

The Weekly Bulletin

December 4/6, 2015

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

ADORE - A Dialogue on Race and Ethnicity - as recommended by Paula Cole Jones.

Sunday | 12/6 | 11:30-12:30 | Sanctuary

You are invited to engage in the next step in our church's journey toward racial and ethnic inclusion.

There is much to be done and exciting work it will be! Increasing the diversity of our church and growing our numbers. Continuing our work as a welcoming congregation and UUs being a force for good in social justice efforts across our community. Boldly growing compassion, justice and joy!

Build on the work done over the past few weeks with the New Jim Crow book study, Paula Cole Jones visit and workshops, Kat Brady presentation and discussion, and the personal commitments of many of our members and friends.

Also, don't miss Civil Rights Art Tour at the Academy of the Arts led by Margaret Mann, our esteemed FUCH President and long-time Academy docent, later that day at 2:30. See the newsletter for more information about Art with Margaret!! (Sheila O'Keefe)

Gallery on the Pali New Exhibit

“Convergence”, Paintings by Suzanne Barnes, Cynthia Schubert, Wendy Roberts, and Dawn Yoshimura

On display Sunday | 12/6 - 1/7 | Gallery Hours: T-F, 10 am-6 pm & S/S, 2-6 pm

Artists Reception: Friday | 12/11 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

www.UnitariansofHI.org/gallery

Four award-winning artists, Suzanne Barnes, Cynthia Schubert, Wendy Roberts, and Dawn Yoshimura have produced ‘Convergence’, a collaborative art exhibit for the community to enjoy.

The show's theme was created during weekly get-togethers, where they brainstormed about their similarities and differences. All four women are painters who currently live in Oahu, but vary in their chosen media, age, and geographical origins. This convergence of four creative minds led to the title of the show. They endeavor to challenge each other in a supportive manner. Additionally, they have worked on projects in parallel to explore their individual answers to the same questions.

Suzanne Barnes, born and raised in New York City, had an inherent interest in both art and science. She became a physician but never abandoned her love of art. She squeezed time in for both her art and her medical practice in Wisconsin for many years. Since relocating to Oahu, she is thrilled to finally have the time and energy to devote to her passion.

Cynthia Schubert spent her early life on the move as a military child, later choosing to live close to the ocean to facilitate her husband's work as a marine biologist. She has lived on other small islands such as Puerto Rico and Guam, hence her art business is “Art from the Islands”.

Wendy Roberts grew up on a farm in rural Utah. Her father was the skilled quadriplegic artist Wendell Johnson, who taught her to paint as soon as she could hold a brush. She has moved with her family to several locations across the U.S. as her husband gained his medical training, finally settling down in Oahu in 2010.

Dawn Yoshimura, born and raised in Hawai'i, grew up in Kaneohe, studied art in the Bay Area in California, and now lives half the time in Sweden. Bilingual, she has an active art career in both locations. With these outside experiences, each artist has a unique viewpoint and a connection to a variety of cultural influences that shine through their work. It is the process of sharing these histories and the various influences that inspires them. This show is about process as well as product. When artists with very diverse data sets of knowledge get together, the result is often innovative and can even be surprising.

Drop In for Sunday Morning Meditation

Sundays | 9:00 am - 9:50 am | Fred Harper Room

Join the New Hindu Honolulu Meditation Group as we meditate together each Sunday morning. Feel free to bring your own meditation ritual or, if you are a beginner, you may want to try the Hong-Sau Technique to help get you started. Instruction is provided. 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 instruction by Nohemi and Michael Lewis. We meditate together from 9:15 to 9:45 am and finish in time for participants to join the 10:00 am worship service. To learn more about the Hong-Sau technique visit www.Ananda.org

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

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 Third Sunday at Noon. (Katy Launert)

CHANGES:

Weekly Bulletin Submission Deadline

The submission date for the last two bulletins of the year have been moved up to Monday evening 10:00 pm. The submission for December 25/27 is Monday 12/21 and for January 1/3 the due date is Monday 12/28.

This is to ensure our staff and volunteers can accomplish everything before the holidays.

