

The Messenger

Church of the Holy Cross, United Church of Christ

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CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

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

Wednesday
09:30 am—12:20 pm

*Important Dates to
Remember:*

*Thurs, Jan. 1st
Happy New Year
CHC Office Closed*

*Sun, Jan. 4th
Communion*

*Tues, Jan. 6th
Christian Ed.
will meet in J's Café
at 5:15 p.m.*

*Sat, Jan. 10th
SERVICE DAY*

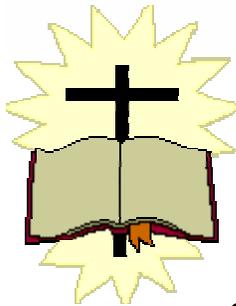
*Sun, Jan. 11th
Rev. Diane Weible
Leading worship
Reports Due*

*Tues, Jan. 13th
Caregivers Meeting
10 am to 12 noon*

*Sat, Jan. 17th
9:00 a.m.
De-trim the Sanctuary
Volunteers Needed*

*Sun, Jan. 18th
Rev. Larry Walter
Leading worship
Board of Trustees
Meeting*

*Sun, Jan. 25th
Women in Leadership
Sunday
Carol Morioka &
Moira Tanaka leading
worship
Board of Deacons
Meeting*



**Tuesday, January 6th
Christian Education**
Will meet in J's Café at 5:15 pm



SERVICE DAY
Saturday, January 10th

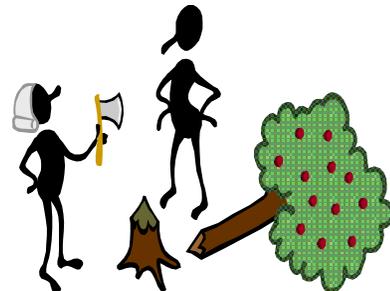
Make it a "Family Day"! Gather friends and family to come and help beautify CHC!!!



**January 13th
Care Givers Meeting**
10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Building of Faith

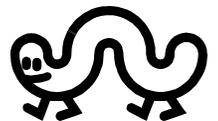
*Also, please contact me by email with any questions you have and would like to have discussed at the next meeting! We will share your questions with Chris Ridley and research answers and resources for our meetings. Mahalo,
Jeanne Yagi*

**Saturday, January 17th
De-trim the Sanctuary
Volunteers Needed**



**Sunday, January 18th
Board of Trustees Meeting**
In the Lounge or J's Cafe

**Thursday, January 22nd
Senior Ministry**
Building of Faith
10 am to 12 noon



Ruth Niino-Du-ponte will enlighten us about Giant African snails, Slugs, Pickle Worm and other garden pests. A delicious lunch will be served!



**Sunday, January 25th
Board of Deacons Meeting**
In the Lounge or J's Cafe



Pastor's Corner

From the Pastor:

Gary and I have changed our plans due to my illness. We will vacation on this island in January instead of going to New Zealand. I will take time to recuperate from mononucleosis on our “get away.” I am grateful for the extra effort many are going to at this time! Thank you to church leaders for pitching in and taking on extra tasks and responsibilities.



One never plans to get ill. In reflecting on this experience I'm aware of *patience*. There is a reason someone confined to their bed is called a *patient*! It's challenging to have the desire to take on a task and not have the energy to complete it. My spiritual journey right now includes practicing being patient with myself and with others. I'm grateful for your support and kindness.

So I'm reflecting on this *Interim Time* for Church of the Holy Cross, UCC, in another way right now: This is a time for patience – to keep on doing the good ministry going on at CHC! We also pray for our Search Committee as they are doing their work. We pray for one another, especially those sick and sorrowful. Also, we pray for those in need around the world. Then we see where our prayers take us.

Kairos is the Greek word for time – wrist watch and alarm clock time. It is characterized by appointments and deadlines. We think about what we have accomplished in minutes, days and weeks. **Chronos** is God's time – it occurs when we least expect it: When we notice the beauty of the clouds or the sweetness of a person's smile. In those moments we come close to experiencing **Chronos**. The birth of the Christ Child occurred in **Chronos time**.

