

The Weekly Bulletin

March 25/27, 2016

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Is Race a Myth?

Sunday | March 27th | 12:30 – 2:30 pm

At the next ADORE Workshop, we will watch and discuss Part 1 ("The Difference Between Us") of the DVD, "Race: The Power of an Illusion," which is about the science behind race as a myth. At that meeting, we will hand out articles regarding Micro-Aggressions for everyone to read in preparation for our following meeting which will be held on Sunday, April 17th, 11:30-1:30. For more information, please contact co-chairs, Jill Rabinov and Allison Jacobs at adore@unitariansofhi.org. (Jill Rabinov)

Fourth Sunday Lunch

Sunday | 3/27 | After the 10:00 am Service

Join us on Easter Sunday for a sumptuous spaghetti lunch prepared by our own Chefs Ron and Mark Brasher. Lunch is still only \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children up to 12 years. Families need only pay for one child. Stay and enjoy lunch with us. (Charlotte Morgan)

2016 Food Drive – Compassion, Cash, and Canned Goods!

Sunday | 3/13 – 4/10

Contact: Susan Lebo | 595-4047 | sjc@unitariansofhi.org

COMPASSION in ACTION – we are a Generous and Compassionate People! Our annual Food Drive in support of the Hawaii Food Bank continues in its Third Week THIS SUNDAY, March 27. Let's collect \$3000 and 300 pounds by Sunday, April 10. It is Compassion, Cash, and Canned Goods, all the way to the Food Bank! (Susan Lebo)

Gallery on the Pali presents "Water of Life" by Linda Umstead

On Display Sunday | 3/20 - 4/28 | Gallery Hours: T-F, 10 am-6 pm & S/S, 2-6 pm

On the web @ Unitariansofhi.org/exhibits

Artists Reception: Saturday | 4/2 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Honolulu's Gallery on the Pali announces an exhibition of artwork by Windward artist Linda Umstead. Umstead's show is titled "Water of Life". Umstead says "Like many watercolor artists, I have been seduced by the subject of water in its many iterations...we are creatures of water; we are largely composed of it; it gives us, and everything on earth, life."

According to her biography, "Linda Umstead has been painting on Oahu since the early part of this century, using various mediums including watercolor, acrylic, pencil, pen, and digital imagery. She currently does botanicals at the weekly workshop at Ho'omaluhia Gardens".

Church Office Closure

3/29 - 4/1 | Contact: Katie Ackerman | RE@unitariansofhi.org

The Church Office will be closed the week of March 28th as your Office Manager will be away on the Annual UUA Multicultural Ministries Retreat, Finding Our Way Home. Orders of Worship (OOS) coordination for the April 2nd Sunday Service is being deferred to Katie Ackerman. Please contact Katie at RE@unitariansofhi.org for Sunday Service coordination or any Church matters needing attention prior to April 5th when the Church Office will return to normal business hours. (Jenn Kane)

Drop In for Sunday Morning Meditation

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

Contact: Carla Allison | cbm@hawaii.rr.com

Join the growing Hindu Honolulu Meditation Group Sunday mornings in the Fred Harper Room from 9:00 to 9:45am. 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. We begin with 15 minutes of instruction, social and sharing time then connect as we meditate together from 9:15 to 9:45am. Finish in time to join the 10am worship service. To learn about the Hong-Sau technique visit <http://www.ananda.org/meditation/getting-started/how-to-meditate/> Questions? Contact Carla Allison, 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)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

LOVE Is In The Air...

Saturday | 4/9 | Service, 5:00 pm | Famous Fabulous Pot Luck, 6:00 pm

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

The Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana's next Service will focus on LOVE. There will be commentary, songs and dancing which look at our desire and need for LOVE.

The Service will be at Island Pacific Academy in Kapolei. Child care will be available. For more information, please contact Charlotte. (Charlotte Morgan)

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday | 4/6 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. This novel tells the stories of a French girl, blind since the age of six, and an orphaned German boy whose skill at repairing radios earns him an appointment to a Nazi military academy. Their paths don't cross until near the end of the book, but their stories illuminate the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.

