

The Weekly Bulletin

September 25/27, 2015

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Bon Voyage to Wilma Oksendahl

Saturday | 9/26 | 12:00 pm | Private Residence

Contact: Ron Brasher | 772-0554 | rdenesha@gmail.com

Wish Wilma well as she begins her next adventure!!! Wilma is moving to the Mainland at the beginning of October and Ron & Mark Brasher are hosting a Potluck Lunch on Saturday, September 26th, Noon to give everyone an opportunity to say good bye. Please bring a lunch to share and any beverage you choose. Please contact Ron to confirm you are coming. Ron & Mark live in Kailua at 1214 Kina Street. Let's all celebrate our time with Wilma. (Charlotte Morgan)

4th Sunday Lunch Is Back !!!!!

That dynamic duo of dietary delights, Ron and Mark Brasher are back on Sunday, September 27th to again tantalize our taste buds with their spectacular Spaghetti Lunch. Come to Services and then stay for spaghetti. Lunch for visitors is always at no cost.

NEW: Sunday Morning Meditation

Every Sunday | 9:00 am | Fred Harper Room

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

Acquire a feeling of well-being and a sense of connectivity with something greater than yourself. Improve health while developing intuition and personal magnetism. Be calm, relaxed and at peace.

Join the New Hindu Honolulu Meditation Group for Sunday morning meditation. We meet in the Fred Harper Room from 9:00 to 9:50 am with each session beginning with 15 minutes for questions, answers and discussion. From 9:15 to 9:50 am Meditation Leaders Nohemi and Michael Lewis facilitate the Hong-Sau Technique and, as participants progress, other proven meditation techniques will be added. To learn more about the Hong-Sau technique visit www.Ananda.org

Questions? Contact Carla Allison, the group's coordinator, or simply arrive by 9:00 am to join the weekly session. (Carla Allison)

Gallery on the Pali New Exhibit "Celebrating Creation" Veil Paintings by Pamela Landrum "WeisRose"

On display Sunday | 9/13 - 10/8 | T-F, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm & S/S, 2:00 – 6:00 pm

Pamela Landrum has been painting, teaching, and sharing her love of art, with adults and children over the last 20 years. She is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, with a BA degree in fine arts, and a graduate of Waldorf Teacher Training, with emphasis in Art Therapy. Landrum is a former President and current member of the Hawaii Watercolor Society. Her work has been displayed in many local galleries including earlier this year in Kailua at the "Happiness Gallery". The body of work in this show is in the style of veil painting, described by the artist as "a pure art form originating in Europe. Done as a meditation, without a specific goal in mind, what appears is usually a surprise." (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:

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 | dfcurran@hawaii.rr.com

Hilkka Easterwood | finngirl15@gmail.com

Catherine Graham | dreamaloha@hawaii.rr.com

Sponsored by the Social Justice Council (SJC) and Lifespan Religious Education (LRE), there will be three discussion sessions on the book, **The New Jim Crow** by Michelle Alexander.

A few copies of the book are available if someone wants a physical copy. Also, there is a free, downloadable PDF for those who rather read it on their tablet. Just go to:

www.kropfpolisci.com/racial.justice.alexander.pdf .

Want more information? Please contact any of the co-facilitators Lee Curran, Hilkka Easterwood and Catherine Graham. (Catherine Graham)

Nuuanu Democratic Debate Watch Party

Tuesday | 10/13 | 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Contact: Ron Brasher | rdenesha@gmail.com

Ready for some substantive debate?!?!? Come to First Unitarian on Tuesday, October 13th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm HST to watch the first Democratic Debate on the big screens in the Sanctuary. Coffee, tea and goodies will be available. Contact Ron Brasher for more information. (Charlotte Morgan)

Come To the Party...All The Ghoul Folks Will Be There

Saturday | 10/31 | 6:00 - 10:00 pm | Mililani

Stephanie and Charlotte and Veronica and Dennis are hosting an Adult Halloween Party, on Saturday, October 31st, 6:00 to 10:00 pm, in Mililani. As always, you are all invited. Check out the October newsletter for more information. (Charlotte Morgan)

Book Discussion Group

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.

Wednesday | 11/4 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss ***Deep Down Dark*** by Hector Tobar, in which he recounts both the backgrounds and the experiences of the 33 men trapped in the Chilean San Jose copper-gold mine for 69 days in 2010. (Roger Wickenden)

Opera Night Out

FREE

Preceded by Pot Luck Pupus — be Green bring your own plate, utensils, and drinks.

Performances are shown via sub-captioned DVD on a large screen in a large comfortable room with cushioned dining-type chair seating. Also feel free to arrive early and/or stay late to help set up and clean up. Performances are formal / Dress is casual.

Friday | 10/23 | 6:00 - 9:50 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

Wagner's die *MEISTERSINGER von Numberg* act III [Anita] A song contest to remember . . . come and hear.