A moment in time that touched my heart was December 21 – during the Christmas pageant our children, youth and adults presented us. The Mori family portrayed Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus. I noticed how lovely it was when the baby yawned and when he waved at us! When Stuart Mori picked up his son from Charity I reflected: Joseph would have held his son in that way too. The story we read came to life in front of us! It touched my heart. When a magi carrying the star got the giggles -- and shielded his eyes – how marvelous. Who wouldn't shield their eyes from that bright star! Many thanks to all who participated in our special services this Advent and Christmas: Our musicians, choir members, our lay readers, the Christian Education Committee, the Deacons, those who decorated the church, those who provided beautiful flowers, the carolers, those who prepared and served us great food, and this generous congregation. May the blessings of the Good News of the birth of the Christ Child fill your hearts and minds with peace and joy this season!

Mary

NOTE: While Mary and Gary are on vacation January 5—25 contact the church office, Woody Kita or Eric Tanouye if there is a need for pastoral care. The deacons will be assisting. Rev. Larry Walter is available for emergencies. Mary and Gary are grateful for all the assistance leaders are providing as she recuperates from illness.



REMINDER TO ALL BOARDS & COMMITTEES

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL REPORTS TO JODI IN WORD FORMAT
VIA EMAIL. THE REPORTS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 11TH.



Aloha for Hawaii Charities **Make a donation & Give us a boost!**

Make a donation to our charity at www.friendsofhawaii.org and your donation triggers a bonus boost for us from funds raised at the Sony Open by Friends of Hawaii Charities!
Support us today and we get a boost!

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• Click on the Aloha for Hawaii Charities icon
• Select our charity
• Make your tax-deductible contribution
• We'll receive 100% of your donation plus a bonus boost from Friends of Hawaii Charities!



Friends of Hawaii Charities will provide a one-time gift of up to \$100,000 that will be shared by all Aloha for Hawaii Charities participating charities.
Mahalo for your support!



We have received a request from the Peanut Butter Ministry, Hilo regarding a “bonus boost from funds raised at the Sony Open by Friends of Hawaii Charities”. The donation period is December 1, 2014 to

January 18, 2015, 4 pm HST. Your donation (max of \$3,000 per donor) is made to **Friends of Hawaii Charities, Inc.** And is tax-deductible. “Friends” will match up to \$100,000 that will be shared by all Aloha for Hawaii Charities participating. All donor

information is confidential unless you allow “Friends” to share your information with the designated charity. Please note that charity selected is “Peanut Butter Ministry, Hilo”.

Donation forms are available at the Church office or see below for online Donations.

Anne Sadayasu

Board of Stewardship and Mission- J’s Mini Mart

Members of the board and church members participated in the annual Alzheimer’s Walk in October of 2014. Our group came in third in contributions and won several door prizes.

The Board members decided to hold a silent auction for these door prizes on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at J’s Mini Mart. The two prizes offered for silent auction will be:

One night at Queen Kapiolani Hotel on Oahu which includes parking. (value- \$480)

We will start the bid at \$120 or best offer.

One round of golf for two at Francis H. I’I Brown golf course which includes cart.

(value-\$490) Bid starts at \$200 or best offer

All monies received from the silent auction will be kept in the J’s Mini Mart account .