Wednesday | 5/4 | 7:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

We will discuss *The Islands at the End of the World* by Austin Aslan. This is a hypothetical story where almost all electrical systems of the world have become non-functioning. Teen-age age Leilani, who suffers from severe epilepsy, and her father have an action-packed struggle getting from Oahu back home to the Island of Hawaii.

(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 | 3/25 | 6:00 - 9:50 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu
Kurt Weill's *Street Scene*

Friday | 4/22 | 6:00 - 9:50 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu
Puccini's *Rigoletto* with Domingo and Levine

Friday | 5/27 | 6:00 - 9:50 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu
Donizetti's *L'elisir D'Amore* with Anna Netrebko and Rolando Villazón (Norma Nichols)

Micro-Aggressions....

Sunday | 4/17 | 11:30 – 1:30 pm

Save the date on your calendar for the next ADORE workshop.

We will discuss Micro-Aggressions which are the “everyday intentional and unintentional slights and insults that communicate hostile messages targeted at people based solely on their marginalized group membership.”

To enhance our discussion, articles on this subject will be distributed soon. ADORE (A Dialogue On Race and Ethnicity) was founded by Paula Cole Jones who gave a wonderful sermon and workshops at First Unitarian in November

The goal of ADORE is to provide a safe space for people to openly and honestly discuss about race, a subject so often swept under the rug. For more information, please contact co-chairs, Jill Rabinov and Allison Jacobs at adore@unitariansofhi.org. (Charlotte Morgan)

OPPORTUNITIES:

“Happiness Does Not Have To Be A Project, It Is A Journey”

Author and Church member Nohemi Molano Lewis's newest book is now available at www.Amazon.com. Through May 2016 she and husband Michael are sharing the net profits of sales to our church 'ohana members with our church. Journey with Nohemi and discover how you can find and keep happiness. Feel free to write a review. (Carla Allison)

Keep those Pictures Coming!!!

Calling All Smart Phone Users: when you take pictures of events at Church, why don't you immediately send them to the Newsletter Gang at fuch-newsletter-team@googlegroups.com You will receive a photo credit in the Newsletter. Thank you for taking pictures of the amazing things we do at First Unitarian. (Charlotte Morgan)

Needed: Weekly Bulletin Coordinator

Contact: Katy Launert | katylaunert@gmail.com
Weekly Bulletin Team | FUCH-Weekly-Bulletin-Team@googlegroups.com

Your current coordinator for the Weekly Bulletin will be leaving the island in May, 2016. If you're looking for a way to put your talents to work for your church - this may be it! You will need access to email and google drive plus about an hour a week. Training provided! (Katy Launert)

Chalice Circles Offer Connection, Community and Caring

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

Connect with others in deep conversation and benefit from being part of a caring community of Unitarian Universalists and friends. Always open to new members, Chalice Circles are 5-10 people who meet twice a month for two hours to explore preselected topics. Membership requires commitment to regular attendance twice each month through June, 2016.

Want to find out how to become a participant? Become a Chalice Circle Facilitator? Host a group? Contact Carla or Heather.

Current Locations, Dates & Times

Town: 1st & 3rd Saturdays @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Town: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Hawaii Kai: 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 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

Sunday, March 27, 10:00 am

"Building a Rainbow World" by Rev. Dr. Dorothy Emerson

What does it mean to live at this time in the history of the world? What role might Unitarian Universalists play in creating a hopeful future? Worship Associate: Steve Lohse

What is Spirituality?

YOU ARE INVITED to Join the Conversation!

Many of us would like more Spirituality in our lives and in our worship services . . . but what does that mean? What elements of our Services and our Church Community best inspire Spirituality for you, and how? Your Worship Team is now gathering responses as part of our journey into shared spiritual practice. Watch for the Questions, join the Conversation, and contact us at Worship@unitariansofhi.org! (Martina Queenth)

Sunday Morning Announcements – A Reminder

We welcome pulpit announcements as an important element of our worship services. We also recognize that they can be too many, too long, and too late in getting to the Worship Associate. PLEASE, keep Sunday announcements brief, focused on Church activities, and get them to the Worship Team by Thursday before the service. We make this work by working together! (Worship Team)

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 or see Eleanor Kleiber, Martina Queenth, or Steve Lohse in person. All Suggestions welcomed for consistently inspiring and compelling Sunday morning experiences!