We will of course try to accommodate any submissions that come in on the normal deadline (or later), but if you really want to be sure it is included that week please submit early. Mahalo! (Katy Launert)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

The Holiday Season 2015 at Leeward

Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana

Saturday 12/12 | Service at 5:00 pm | Famous Fabulous Potluck at 6:00 pm | Island Pacific Academy (IPA) | Kapolei

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

It seems that every Holiday Season has its own special meaning and symbols. For 2015, we have the minimalist Starbucks holiday cup, Krampus and Star Wars. Join us at the Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana Service as we reverently and irreverently look at this Holiday Season. We will also sing some of our favorite Holiday Songs.

Come for the Service stay for the Famous Fabulous Potluck. For more information, please contact Charlotte. (Charlotte Morgan)

Christmas Eve 2015

Thursday | 12/24 | 6:30 pm

Lessons & Carols | Featuring Dennis Graue and The Spirits

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

Join the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu's wonderful musicians who will be playing beautiful Holiday music this year on Christmas Eve with new and old arrangements of timeless favorites in a presentation called, Lessons & Carols.

Stay after for our Christmas Eve Cookie & Pupu Sharing. Bring your favorites to share.

We know there will be sparkling punch, coffee, tea and of course, and your wonderful cookies and pupus.

Please help. If you can set up or clean up, please contact Charlotte. Let it be known that we do the Holidays very well. (Charlotte Morgan)

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday | 1/6 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown in which he presents a portrait of an era and an intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West became a rowing team that surpassed all others, culminating in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. (Roger Wickenden)

Opera Night Out - FREE!

Contact: Norma Nichols | norman@hawaii.rr.com

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

Performances are shown via sub-captioned DVD on a large screen. Also feel free to arrive early and/or stay late to help set up and clean up. Performances are formal - Dress is casual.

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

Puccini's *La Boheme*

Friday | 1/22 | 6:00-9:50 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

Modest Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov*

Friday | 2/26 | 6:00-9:50 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

Midsummer Night's Dream or Richard Strauss' *Arabella* with Renee Fleming. (Norma Nichols)

Calling All UU Women - Save the Date!

Annual Honolulu Unitarian Universalist Women's Retreat

Friday - Sunday | 1/29 - 1/31, 2016 | Pokai Bay in Waianae

Contact: Sheila O'Keefe | 489-4629 | shesokinhi@yahoo.com

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

How does a weekend out of town, away from your day to day responsibilities sound? Participate in discussion groups, activities like snorkeling, swimming & paddle boarding in beautiful Pokai Bay. Rest and rejuvenate with Yoga and a Sunday morning worship service. Connect with great women and enjoy wonderful food. The retreat is open to all First Unitarian Church women and friends 12 years and older. Babes in arms are welcomed. Cost is based on participation ranging from \$40 to \$75. See the December newsletter for details and registration form.

Volunteer to help, need to coordinate transportation, or have questions: Contact Sheila O'Keefe. To register: Contact Carla Allison (Carla Allison)

OPPORTUNITIES:

Chances to help your Church

Contact: Margaret Mann | 265-6551

Margaret Mann needs your help with a couple of things.

- 1) Do you have a relationship with a wine merchant that may be willing to donate or discount wines for the Chocolate, Champagne and Cabaret event in Feb?
- 2) Do you need a house sitter Feb 24-March 15 for one of the Ministers in Residence who will be here with her partner and toddler?
- 3) Do you have extra frequent Hawaiian miles you would be willing to donate for the Ministers in Residence program? Thank you, thank you, thank you! (Margaret Mann)

Newsletter

The Newsletter Gang has been receiving wonderful comments on the look of the Newsletter.

We are so pleased that you are enjoying our monthly publication.

The Kukui Lamalama has a long history of excellence and we continue to find ways to maintain it as a quality publication.

And we need your help!!!

Please:

- Take clear photos of your Church activities;
- Have your copy and photos in by the deadline;
The deadline is the Third Sunday of the Month at Noon;
- Understand that we may need to edit copy;
- Send us your comments and ideas for the Newsletter;
- Do not hesitate to volunteer to work on the Newsletter.