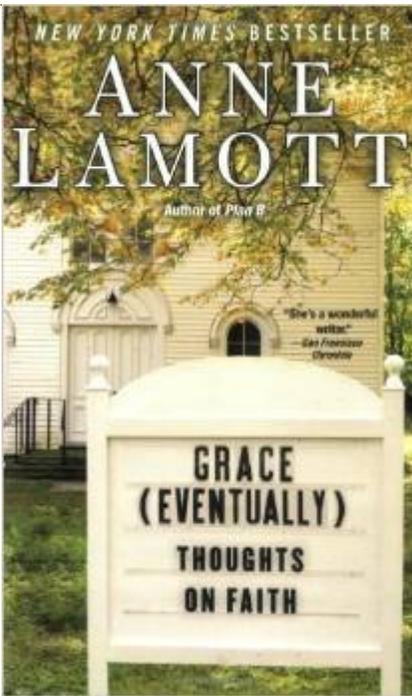
Beverly Dodo

“The Work of Christmas,” a poem by civil rights leader and theologian Dr. Howard Thurman, Reminds us why we stand on the side of love throughout the year. Dr. Howard Thurman was an influential author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. He was Dean of Theology and the chapels at Howard University and Boston University for more than two decades, wrote 20 books, and in 1944 helped found the first racially integrated, multicultural church in the United States.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*





Adult Education

Grace Eventually: Thoughts on Faith,
by Anne Lamott

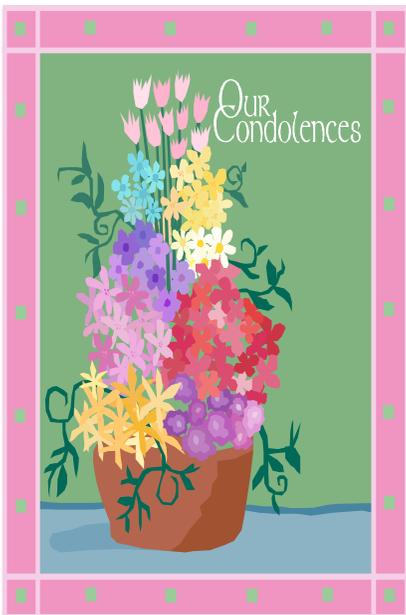
Monday, Feb 2, 6:30 pm in Pastor’s study or Wed Feb 4, 9:30 am in Lounge. You’re invited! We’ve ordered books – they are on the way. Please pick up a book from the church office or see Anna Kennedy. We’ll spend one session discussing this book.

Anne Lamott is a delightful author who speaks of her faith and how it intersects her everyday life. A reviewer from the *Los Angeles Times* says: “There’s no

one quite like Anne Lamott....She manages to suggest that she’s your ally, the funny, best friend who knows instinctively that you’ve had these troubles, too. And perhaps that’s why readers continue to find something fresh in everything she has to say.” Cost of the book is approximately \$12 if you wish to reimburse the church. Scholarships are available.

We’ll talk about Anne’s faith and our own on the dates listed above.

Other Bible study will resume on Feb 9, 6:30 pm, and Feb 11 9:30 am. We have great discussions and learn from each other, looking at Mark’s Gospel.



Prayers of Sympathy go out to:

Herman Shiraishi

Private services were held on Monday, December 29, 2014. We hold Eileen, Herman’s wife, in prayer for healing and wholeness at this time.

Haruko Komine

Services for her were held at CHC on Sat. Jan. 3, 2015 with Rev. Larry Walter presiding.

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. There will be only one (1) Messenger in January 2015. The next scheduled Messenger will be February 11, 2015.

All articles should be sent in no later than the Tuesday before.

January Ushers:
Theone Albano, Christian Albano, Joyce Nakamoto & Michi Koizumi

January 11, 2015
Chapel Decorations
Kay Kawachika & Mary Ann Katayama
Layreader:
Jean Pierre Thoma

January 18, 2015
Chapel Decoration
Saeko Hayashi
Layreader:
Barbara Iwami

January 25, 2015
Chapel Decoration
Ethel Yoshimasu, Ichiko Hisanaga & Teddi Mukai
Layreader:
Millie Daikawa
07 Miyamoto,



- Dorothy
- 08 Chen, Bill & Nakayama, Kyle Hayashi, Takeru & Nakashima, Ann
- 16 Oshiro, Brian & Pastor Mary
- 18 Yamauchi, Yuriko
- 19 Chu, Newton
- 20 Inouye, Grayson
- 22 Koizumi, Michi Kawasaki, Kevin
- 27 Suzuki, Wayne
- 28 Mukai, Theodora
- 30 Iwami, Barbara Inouye, Vernon