

Focus

Glorifying God through our D.A.Y.S.

(Discipleship, the Arts, Young People and service)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HONOLULU | 1020 S. BERETANIA STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96814
NOVEMBER 2022 – VOLUME LXIX, ISSUE 11



Bishop Grant Hagiya's Aloha Celebration

Bishop Grant & Jan Hagiya's Aloha Celebration
Saturday, December 3 at 1:00 pm HST
Harris UMC on 20 South Vineyard Blvd. Honolulu

All are invited to join in the retirement celebration for Bishop Grant and Jan Hagiya!

The celebration begins with a worship service followed by a reception with entertainment. First UMC will be among those providing music and entertainment.

A registration link will be released soon.

Church Events

- November 6th – All Saints Sunday. Joint service at 10 a.m.
- November 19th – Foodbank OPEN from 2-4 p.m.
- November 20th – Stewardship Sunday
- November 24th – Facilities and Office CLOSED
- November 24th - Church Community Thanksgiving Dinner at 2 p.m.
- November 25th – Facilities and Office CLOSED
- November 26th – Hanging of the Greens 10 a.m.
- November 29th – Church Conference at 7 p.m., SPRC at 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Musings

Dear FUMC 'Ohana:

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 20

As we continue on the journey out of the abyss of COVID, we have much about which we can be grateful at First UMC. Although we have made adjustments, we have continued to provide much needed services to those who are hungry and give some hope through our Food Bank and our Sunday breakfast.

Our worship service pivoted during the pandemic and now we have a hybrid worship service that reaches out to more places than at any time in our history.

Our sanctuary was renovated with near unanimous support of the changes and upgrades. Work on the education building and other areas on campus continues.

Our ministries of Christian education for children, youth, young adults, and all adults continues to flourish.

We have many other ways to celebrate our church and be grateful.

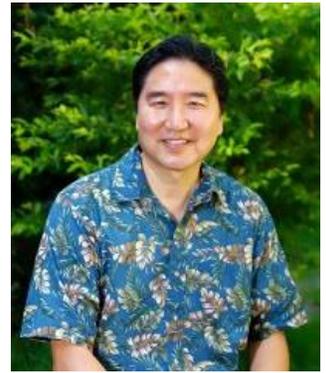
On Sunday, November 20, we will be receiving your financial pledges for the coming year as well as your pledges for ministry volunteering.

While it has been a tough year economically, we hope that you will prayerfully consider your pledge for 2023.

Mahalo Nui Loa.



Pastor Tom Choi Senior Pastor



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CHURCH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING ON NOVEMBER 24 AT 2 P.M.

For the first time in three years, we will have an in-person thanksgiving meal for our First UMC 'ohana. This is designed for those who would like to have a church community experience. Turkey and gravy will be provided; the rest of the meal will be by potluck. Please email office@firstumchonolulu.org for reservation and what you might bring.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DECORATING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 10 A.M.

Our sanctuary will be decorated for the holidays on this day. It is such a great way to prepare a festive environment in our worship space. More details to follow soon.

May God bless us during this month of thanks.

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom

P.S. As many of you know, Becky and I will be traveling to Salt Lake City for the Western Jurisdictional Conference, which will elect three new bishops for our jurisdiction, including our California-Pacific Annual Conference. I am blessed to be one of the "potentials" nominated for election. Please pray for us and the entire conference, that we may elect the best leaders for our UMC present and future. Mahalo Nui Loa!

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From Faifekau Linita Moa's Desk



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Fakafeta'i 'etau a'usia 'a e mahina fo'ou ni, pea ko e 'ofa 'ata'ata pe 'a e 'Otua Mafimafi. Kuo tau a'u mai 'eni ki he mahina hono 11 pea kuo toe pe 'a e mahina 'e 1 pea tau 'osiki 'a e fu'u ta'u loloa mo faingata'a ko'eni.

Ko e mahina 'eni 'o e Thanksgiving Holiday ('Aho 'o e Fakafeta'i) pea 'oku uho'aki 'a e mahina ni, ko e mahina pe 'o e Fakafeta'l he 'ofa mo e tauhi lelei mo haohaoa 'a e 'Otua Mafimafi. Siate Folau 'o e mahina ni: "Ko taimi e kuo tuku mai, ko 'etau kotoa ke fai 'l he 'ofa." Pea ka koia 'o e Fakfeta'l 'oku uho'aki pe 'a 'etau ngaue ko e fai 'ofa.

'Oku uki kitautolu he mahina ni, ke tau fakama'opo'opo hotau ngaahi famili, 'o teuteu ki he ngaahi 'aho 'o e faka'osi'osi 'o e ta'u mo e fakafeta'l, ka 'oku 'iai ha ngaahi me'a 'oku tukunga tamaki ko hono taimi 'eni, pea 'oku 'uhinga 'eni ki ha ngaahi me'a fakaeloto, mo fakafamili, fakasiasi, pea ko ha me'a pe ke fakalelei'l 'l ho va mo e 'Otua, mo e kaunga fononga, ke tau hu'ihu'l atu, pea ke fakatau'ataina koe mei he ngaahi angahala kehekehe ka ke fononga fiemalie ki he faka'osi'osi 'o e ta'u fakafeta'l ko'eni.