Friday | 11/20 | 6:00 - 9:50 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

Massenet's *Manon* with Natalie Dessay and Rolando Villazón - time 175" [Linda] *Manon* is an opéra comique in five acts by Jules Massenet to a French libretto by Henri Meilhac and Philippe Gille, based on the 1731 novel *L'histoire du chevalier des Grieux et de Manon Lescaut* by the Abbé Prévost.

Friday | 12/18 | 6:00 - 9:50 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

Richard Strauss's *Capriccio* Kiri Te Kanawa San Francisco Opera Orchestra 155" (Norma Nichols)

CHANGES:

The Leeward Group Has A New Name

At the recent Retreat, it was decided that the Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Group (UULOG) will now be known as the Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana (UU Leeward Ohana). Many other plans and decisions were made and these will be presented in the October Newsletter.

Many thanks go to Harmony Bentosino, Joanna Bressler, Dan Carpenter, Sue Yamane-Carpenter, Beth Marshall, Paul Marshall, Charlotte Morgan, Veronica Morgan, Ben Smith, Clement Smith, Natasha Smith for being part of the 5 hour Retreat. We all especially appreciated that Margaret Mann, our Board President, joined us at the Retreat. Margaret provided brilliant insights and excellent recommendations.

Want to hear more about UU Leeward Ohana (Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana), please contact Charlotte Morgan (808-343-0137; lottefish@msn.com).

OPPORTUNITIES:

Get Your Boldly Growing T-Shirt

Contact: Katie Ackerman | RE@unitariansofhi.org

T-shirts are here! Please contact Katie Ackerman if you'd like to purchase a First Unitarian Church of Honolulu - Boldly Growing Compassion, Justice, and Joy 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)

Transitions Are Always Exciting....

Contact: Meghan Bundtzen | betterwithart@gmail.com

Charlotte Morgan | lottefish@msn.com

Martina Queenth | martinaq@juno.com

Every week is an adventure. We are hearing from different speakers and we are learning new things. And we are constantly seeing new folks visit us. Our job is to help our visitors feel welcomed and loved. So far our Faith Community is doing a great job at that. Yeah Team !!!

If you have any questions on how to help a visitor know more about our Church, please ask one of the Engagement Team (ET) Chairs. (Charlotte Morgan)

New Chalice Circle forming in Kahala!

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

Heather Lemkelde | hlemkelde@gmail.com | 462-7860

The Kaka'ako Chalice Circle has grown so they are "sprouting" a new Chalice Circle! The new group meets in the Kahala area starting Thursday, Oct. 8th. If you want to be part of a connected, compassionate and caring community engaging in relevant and meaningful conversations, there is a Chalice Circle waiting to welcome you!

We are happy to expand to new areas so if you would like to host a group, let us know. Are you a church member interested in being a Facilitator? Talk to us. Ongoing training and materials are provided.

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

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

Kahala: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Nu'uuanu: 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)

WORSHIP PROGRAM:

Contact: Eleanor Kleiber, Martina Queenth, or Steve Lohse
808-595-4047 | Worship@unitariansofhi.org

Worship Team – OCTOBER MEETING

Tuesday, October 6 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Fred Harper Room
Contact: Steve Lohse | 595-4047 | worship@unitariansofhi.org

The goal of the Worship Program of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu is to provide consistently inspiring and compelling worship experiences that sustain us emotionally and intellectually, inform everything we do as a Church, and enlist members in the cause of our Mission, inspired by our Principles, boldly to grow Compassion, Justice, and Joy. The Worship Team meets on the First Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Fred Harper Room, all visitors welcomed.

Contact worship@unitariansofhi.org or 595-4047 or see <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/worship> for more information about the Worship Program at First Unitarian. (Steve Lohse)

The Worship Team is Looking for You!

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 host 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! Contact the Worship Team at Worship@unitariansofhi.org or see Eleanor Kleiber, Martina Queenth, Charlotte Morgan, or Steve Lohse in person, and let's talk. (Worship Team)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Contact: Katie Ackerman | re@unitariansofhi.org

Registration

Please register your children for Fall Programs now. Some families have already registered; thank you! If you have not, please do so here: <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/forms-re-registration-20152016>

Bring Our Your Creative Self: Artist's Way Series!

Join us for a 12-week Adult Education series working from the "basic principle that creative expression is the natural direction of life." We will follow *The Artist's Way* (Julia Cameron and Mark Bryan) through a comprehensive twelve-week program to recover your creativity from a variety of blocks, including limiting beliefs, fear, self-sabotage, jealousy, guilt, addictions, and other inhibiting forces, replacing them with artistic confidence and productivity. One weeknight per week, starting in October. Email RE@unitariansofhi.org with your interest. Childcare provided if needed.

