

**CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, &
Thursday
09:30 am-2:00 pm

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Wednesday
09:30 am—12:20 pm

Friday
08:00 am—11:00 am

**Important Dates to
Remember:**

**Sunday, June 7th
Communion Sunday**

**June 8, 9 & 10
Bible School Vacation
Building of Faith
5:30 pm to 7:45 pm
Dinner will be served**

**Sunday, June 14th
Family Thank
Offering**

Received during worship

**Sunday, June 14th
Council Meeting**
After worship

**Sunday, June 21st
Trustees Meeting**
*After worship &
Refreshments*

Sunday, June 28th

**“Emergency
Preparedness
Buckets”**
*We will be packing the
buckets in case of a disaster.*

**Sunday, June 28th
Deacon’s Meeting**
After worship

**J’s Mini Mart
Every 4th Sunday**
After worship



**Sunday, June 7th
Communion Sunday**



**Vacation Bible School
June 8, 9, 10 from 5:30 pm—7:45 pm
Building of Faith
Dinner is Served**

FAMILY THANK OFFERING
Will be received during worship
on Sunday, **June 14th**. Offering
envelopes are located in the back
of the Sanctuary.



“Emergency Preparedness”

On **Sunday, June 28th**, we
plan to pack 12 “Emergency
Preparedness Buckets”.

Sign up sheets are available
for your generous donation to
this project.



BOARD MEETINGS

**Sunday, June 14th
Council Meeting 8 am**

**Sunday, June 21st
Board of Trustees (Lounge)**

**Sunday, June 28th
Board of Deacons**



Thank you for your
generous donations to the
Strengthen the Church
Offering that was
received on Sunday,
May 24th.

Barbara Iwami,
Board of Stewardship &
Missions



**Sunday, June 28th
J’s Mini Mart
(every 4th Sunday)
After worship**

Pastor's Corner

Calling for religious tolerance and mutual respect

At a time when religious sensitivities call for commonsense to dictate both our words and actions, it is wise to know when **not** to hurt other people's religious feelings through our arrogant words and thus, in its wake, to arouse revengeful acts of violence on their part through our less than kind words and actions. Freedom of speech calls for discretion and temperance in our use of it. Freedom of speech does not give us the right to hurt others' feeling and faith unnecessarily and thoughtlessly. Hurting other people's feelings and faith by our puerile claim to express our freedom of speech commonsenselessly comes very close to verbal violence. The above-mentioned statement applies to all and sundry when it comes to expressing our freedom of speech and action. Below is a write-up from the Internet underlining the need for people of all faiths to practice tolerance and mutual respect.

“Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, better known by his nickname “Ahok”, has been acting governor of the Indonesian capital since Joko Widodo stepped aside last month to become president. Hundreds of Islamic hardliners over the last few weeks have protested against the inauguration of Ahok, underlining the growing religious intolerance in a nation with the world's biggest Muslim population. Thousands of police were deployed around the capital.... In case of violence, but there was only a small group of peaceful protestors today.

Ahok, who is the first ethnic Chinese governor of Jakarta, has a reputation for being a transparent, no-nonsense and at times abrasive leader. His style has been praised by residents long weary of a graft-ridden and inert bureaucracy. Many Muslim organizations have also voiced support for Ahok.

The country of 240 million people has seen a rise in attacks over the last decade against Christians, Shia Muslims and members of Ahmadiyah, a small Islamic sect. Widodo's administration has pledged to protect all religious minorities in Indonesia, where 80% of the population consider themselves Muslim.”

See more at: <http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/>

Jakarta's first Christian governor in nearly 50 years was sworn in the face of protests from religious hardliners opposed to a non-Muslim governor.

Kahu Choo Lak

SEARCH COMMITTEE



The Search Committee is diligently on working on looking for our new Pastor. We are now interviewing the candidates via Internet (Skype). Please keep us in your prayers as we continue the search for our new settled pastor.

