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 Nu'uauu 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 so we know how many to expect and can coordinate cooking.

Food, Glorious Food

Sunday Service | 8/23 | 10:00 am | Sanctuary of First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

The Sunday Service August 23rd, will be led by the RE Program. This is the return of the wonderful tradition of a "Food Service." All attendees (the whole congregation!) are asked to bring a potluck dish to share, and to have it be a dish that has significance to them, whether it is from cultural background, or a special, specific moment in time--a comfort food for the soul, if you will. Chefs Ron and Mark are back from vacation and will supply us with some delicious back into our lives with a Sunday morning celebration of Food, Glorious Food. If Comfort Foods are not a spiritual experience, then we don't know what is!

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

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

Social Justice Council – AUGUST MEETING

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

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 595-4047 or 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)