REGISTER THIS FRIDAY!

Cool Off and Go Camping! Or just hang out during day!

Meet up with other RE families and friends for a Beach Weekend in Waimanalo. Feel free to connect with friends and make plans! Contact Katie if you have questions: RE@unitariansofhi.org

Where: Bellows Beach in Waimanalo. Try to reserve sites near 6-15

When: Oct. 9-11 (stay one or more nights, or even a few hours)

How:

Go to Bellows Beach Camping permit site at City and County of Honolulu. Register, Reserve (Asap after 5:00 pm Sept. 25th), pay \$32 via paypal (you must reserve the whole weekend, even if only staying 1 night). Each site may have 10 persons and up to 3 cars overnight. Have vehicle info ready when reserving.

Who: Everybody (sponsored by Religious Education Team)

Bring: Everything you need plus ukuleles and kazoos

Our Whole Lives For 10th - 12th Graders & Their Families

\$100 per family

September 27 - November 22 [contact Katie for specific dates and times]

Using a comprehensive approach, this program helps senior-high youth gain the knowledge, life principles and skills they need to express their sexuality in life-enhancing ways. Includes a parent orientation and 8 sessions. Topics: Sexual Health; About Our Bodies; Taking Care of Our Sexual Selves' Exploring Sexual Development; Gender, Roles and Orientation; Life-spa Sexuality; Becoming a Parent; Intimacy, Masturbation and Lovemaking; Recognizing Unhealthy Relationships, Sexual and Social Issues; Power and Control; Reproductive Rights; Consent; Equality.

The OWL program is values based, inclusive, medically accurate, and age-appropriate. Facilitators have been specially trained to lead this program. Youth meet together with a team of facilitators; parents meet together, also with facilitators, at the same times, discussing the same topics. There will be child care for younger siblings, as necessary.

For those wondering if this is the right program for their family, please attend the Parent Orientation on Sunday, September 27 at 11:30 in Room #1 at the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, 2500 Pali Highway. FREE and NO COMMITMENT! Please contact Katie at RE@unitariansofhi.org to RSVP for the Parent Orientation, or to receive more information.

Child Dedication?

Do you have a child that you would like to have participate in a Unitarian Universalist Dedication? This is a blessing of the child and family and a dedication by the parents and community to support the child as they grow. Open to children of all ages and usually held on a Sunday morning. If you would like a private Dedication, please let the DLRE know and it can probably be arranged. Express interest for the general Dedication Ceremony by replying to this email with your child's name and age.

RE Adult Opportunities:

Hindu Meditation

Every Sunday, Hindu meditation will be held every Sunday morning from 9-9:50 am in the Fred Harper room. Drop in and see what it's all about! For more information, contact Carla (cbm@hawaii.rr.com)

Book Study Group

RE and Social Justice are co-sponsoring a book study/discussion group around *The New Jim Crow*. Meeting will occur 10/4, 10/18, and 11/1. Please contact Lee Curran for more details, dflicurran@hawaii.rr.com.

Recurring Calendar Items:

1st Saturdays (Oct. 3rd) -- Vesper's Service, 5-7pm, Nancy Schiltdt's home, email RE@unitariansofhi.org for more info.

1st Sundays -- RE Team Meeting 11:30, Room 1

2nd & 4th Saturdays -- Young Family Ohana Covenant Group

2nd & 4th Sundays -- Young Adult Discussion Group after the Service

3rd Sundays -- Young Adult Eat Out or Share In (a meal with YA) after the Service

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

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

Support Philippines OWL!

Calling All OWL Supporters! The UU Church of the Philippines (UUPC), in partnership with UUA and OWL, is now raising funds for the largest OWL initiative ever in the Philippines, where unwed teen pregnancy is an increasing problem even in our partner UU congregations. Philippines OWL needs your support!

Please, make a generous check payable to First Unitarian with "Philippines OWL" boldly on the memo line, and drop it in the Sunday collection bowl or send it to the Church Office at First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, 2500 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96817.

Please, support one of the most effective social actions that we can engage in as a Church. Please, support Philippines OWL. Thank You! (Social Justice Council)

THE COMMITMENT

Friday, October 9 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

Contact: Norma Nichols | 595-4047 | norman@hawaii.rr.com

YOU ARE INVITED to join the Play Reading Group on Friday, October 9th, for the reading of an original play with a Social Justice theme. "The Commitment" is an original play based on a true story about a legal judgment of mental illness and the decision for confinement and medication as treatment. A play for three men, two women, and a jury (chorus) of six, recommended for compassionate souls.

The First Unitarian Play Reading Group meets on the second Friday of each month, and this is their first play reading for the new season. Feel free to bring snacks to share! (Norma Nichols)

Social Justice Council – OCTOBER MEETING

Tuesday, October 20 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

Contact: Steve Lohse | 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 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)