'Oku ou talamonu atu ki he taha kotoa pe, pea pehe ki he ngaahi famili 'o e Siasi, ke mou ma'u ha fononga'anga fiefia mo kelesi'ia he mahina fo'ou ni.

'Ofa lahi atu mo e lotu,
Faifekau Linita 'U. Moa



The Education Building is getting a new roof!

Work begins soon. Keep an eye out when you are on campus.



Sermons for 10 a.m. English Worship Service

NOVEMBER 6 – All Saints Sunday

Pastor Kim Houff preaches on Unity with the Saints. The scripture reading is Ephesians 1:11-23. We will also celebrate and honor those who passed away since November 1, 2021. A special remembrance video will be shared.

NOVEMBER 13 – TBA - Pastor Tom will give reflections on the outcome of the Western Jurisdictional Conference held from November 2-5.

NOVEMBER 20 – Stewardship Sunday – Pastor Tom preaches and at the end of the service, you will have an opportunity to make a financial and ministry volunteer pledge for 2023.

NOVEMBER 27 – “Here and There – A Thanksgiving Memory” – Pastor Tom gives an encore presentation, sharing stories of his family, their experiences in war torn Korea, a lonely time in America, and a reunion. This will also be the first Sunday of Advent.

You can access previous videos of our worship services on Facebook (First United Methodist Church Honolulu) or edited versions on YouTube. Or if you prefer a printed copy of the worship script, please call 808-522-9555 or email office@firstumchonolulu.org to request one be mailed to you.

SERVICE

First UMC Foodbank

During this month of Thanksgiving, we celebrate our blessings, by donating much-needed items to our Foodbank. Some specific needs are:

- Grocery sized bags— reusable, plastic, and paper
- Pop-top cans of vegetables, soup, and beans
- Tuna pouches
- Small fruit cups



Bring items in on Sunday or call the office to drop off items during the week. Mahalo!

In November, the foodbank is open on Mondays and Saturday, November 19 from 2-4 PM.



United
Women
in Faith

UWF

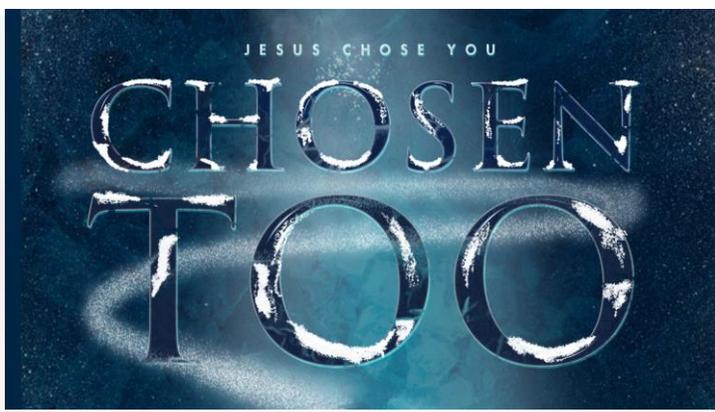
All women are invited to Meetings of United Women in Faith (formerly UMW). The English Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 9 at 11:30 a.m.** in the library and via Zoom. Beverly Aiwohi will lead the World Thank Offering program. If you would like to join the group, email kim@firstumchonolulu.org for more information or to get the Zoom link.

The Tongan Circle will meet on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:30** in Komuro Hall.

Preschool Enrichment Program (PEP)

The UWF English Circle invites the congregation to join them in a new program to support the FUMC Preschool by reading a book or poem, telling a story with puppets, doing a craft, playing music or other activities (use your imagination!). Two slots are available on Wednesdays: 9:30-9:45 and 3:30-3:45. Call 808-522-9565 to schedule your participation.





Kids Church

Sundays at 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Each of us are chosen by God for a special purpose, but we must be willing to accept what God asks of us. Mary was chosen to love her son Jesus, Joseph was chosen to lead an unlikely family, the shepherds were chosen to find a savior, and the magi were chosen to follow.

Objective: Kids will learn that they can choose to follow Jesus the Savior.

Lessons:

November 6: NO KIDS CHURCH

November 13: Chosen to Love

God loved us and sent his son Jesus to be our Savior. He chose Mary to be Jesus' earthly mother. When Mary chose to love God and do His will with her whole heart, her fear at what the angel told her began to melt away.

Objective: Kids will learn that God chose to love us by sending Jesus into the world.

November 20: Chosen to Lead

When Joseph learned that Mary was going to have a baby, he wasn't sure they should even get married anymore. But then an angel told Joseph that God had a special purpose for him – to be the husband of Mary and the earthly father of God's son Jesus. Joseph chose to obey God and lead the family that God had given him.

Objective: Kids will learn that God has chosen each of us for a special purpose to serve Him.