Our goal is to create a publication which serves the Mission of our Faith Community: to boldly grow compassion, justice and joy. Help us achieve our goal. Contact us at: fuch-newsletter-team@googlegroups.com (Charlotte Morgan)

Spaghetti Lunch Hiatus

Because it is so close to the holidays, there will be NO 4th Sunday Spaghetti Lunch in December. Look forward to January for the return of Chefs Ron and Mark Brasher and Spaghetti Lunch. In the meantime, enjoy the fabulous lunches this dynamic duo are preparing for Second Sunday Lunch. (Charlotte Morgan)

Our Holiday Gift

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

Join the Engagement Team (ET) as we spread joy and welcome to all who come to our Beloved Church.

The Holidays are not without their stressors and we can help provide a sanctuary of calm and love to all who enter our doors. Visitors, Friends and Members may look to our Faith Community for a true sense of the Season. We can contribute to their sense of peace and grace in this blessed time. If you would like to become more involved with helping to welcome those who choose to come to our Church, please contact one of the Engagement Team chairs. (Charlotte Morgan)

Chalice Circles Keep on Growing

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

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.

Chalice Circle Meeting Locations, Dates & Times

Ewa Beach: 1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:00-9:00 pm
Hawaii Kai: 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6:30-8:30 pm
Kahala: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6:30-8:30 pm
Kailua: 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 3:00-5:00 pm
Kaka'ako: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 6:30-8:30 pm
Nu'uuanu: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 10:00 am-12:00 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
595-4047 | Worship@unitariansofhi.org

The Worship Program 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, 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 are now inviting and scheduling guest ministers for 3-6 weeks at a time for our 2016 Worship year. Please contact the Worship Team if you have room in your home to host a Sunday guest minister for a few weeks next year!

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, or Steve Lohse in person, and let's talk. (Worship Team)

Worship Team – JANUARY 2016 MEETING

Tuesday | 1/5, 2016 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm | Fred Harper Room
Contact: Eleanor Kleiber | 808-595-4047 | worship@unitariansofhi.org

The Worship Program of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu provides 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 808-595-4047 or see <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/worship> for more information about the Worship Program at First Unitarian. (Eleanor Kleiber)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Contact: Katie Ackerman | re@unitariansofhi.org

Dec 5 (5-7pm) Vesper's Service: Cookie Exchange!

Plan now to join in for a great cookie exchange (bring four dozen). Held at Nancy's home, contact re@unitariansofhi.org for more info.

Dec 6 Religious Education Meeting -- All Invited! Room 1, 9:00-9:50 am

Monthly planning meeting for RE. Come join us!

Ongoing:

Cook Family Promise Dinner Dec. 11, 4:00-6:00 pm

Join RE families to cook dinner and eat with Family Promise folks. This is held at Nuuanu Congregational Church (across the Pali and a bit mauka from our church). This is a great chance to do some work that really matters. We will pick out what we want to make, purchase it, cook, and eat. What fun! RSVP to RE@unitariansofhi.org

Dec. 13: Need a little help this year to get through the holiday slog?

Plan to join adults for an afternoon of camaraderie and holiday support! We will be potlucking, sharing, and running a "craft/gift assembly line" to create those little gifts for co-workers, neighbors, etc. They will be filled with LOVE instead of STRESS because we will have such fun making them! RSVP, please to RE@unitariansofhi.org

FUCH Holiday Pageant

We will be presenting a FUCH RE-led holiday pageant on Dec. 20th during regular Sunday Service time. There will be some singing and parts for every child who is there on the day. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings. We would like children and families to create costumes (!), so please RSVP to Katie and give the nod if you would like your children to have a specific, guaranteed role; the more children we have RSVP'd early, the better. We also need some adult volunteers to help during the event. It's going to be good!

We Are Adopting Families Again!

Thanks to Eden Metzger's vision, we are again adopting families! Last year we adopted two and this year we will adopt three! Keep your eyes peeled for more information and let Eden know if you would like to help as a coordinator. (808) 225-5524 metzgereden@yahoo.com

Our Whole Lives Human Sexuality Education, 7th, 8th, 9th Grades

Winter, 2016 | Register Now! | \$100 per family

Plan now to join this class if YOU have youth in those grades! We also are offering a facilitator training prior to the the start, see Nan or Katie (RE@unitariansofhi.org) for details.

