

# The Messenger

Church of the Holy Cross, United Church of Christ

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CHURCH  
OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,

Thursday  
10am-4:30pm

Lunch  
12pm-1pm

Friday  
10am-12pm

**Important Dates  
to  
Remember:**

**August 24,**  
*All Church Special  
Discernment Session*  
“Look Back to  
Look Ahead”

*Potluck to follow*

**August 31,**  
*Stewardship &  
Missions Meeting*

**September 14,**  
*Martha Mensendiek*  
*Guest Preacher*

*Church Picnic at  
11am*

*Council Meeting*

**September 20,**  
*Service Day*

**September 21,**  
*Deacons Meeting*

**September 28,**  
*Interim Work Day*

**October 5,**  
*Interim Work Day*

**October 12,**  
*Interim Work Day*

**October 19,**  
*Interim Work Day*

## **Looking Back to Look Ahead: Sunday, August 24, Potluck Lunch & Program- Celebrate our History!**

Following worship we gather in **Building of Faith for food and fun!** We'll get to know how persons came to CHC and why you stayed. We'll learn about the **history of our congregation** through a **timeline**. Please bring mementos from your time at CHC – photos, newspaper clippings, or bulletins for example. Please bring copies – or have Dennis Lin make copies for you in advance, so you may keep your original. Weddings, baptisms, confirmations, funerals, mission in the community and beyond, events for youth, women, men, IYAA, and more!



Jiro Okabe, first CHC Minister

What has been moving for you in the life of CHC? How has your faith deepened? We will celebrate accomplishments and tell stories from the life of CHC. Table leaders will assist in our conversation. You will be invited to place your significant events on our **timeline**. We'll share stories and learn from one another. Celebrate with learning and laughter!

Many thanks to our terrific Timeline team: Amy Shiroma, Kay Kawachika, Jane Kawazoe, Carol Morioka, Gail Wung, and Connie Yoshiyama. Wait till you see the interesting history they have prepared for you!

## **Sunday September 7, Kalaupapa Sunday**

Worship will focus on the story of the **Kalaupapa community on Molokai**. This colony for person's with Hanson's Disease was established in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, isolating persons and causing hardship for them. Father Damien became famous for his ministry there. However there was a UCC presence too. We'll learn about this and the deeper issues of justice and compassion!



## **Sunday, September 14, Martha Mensendiek, UCC missionary to Japan, Church Picnic follows worship (Postponed due to Iselle)**

Martha Mensendiek works at Doshisha University, a Christian university, with a history of being in solidarity with the poor and discriminated class in Japanese society, as well as in the wider world. It has a School of Theology as well as a Department of Social Welfare – both of which have a long history in Japan. Martha teaches and helps build awareness about the world. She appreciates working with minorities and women, including migrant workers and minorities, as well as women exploited in the sex industry. Following worship we'll enjoy our church picnic with Bento lunch, games, and fun for children & all ages!

## **Sundays, September 28, October 5, 12, 19 Looking Ahead at CHC!**

Save these dates for fun, food and fellowship following worship. These times together will further our Interim work: **Sundays, September 28, October 5, 12, 19**. We'll reflect on who God calls CHC to be and what God calls us to do. **What does God have in mind for the future of CHC? Through prayer and sharing we'll consider what God is longing for in this wonderful church!** We need your help in this process! Please plan to attend! We'll provide food and ask you sign up in worship or by calling the church, 935-1283.

## **Pastor's Corner**

This coming Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, we gather to look at where Church of the Holy Cross has been.

Do you know the original name of our congregation?

When it was founded?

What were early programs to help persons in need in Hilo?

You'll discover these things and more on Sunday! Don't miss the gathering.

Where this congregation has been can give us insight into where God is leading CHC!

When you wrote your "HOPES for CHC" one desire was to honor the tradition of the Japanese heritage. We lift that up as we look at the history of this congregation. On September 14 as we receive Martha Mensendiek, our missionary to Japan, we'll again lift up the Japanese heritage of this congregation.

In this newsletter you'll read that Dennis Lin, our able office manager is leaving us as of September 1. It has been my pleasure to work with Dennis since I arrived in January. His efficient work and helpful presence will be missed! I invite you to bring a card of thanks for Dennis – and say goodbye at the Senior Ministry lunch on Thursday, August 28!

On August we also welcome Kait Wilson to our staff as Interim Choir Director! Welcome Kait—we look forward to making music with you this fall! Kait has been our choir accompanist.

In this Interim Time – there are many passages. I give thanks for God's faithful presence during all the changes we experience in our lives and the life of this congregation. We pray for those who are recuperating after Iselle and ask God to guide us to be supportive and compassionate to those in need.

Peace & Joy,  
**Mary**

## **Adult Bible Study beginning Monday, August 25 6:30 pm and Wednesday, August 27 9:30 am**

We'll look at the **Exodus story**, a story of the Hebrew people. Once slaves in Egypt – they are freed. Yet it takes them a **very long time** in the desert to learn new ways. These stories from Exodus will guide us in this "Interim Time." As we listen for God's guidance and discern where God is leading us we'll see how God guided the Hebrew people – and guides us today! Bring your Bible and a friend! Handouts provided. Monday evenings we meet in the Pastor's Study. Wednesday mornings we meet in the Lounge.

