

The Weekly Bulletin

April 8/10, 2016

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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)

Second Sunday Lunch

Sunday | 4/10 | After Service

April's Second Sunday Is lunch brought to you via the generous service of Chefs Ron & Mark and Chalice Circle members. Cost is \$7 with proceeds benefiting our church's General Fund.

Please join in the joy that comes when we pause to connect with family & friends over a delicious meal. (Carla Allison)

Visitor and Membership Information

Sunday | 4/10 | 11:15-11:45 am

If you are thinking of joining First Unitarian or are simply wondering what Unitarian Universalism has to offer you please join the Engagement Team on April 10 at a back table during the Second Sunday Lunch (11:15-11:45) for information about UU theology, a quick peek into UU's 500 year history and our community. (Martina Queenth)

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

Sunday | 3/13 – 4/10

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

COMPASSION ACTION Update – Our annual Food Drive in support of the Hawaii Food Bank continues in its FIFTH WEEK This Sunday, April 10. To date, we have \$2000 and 100 lbs, and we're still looking for \$3000 and 300 lbs by this Sunday, April 10. Remember, the Food Bank provides 250 hot meals for every \$100 in donations! It is Compassion, Cash, and Canned Goods, all the way to the Food Bank, so no one in Hawaii goes hungry. (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

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".

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)

CHANGES:

The Cinco de Mayo event scheduled for either April 23 or 24, depending on where you read about it, has been postponed to next year when hopefully the calendar will not be so full. Thanks to all of you expressed an interest. (Margaret Mann)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Book Discussion Group

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 | 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)

UU's Helping the Homeless

Monday - Sunday | 5/16-5/21 | Evening through Morning | Nuuanu Congregational Church
Contact: Catherine Graham | dreamaloha@hawaii.rr.com

Did you know that we UU's partner with Nuuanu Congregational Church 4 times a year to cook dinners for 3 homeless families for a week? The families are part of a program run by Family Promise. They are homeless families who are also working. Family Promise vets them, then houses them for 3 to 4 months while they receive services and look for permanent housing. They house them in different churches for a week at a time. When the families stay across the street from us at Nuuanu Congregational Church, we UU's cook the dinner and one of us spends the night.

Molly Rowland, Marilyn Bornhorst, Catherine Graham, Nancy Schildt, the RE program, Lisa Wong Jacobs & Sheila O'Keefe the those that have been helping out for years. We would love for others to join us.

What it entails:

Cooking a meal for around 15 people. We usually cook at home and bring it in ready to serve. Rice is provided. This usually includes 3 families or moms, dads and kids of various ages plus 3 or 4 volunteers. The families may be Micronesian, local or from the mainland. We stay and eat with them and visit. If we bring children along, they can play with the children staying there.

We are also recruiting for someone to spend the night - for security's sake. Bed and rest room are provided. You would get breakfast in the morning too if you'd like.

We are recruiting for the week of May 15 - 21. Please

Will you be available to help provide dinner on any of these nights or stay over?

Monday night, May 16th;
Tuesday night, May 17th;
Wednesday night, May 18th;
Thursday night, May 19
Friday night, May 20th; or
Saturday night, May 21st.

For more info or to volunteer, contact Catherine Graham.

Gallery on the Pali Presents "Tropical Roots" by Ron Root

On display 5/1 - 6/2 | Gallery Hours: T - F | 10am-6pm & S/S 2-6 pm

On the web @ unitariansofhi.org/exhibits

Artist's Reception Saturday | 5/7 | 6-8 pm

Enjoy acrylic paintings by Hawaii Kai artist Ron Root in the Gallery on the Pali. Root, who has been a high school art and photography teacher for 30 years as well as a stained glass artisan for more than 20 years, will have paintings that demonstrate the versatility of acrylics and bright tropical colors.

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, April 10, 10:00 am

“The Power in You” by Wally Amos

Best known as the founder of Famous Amos Cookies, Wally Amos has learned from life's highs and lows that it's not our circumstances but how we view them that determine our happiness. He shares his personal recipe for an inspiring life that begins with ten essential ingredients for inner strength. Wally will have copies of his book, “The Power in You” and, of course, cookies. Worship Associate: Marie Anne.

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 – MAY 2016 MEETING

Tuesday | 5/3 | 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

Summer Volunteer Signups Start this Sunday!

Get ready to help out this summer -- yes, you! Even if you have never taught, you are welcome to join in. We will get you trained in a jiff and you can enjoy a summer class of "Just So Stories" with activities and snacks! See the signup booth this Sunday to participate!

Summer Socials Coming in May

In May our parent group will start a "Summer Social" series at the church. This is a low-key, summer "intersession" of the Young Families Covenant Group series. We will open up registration soon. Childcare will be provided, fee will apply.

Mother's Day Second Sunday Lunch

RE Youth will be producing the Mother's Day Second Sunday Lunch: Soup, Salad, and Sandwiches! No moms to be preparing, so if you would like to volunteer to help the kids, please email RE@unitariansofhi.org.

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

TRAPPED – Hawaii Premier of a Documentary Film by Dawn Porter

Sunday | 4/10 | 2:30 pm | UH-Manoa Art Auditorium

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

TRAPPED follows clinic workers and lawyers on the front lines of the battle to keep abortion safe and legal for millions of American women. YOU ARE INVITED to a pre-screening reception at 2:30 pm featuring information tables from event co-sponsors, including World Can't Wait-Hawaii, ACLU Hawaii, First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands, Revolution Books, UH Women's Studies Program, and Women in Filmmaking. Free Admission and Parking. For more information, see www.theworldcantwaithawaii.blogspot.com or call 944-3106. (Nan Kleiber)

TIAH Open Table – Dying with Dignity

Tuesday | 4/19 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

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

First Unitarian is collaborating with The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Hawaii Death with Dignity Society, and Compassion & Choices to host the April TIAH Open Table, "End of Life Care and Dying with Dignity." After an opening presentation by Mary Steiner of Compassion & Choices, there will be a panel discussion followed by open discussion. (Joel Merchant, Steve Lohse)

Legislature Watch – 2016

The State Legislature opened its 2016 session on January 20. Your Social Justice Council has been watching the following 2016 Legislature 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 nonsupport 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! (Social Justice Council)

Social Justice Council – APRIL 2016 MEETING

Friday | 4/15 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Fred Harper Room

Contact: Steve Lohse | 808-595-4047 | 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)