DO YOU HAVE ROOM in your home for Sunday morning guest speakers? The Worship Program is now inviting 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 this 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, and let's talk. (Worship Team)

Worship Team – APRIL 2016 MEETING

Tuesday | 4/5 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm | Fred Harper Room

Contact: Eleanor Kleiber | 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

Build Your Own Sermon? Want to Say Something?

Join us for an exciting opportunity to create a sermon. This is a four-class workshop that will help you craft a 15-20 minute sermon from your ideas and vision. Not sure you have a vision? We help you create and clarify, expand and elaborate, illustrate and enlighten, then stand and wax poetic. If you like, you may actually give the sermon at a FUCH Service! Dates and times for meetings will be set based upon the schedules of interested parties. RE@unitariansofhi.org

EVERYONE LOVES A BEACH DAY!

Saturday | 3/26 | 2-6pm

Let's get together (yeah, yeah, yeah)! It's time again to gather our little ones around us and do something FUN! The beach was a strong favorite at this month's team meeting, so we are back out at Kailua Beach. We meet just beach side of the old, defunct concession stand/bathroom

Easter

Sunday | 3/27

Easter activities will be conducted this year in RE. We will read books, dye eggs, and make some paper crafts. Everyone welcome! At 11:15 am the children will travel downstairs for an Easter Parade, delivering goodies to friends and family.

Sign Up Your Family!

Finally, we still have not had some folks register their families. Please do! I'll distribute paper forms to those of you still escaping the online registration. <https://goo.gl/li4lxx>

Camping: May 13-15 at Bellows!

Mark your calendars and consider joining RE families at Bellows for another camping weekend. Details to follow, but generally, we identify a block of sites and then individually log on to the website and reserve. Should be a GREAT weekend! We will have some structured activities, and lots of free time!

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

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

Legislature Watch – 2016

The State Legislature opened its 2016 session on January 20. Your Social Justice Council has been watching the following 2016 Legislative issues:

ECONOMIC JUSTICE – We Support voting rights for incarcerated persons, and We Oppose exempting the State from environmental impact statements or assessments for a new Oahu Community Correctional Center (w/ Kat Brady). We Support \$75m for the rental housing revolving fund, removing the conveyance tax cap, and \$100m for affordable housing repair (w/Housing Now!)

‘ĀINA JUSTICE – We Support divesting University of Hawaii fossil fuels investments, various improved Public Utilities standards, and a carbon emissions offset program for state agencies. We Oppose the NextEra sale (w/ HIPL, Citizens' Climate Lobby, Sierra Club, Rep. Chris Lee).

LEARNING JUSTICE – We Support quality public education and real change in our public schools. The House declined to pass and Gov. Ige declared non support for an omnibus bill proposed by HSTA. Our shared strategy is to start preparing now for next year (w/ Parents for Public Schools Hawaii, HSTA).

DYING WITH DIGNITY – We Support the right to die with dignity. The Senate declined to schedule a hearing for this bill in an election year. Our shared strategy is to start preparing now for next year (w/ Compassion and Choices, Hawaii Death with Dignity Society, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii).

PLEASE CONTACT your Social Justice Council at sjc@unitariansofhi.org if you feel strongly about any of these issues! We will connect you with First Unitarian Lege Watch leaders, so you can add your Voice to the Better Stories and the progressive witness that we share with our community! (Steve Lohse)

Social Justice Council – APRIL 2016 MEETING

Friday| 4/15 | 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.

If you 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.

STARTING IN APRIL, the Council will meet on the THIRD FRIDAY of every month at 6:00 pm in the Fred Harper Room. All visitors welcomed. Contact sjc@unitariansofhi.org or 808-595-4047 or see <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/social-justice> for more information about the Social Justice Ministry of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. (Steve Lohse)