## **Sunday School Time!**

As the DOE has made changes to their school schedules, so have we! For the 2014-15 school year, we will hold classes after the Children's Word. Pre-5th grades will meet in the nursery and the Inter and High School students will meet in the library. Classes will commence on August 24th.



## **Choir Practice begins August 24**

Katherine Wilson, who has been the choir's accompanist for the past two years, will now serve as the interim Music Coordinator/Choir Director for the Church of the Holy Cross. Choir practice will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 24. Na Leo Ni'o Lani will sing their first song on Sunday, August 31. Please join us in this important music ministry of our church!



Pastor Mary Olney-Loyd  
Church of the Holy Cross  
440 W. Lanikaula St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

Dear Pastor Mary; Church of the Holy Cross,

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation from my position as Office Manager. My last day of employment will be September 1, 2014.

I have been working at the Church of the Holy Cross for a year and a half now. I took this position on as a way to gain work experience and develop new skills. I have definitely learned much about interacting with different people, accounting practices and facility management. However, it is time for me to begin my career development and to grow personally and professionally.

It has been a privilege and an honor to work with a church that is so caring, and supportive. The kindness that I have received here will carry on with me well into the future. My favorite part of working here at the church was to see the smiles and helping the church grow as your Office Manager.

The church will see many changes in the near future, but the congregation is strong and they will take it in stride. I would like to assist in the transition period so that any facility and accounting duties may continue smoothly. I am available to help with the recruitment process or train my replacement and I will ensure that any work left undone will be finished by my last day of work.

Thank you for allowing me to work as your Office Manager at the Church of the Holy Cross. I wish you and the Church all the best. I look forward to staying in touch; you may reach me at 808-854-7025 or via email at [denniswjlin@gmail.com](mailto:denniswjlin@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

  
Dennis Lin



## September 14, 2014 Church Picnic Postponed

Sunday, September 14 is the NEW date of our annual church picnic to be held in the Building of Faith after church service. We are featuring our famous bentos and bingo game with lots of prizes. This year we are having a kendama contest and watermelon eating contest along with our guessing games and lucky number. Be sure to save the date and attend this free annual event. We are having slip and slide for the children and a smaller water slide, so be sure to bring a change of clothes. See you there! Wear your best picnic clothes!



### TEA PARTY & SILENT AUCTION

The 2nd Annual Afternoon Tea Party and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 – 5pm at the Hilo Yacht Club. This event is to benefit the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands, an affiliate organization of our Women's Fellowship. The cost is \$25 per person. Please contact Karen Welsh at [writeaway777@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:writeaway777@hawaii.rr.com) or Moira Tanaka at 959-8679 if you're interested in attending, selling tickets and/or donating items for the silent auction. Those who attended last year, really enjoyed the afternoon having tea and goodies and chatting with friends!!!

### Pastor Henry Wilson Leaving UCC-Pohnpei-Hilo

Pastor Henry Wilson will be ending his pastoral duties at UCC-Pohnpei-Hilo to conduct training of new pastors for Pohnpeian churches. Mr. Ichiro Annes will be taking over for Pastor Wilson as Senior Pastor. Mr. Annes will also be assisted by Mr. Bermenso Santiago and Mr. Bensis Henry.

We wish Pastor Henry Wilson the best of luck on his new journey.

### The Messenger

The Messenger is a bimonthly newsletter distributed by the Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo. If you have an article please either send it via email in word format to [holycrosshilo@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:holycrosshilo@hawaii.rr.com) or via post. The next issue will be September 3, 2014. All articles should be sent in no later than the Tuesday before.

### Kahikolu Congregational Church Youth Songfest August 23, 2014

Kahikolu Congregational Church is having its 1st Annual Songfest. All youth are invited to come. James Yoshiyama is willing to carpool. If interested contact Pastor Mary or James Yoshiyama.

### SENIOR MINISTRY

Our next Senior Ministry session will be held on Thursday, August 28, 10 to 12 noon in the Building of Faith. As usual, we'll have delicious food and an enjoyable time together. Our speaker will be from the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy.

Come, and bring a friend along. Please sign up on our Senior Bulletin Board or call the church office if you're able to attend.



### August/ September Volunteers

**August Ushers:**  
*Kay Kawachika, Cindy Debus, Newton Chu, Jane Kawazoe*

**September Ushers:**  
*International Young Adults Association  
Jayson Rekis*

### August 24, 2014 Chapel Decorations:

*Herbert Watanabe  
(Memorial)*

**Childcare:**  
*Reiko Masutomi*  
**Layreader:**  
*Newton Chu*

### August 31, 2014 Chapel Decorations:

*Roberta Chu,  
Alice Fujimoto*

**Childcare:**  
*Anne Sadayasu*  
**Layreader:**  
*Jane Kawazoe*

### September 7, 2014 Chapel Decorations:

*Katada & Tadaki  
Families (Memorial)*

**Childcare:**  
*Eric Tanouye*  
**Layreader:**  
*Ruth Niino-Duponte*

### September 14, 2014 Chapel Decorations:

*Miyeko Yamane*

**Childcare:**  
*Eileen Shiraishi*  
**Layreader:**  
*Roberta Chu*