This Our Whole Lives class is a positive, comprehensive, and age- appropriate educational program that promotes sexual health and is informed by the guidelines of the Sexuality Information Council of the United States [SIECUS]. The curricula are based on four primary goals: to provide accurate, developmentally appropriate information; to increase self--esteem and understand relationships with and responsibilities toward others, to develop interpersonal skills including communication, decision making and problem solving, and to teach responsibility for personal health and safety.

Mandatory Organizing Meeting, Adults only: Sun, Jan.17, noon. Program: Every Sunday, Jan. 24 - March 20, plus two Saturdays: Sat. Jan. 23 & March 19.

January Camping at Bellows

Save the Date of Jan. 1-3 for camping at Bellows. More information to follow.

Coming in Jan - March:

- Louisa May Alcott book study! Meet three times to discuss the works of this wonderful UU author!
- Write Your Own Sermon Series! Meet four times to create and deliver a sermon; you have it in you!
- UUA Series: See details here Hindsight, Humor, and Hope: Who, Me, an Elder? (6 two-hour workshops) Helps people as they begin to redesign their later years into a time of reflection, discernment, soul stretching, and new life possibilities. This gift of extended years finds many people becoming elders with deep personal questions such as, Who am I now? and What will I do that is meaningful? Volunteer leaders needed, email RE@unitariansofhi.org

Recurring Calendar Items:

- 1st Saturday (December 5) -- Vesper's Service, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Nancy Schiltdt's home, re@unitariansofhi.org for more info.
- 1st Sunday (December 6) -- RE Team Meeting 11:30, Meeting Room 1
- 2nd & 4th Saturday -- Young Family 'Ohana Covenant Group

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

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

Civil Rights “Afternoon Art with Margaret” – Sunday, December 6

Sunday | 12/6 | 2:30 – 3:30 pm | Honolulu Museum of Art, 900 S. Beretania St., Honolulu

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

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to the Honolulu Museum of Art (<http://honoluluuseum.org/>) for “Afternoon Art with Margaret” at 2:30 pm on Sunday 12/6. After our morning service with Rev. Nayer Taheri, followed by ADORE and RE Team meetings until 12:30 pm, make a UU day of it with Afternoon Art with Margaret at 2:30 pm. In keeping with our current Economic/Racial Justice Action Theme, we will visit the Museum’s gallery of Civil Rights art, including several provocative African American pieces, and then discuss over Coffee. Don’t miss this unique opportunity! (Margaret Mann)

Economic/Racial Justice Action at First Unitarian

An Economic/Racial Justice Theme currently engages First Unitarian in Social Action from October through January. In October, the Social Justice Council cosponsored an extremely well attended book study of Michelle Alexander’s “The New Jim Crow.”

In November, Paula Cole Jones, founder of ADORE (A Dialogue on Race & Ethnicity), took the pulpit on 11/15 and offered workshops on 11/15 and 11/17. Kat Brady, of the Community Alliance on Prisons, took the pulpit on 11/22 followed by a discussion hour. On 11/29, the Council’s Economic Justice Action Group (EJAG) hosts our November Social Justice Fifth Sunday, featuring a Skype Event with “Sacred Economics” author Charles Eisenstein.

In December, we are all invited to the Honolulu Museum of Art for “Afternoon Art with Margaret.” We will visit the Museum’s Civil Rights collection and then discuss over coffee. In January, we march in the 2016 MLK Parade on Monday 1/18. Engage! (Ka’imi Nicholson)

Social Justice Council – DECEMBER MEETING

Tuesday | 12/15 | 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. All visitors welcomed. Contact 808-595-4047 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. (Ka’imi Nicholson, Steve Lohse)

2016 MLK Day Parade – Monday, January 18

It will soon be that time again – PREPARE TO MARCH! The Hawaii Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition always hosts the annual MLK Celebration Parade and Rally on the third Monday in January. The parade begins at Magic Island and travels on Kalakaua Avenue through Waikiki to Kapiolani Park, about 2.5 miles.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is a day of national and community service; a time to reflect on the principles of interracial cooperation, equality, and social change through nonviolent resolution of conflict; and a dedication to global peace, social justice, economic security, and the eradication of poverty as espoused by Dr. King. (Steve Lohse)