



The Messenger



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00 am-01:30pm

Wednesday
09:30 am—12:15 pm

Important Dates to Remember:

Sun, Nov. 9
Every Member Canvas

Tues, Nov. 11,
Caregivers
10 am—12pm
Building of Faith

Sat, Nov. 16
Every Member Canvas

Thurs, Nov. 20
Senior Ministry

Thurs, Nov. 20
Women's Fellowship

Sat, Nov. 22
SERVICE DAY

Sun, Nov. 23
Every Member Canvas

Tues, Nov. 25
Thanksgiving Celebration

Sat, Nov. 29
Hanging of the Greens
Advent Prep.

Sun, Nov. 30
Board of Stewardship & Missions

Tuesday, November 11

Caregivers Gathering
10 am—12 pm
Building of Faith



Sunday, November 16

Associate Conference Minister,
Rev. Donald Schmidt, guest speaker
Fellowship to follow in J's Cafe

Thursday, November 20

Senior Ministry
10 am—12 pm
Free Luncheon in the Building of Faith
Woody Kita will be speaking of about the
"Dana Project"

Thursday, November 20

Women's Fellowship
Building of Faith after Senior Ministry
Budget for 2015 will be discussed and voted upon.



Sat, Nov. 22 SERVICE DAY

We will be doing carpet cleaning and pew cleaning.



Please **BLAST** the date and get the word out for
Volunteers, Family & Friends.

Sunday, November 23

Every Member Canvas—
Celebration Sunday!

Blessed
TO BE A BLESSING.

Special Thanksgiving worship service
Refreshments to follow in the
Building of Faith.
Please bring your pledge cards.

Tuesday, November 25 at 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Celebration Interfaith Community
In Action at First Protestant Church
(Near Hospital)



Sunday, November 30

Board of Stewardship & Missions
after Service in Lounge.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Church,

Thank you to everyone who provided lunches and attended the Congregational Gatherings in September and October! Your food, conversation, ideas and contributions made for great learnings together! Those gathered said you hold these values dear at Church of the Holy Cross:

- **Compassion, grace, mercy, forgiveness**
- **Love for God, for neighbor and for self**
- **Faith and Trust in God**
- **Community, fellowship, friendship Acceptance as we are, diversity, respect**
- **Stewardship of time, talent treasure and the earth**
- **Mission both global and local**
- **Servant Leadership**
- **Peace justice joy**

I commend you for this great choice of values! As we do ministry and mission together may we look to our values for guidance. This is who you say you are and with God's help desire to become more and more. May we live into these values together at Church of the Holy Cross!

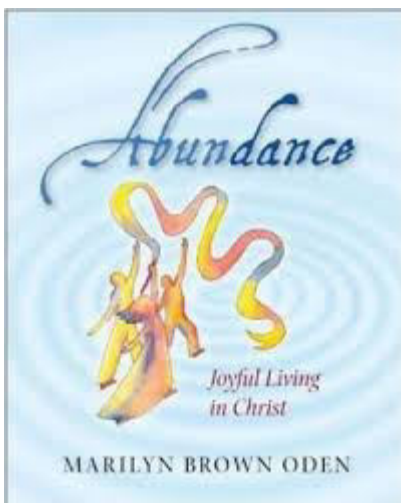
We also learned the greatest gifts, abilities, talents held by members and friends of Church of the Holy Cross. You said these are the things you are best at:

*** Faith * Helping * Encouraging * Giving * Mercy * Leading ***

Thank you for all the ways you share of yourself in your neighborhood, in the community, in Church of the Holy Cross, UCC and the ways we share our ministry in the UCC in our Hawaii Conference and all over the globe!

As you recall this good work comes under the heading of "identity." In this Interim Time the congregation is working on: 1. Looking at history of CHC, 2. Discovering a new identity, 3. Addressing leadership changes, 4. Renewing ties with the United Church of Christ, 5. Commitment to New Directions in Ministry.

*Blessings,
Mary*



"Abundance" Book Study

By Marilyn Brown Oden

every Monday
at 6:30 p.m. in the

Pastor's Study and Wednesday in the Lounge at 9:30 am.

We are reflecting on the biblical notion of abundance & our daily lives. Books are available at low or no cost. See Pastor Mary

Reminder:

Members, please keep them aside for the November Senior Ministry lunch. You can drop them off at the office.



From the Boards and Committees

The Search Committee:

Aloha Members,

We are pleased to announce that the Church Profile has been posted and we are now waiting for responses from potential candidates. There' still a lot of work ahead and the Search Committee looks forward to the challenge. Please keep us in your prayers as we search for our next Pastor.

Stefan Tanouye

Treasurer:

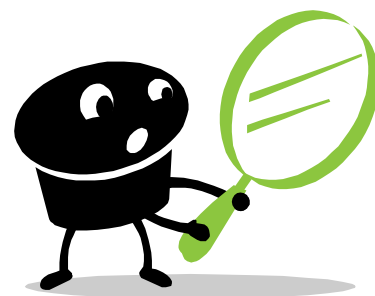
DID YOU KNOW? We printed in excess of 100,000 copies in 2013?

Your treasurer along with other officers are trying to reduce the number of trees and ink cartridges consumed annually and reduce the corresponding office

expense. If you can access email and would like to be added to the email list to receive your Messenger, please contact Jodi Enriquez at the office.