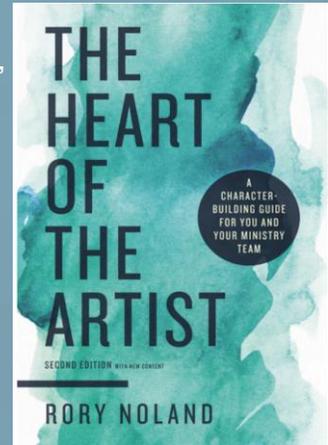
November 27: NO KIDS CHURCH – Happy Thanksgiving!

Email Office@firstumchonolulu.org to receive the 2022 Zoom link, registration form and Kids Church Activity Packet.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Young Adults Ministry (YAM)

Who is an artist? Rory Noland, author of "The Heart of the Artist", describes an artist as "anyone and everyone who does anything artistic." It includes those who perform, musicians, dancers, actors, poets, visual artists, producers and photographers. Our tech crew are also artists including those who work as sound, video, film, staging and computer graphics.



As we dove into this study, our Young Adults had to answer some tough questions from the very beginning. We answered questions that took inventory of our character growth and what areas God is revealing needs attention. Then we addressed the issue of humility and pride.

As artist in worship, it's important to stay humble, check your heart and allow God to expand your gifts for effective ministry. Our Young Adults continue to do exactly that, knowing it's a balancing act between performing and worshipping.

As I hear them during study time and watch them on the screen and behind the scenes sharing their creative gifts to reach others for Christ, I'm confident each one of our Young Adults are walking a straight line that is pleasing to God.

It's heartwarming to know our Young Adults are practicing much of what this study guide is teaching. Wise beyond their years and gifted with hearts that stay true to their calling.

Mark Brekke

Director of Young Adults Ministry



THE ARTS



Hanging of the Greens
November 26
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join us in decorating the sanctuary for the holidays. Come to help for an hour or two or stay until we're done. Many hands make light work! Also, it's a fun way to get to know one another better.

**Join us on December 5 at
6:30 PM for a
Crafty Christmas
Celebration**

Email

**kim@firstumchonolulu.org
for more information.**

WORD
SWAY



Thanksgiving Meal
November 24
2 p.m.
Komuro Hall

If you do not have plans for Thanksgiving, join your church family for this meal. RSVP by emailing office@firstumchonolulu.org with the number of people attending and what you plan to bring.

DISCIPLESHIP

**What Happened at Western
Jurisdiction Conference:
A Conversation with
Pastor Tom Choi**

Following 10 AM worship

November 13

In-person (Library) and via Zoom

Pastor Tom will discuss his experience at the Western Jurisdiction Conference. All are welcome to join. Please email revtchoi@firstumchonolulu.org for more information or to get the Zoom link.

Sunday Bible Study

Following 10 AM worship

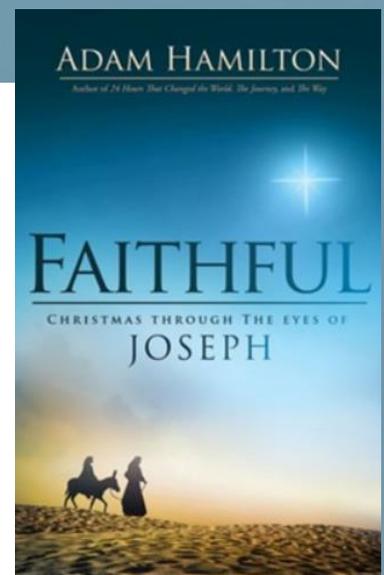
November 20 and 27

December 11 and 18

In-person (Library) and via Zoom

Our Advent study this year, *Faithful*, by Adam Hamilton, looks at the Christmas story through the eyes of Joseph. All are welcome to join the study at any time. If you would like a copy of the book, more information, and/or the Zoom link, email

Kim@firstumchonolulu.org





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We enjoyed our Harvest Happenings evening of crafts, snacks, and fun! Join us for our Crafty Christmas Celebration.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
BC= Butterworth Chapel KH = Komuro Hall L = Library MR = Maile Room S = Sanctuary YR = Youth Room		1	2		3	4	5
			7pm English Choir (KH) 7pm Tongan Worship (S)	6:30pm Tongan Women's Prayer Group (BC) 8pm Tongan Choir(S)	7-9:30pm Tongan Youth & Young Adults (KH)		
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Rev. Kim Houff

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Facilities Director: Paine Harris

Director of Young Adult Ministry & Handyman:
Mark Brekke

Director of Young People's Ministry: Mele Pepa Latu

Choir Director: Tupou Seini Kelemen, Fololiena Maka

Accompanist: Jason Eom

Finance Administrator: Ongo Koli

Custodians: Pongi Vehikite, Pat Sheppard,
Sia Lolohea, John Kelemen

CONNECTIONAL LEADERS:

Resident Bishop:
Bishop Grant Hagiya

District Superintendent:
Rev. Moonyoung Lee



Mark Your Calendars! CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 29, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Email office@firstumchonolulu.org
for more information

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