Roberta Chu, Treasurer



Announcement:

For 3 weeks in September, I was invited to visit Peruvian villages supported by the Cijnaya Foundation based near Lake Titicaca. Visitations of numerous groups included warm welcomes by a dozen separate groups who benefit from gifts and mini loans made by several American university and church groups - the largest of which helped with the purchase of a \$50,000 John Deere tractor which is shared by several of the diverse groups in the 14,000 ft elevation of the Peruvian Altiplano region. These Peruvians are very happy to share what little they have, and we were gifted with numerous meals consisting of the dozen or so varieties of potatoes and cheese produced on these farms, and followed by group dancing. Although quite lacking in personal comforts such as running water and toilet facilities, the Peruvians are joyous and loving, and our group met with open hearts and hands at every encounter. The 15 of us traveled the largely unpaved roads in a van and encountered conversations in Quechua and Aymara as well as Spanish, which I was fortunate to be able to blunder through so that I could communicate on our visits.

I was so touched by the challenging lives these Peruvians live, and again so thankful for the comforts we Americans enjoy. Peru is largely Christian, and church attendance is very high in spite of the challenges they have getting to church regularly. We experienced several weddings several weddings—one in a double Pisac cathedral, where we were all covered with confetti in great joy—and I learned that Saturday is wedding day in Peru. The regional costumes are beautiful and colorful in spite of the poverty of everyday life.

It was inspiring to me to be immersed in this culture—much as it has been on previous tours to France, Japan, Thailand and India—which is so very different from my own, and have the opportunity have heartfelt meetings with new friends. The opportunity to visit Machu Picchu, as well as the Inca ruins of Ollytantambo and Pisac, was the fulfillment of a long held dream of mine, which I will long remember. I am grateful for this opportunity to experience such a very different part of the world.

JP Thoma





ADVENT PREPARATIONS

Advent starts on the last Sunday of the month, right after Thanksgiving.

Preparations are being made so please keep dates in mind to help put up the decorations for Advent:

November 29 – 9 a.m.

HANGING OF THE GREENS when we put up the trees, decorate the trees, change the banners to Christmas banners, hang greens over the doorways, etc. Please plan to come and help.

Each Sunday, we have a family light the Advent Candle in the short service at the beginning of worship in Advent. If you would like to volunteer your family to do the service, please let Margaret know – call 895-0994. We need a family to light the Christ candle during the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

Blessed TO BE A BLESSING.

I love hymns and it's always hard for me to pick favorites. But if I had to decide, I might say my favorite hymn is *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*. Verse two and the chorus read:

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us;
Are sent from Heaven above,
Than thank the Lord, O thank the Lord;
For all His love.*

For me, being God's good steward starts when I recognize all the ways in which God is at work. When I see God's artistry in the wayside flower, when I stop to admire the evening star, when I paused before I eat my daily bread, my heart swells in thankfulness for the many blessings I received from our Generous Provider. And as thankfulness bubbles up, I want to give in return, to be a blessing as I have been blessed.

By: Ruth Farrell



Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education is looking for donations for desserts and cooked rice for their Christmas caroling on a Sunday (to be announced) in December. Dinner starts at 4:30 p.m.

Herb Watanabe will be cooking Portuguese bean soup.

Thank you, Lei Jack
Board of Christian Education





Members:

Thank you for your gifts to the Neighbors in Need offering:
\$703 was received and these offerings serve the "least of these" in the USA.

Pastor Mary

Stewardship & Missions

The Stewardship & Missions made generous donations to the Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Congregational church, the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA and the Hawaii Island HIV/AIDS Foundation and we received heartfelt appreciation Letters thanking them for their generosity. Mahalo.



Please pray for and send a greeting to these
Birthday people:

November 2014

04 Esther Suyama	20 Raymond Kobayashi
05 Darlene Yamauchi	24 Margaret Gota Gordon Inouye
09 Tricia Kimura	27 Marlson Selifis
16 Robin Nakayama	28 Rosendo Selifis
17 S-Last Robert	29 Elise Duponte Lois Jean Tanouye
19 Hatsue Kamimura Jolee Robert	30

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 or via post. The next issue will be November 19, 2014. All articles should be sent in no later than the Tuesday before.

October

Volunteers

Nov. 2, 2014

Gloria Kobayashi

Nov. 9, 2014

Stefan Tanouye

Nov. 16, 2014

Malia Mattos

Nov. 23, 2014

Tricia Kimura

Nov. 30, 2014

Connie Yoshiyama

November Ushers:

Ethel Yoshimasu

Eric Tanouye

Jenny Kondo

Millie Daikawa

Anne Sadayasu

Woody Kita (sub)

Nov. 9, 2014

Chapel Decorations:

Ken Tanouye, Stefan

Tanouye, Joel Santo

Childcare:

Stefan Tanouye

Layreader:

Jean Pierre Thoma

Nov. 16, 2014

Chapel Decorations:

Karl Kawahara

Moira Tanaka

Childcare:

Malia Mattos

Layreader:

Bob Smith

Nov. 23, 2014

Chapel Decorations:

Connie Yoshiyama

Childcare:

Tricia Kimura

Layreader:

Gloria Kobayashi

Nov. 30, 2014

Chapel Decorations

Sachi Ohata

Ruth Ohata

Childcare:

Connie Yoshiyama

Layreader:

Reilly Narruhn