Blessings, Stefan Tanouye, Committee Chair



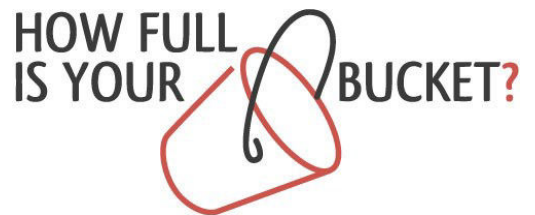
BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

On Sunday, June 28th, we plan to pack 12 “Emergency Preparedness Buckets” to be used in case of a disaster. The following items will be packed in re-sealable five-gallon buckets: 5 scouring pads, a scrub brush, a package of Handiwipes, a 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner—like PinoO, a 28 oz. bottle of liquid dish soap-like Dawn, an 8’x10’ tarp, 100 feet of clothesline, 2 pairs of latex gloves-like Playtex and 1 pair heavy duty work gloves, 5 dust masks, and a 28 bag roll of heavy duty trash bags (30-45 gallon size).

On Sundays, 6/7 and 6/14, we will have sign-up sheets available for you to let us know what you will be able to donate for this project. Then on the 28th, we will collect all the items and pack them in the buckets. If you are unable to donate any of the items, we will collect funds to be used to buy what might be missing from the buckets.

After the devastation from Tropical Storm Iselle, the buckets we prepared in 2013 were very useful and much appreciated. We hope that you will all help us “Be Prepared” for what is being predicted to be a busy storm season this year!

*Anne Sadayasu



CHC Blood Drive THANK YOU!!!

As the blood bank lady said, “ We have 71 pints of blood that we didn’t have before the drive!” Initially, I was a little disappointed that we didn’t collect more but thank you so much because

“**We did it!!!**” Plus there were five First Time Donors and that’s GREAT!!! It’s what the blood bank wants.

THANK YOU to all of our church members who provided the refreshments for all the blood donors and helping to serve throughout the day. There was a variety of food and even had enough for the BBH staff’s lunch and some dinners!

Thanks to Kay Kawachika and Bev Dodo for calling members to bring refreshments. Karl was “chief hanchō” who got the canteen watchers and efficiently directed the clean up.

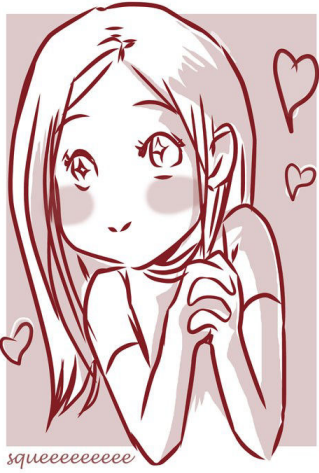
Margaret Torigoe



Pictures:

CHC regular donors of the precious life-saving blood were Anne Sadayasu and Woody Kita. Pastor Choo Lak counted as a first time donor in Hawaii.





The Family Thank Offering

fosters hope, gives encouragement, and instills thankfulness in the hearts of those who have been recipients of this outreach ministry. All requests for emergency assistance are authenticated and require supporting documentation before submitted to the FTO Committee who reviews and makes a determination usually within 24-48 hours.

Two of the women who have received assistance volunteered in the WBM office as their way of giving back; two have remarried and are doing well; another graduated from Hawaii Pacific University and is an advocate at the Institute of Human Services on Oahu; one is now helping homeless families in Wahiawa; another is an advocate for women who have been incarcerated; and others now have jobs and are receiving counseling as they rebuild their lives. Your contribution makes a difference for those with financial needs. Offerings will be received and dedicated on Sunday, June 14th.

Carol Morioka, CHC Women's Fellowship



IT'S OFFICIAL!!

HURRICANE SEASON
STARTED JUNE 1, 2015

Forecasters are expecting a busier year than average thanks in part to El Nino, which has developed in the equatorial Pacific, providing warmer ocean temperatures and reduced vertical shear that cause increased storm activity. The weather phenomenon, which also favors westward-tracking storms, will likely strengthen during the hurricane season.

Five to eight tropical cyclones — a category that includes tropical depressions, tropical storms and hurricanes — are forecast to pass through the basin this year, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Central Pacific Hurricane Center based in Honolulu. On average, the Central Pacific annually sees four to five tropical cyclones in its waters.

The center also said there was a 70 percent chance of an above-normal season, a 25 percent chance of a normal season and a 5 percent chance of a below-normal season. The outlook, released last week, provides a general guide to overall seasonal hurricane activity and does not predict whether, where, when or how many systems will affect Hawaii, according to the center. Be Safe Everyone.....

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 by June 12th. The next scheduled Messenger will be June 17th, 2015.

June Ushers

**Stefan, Jennifer,
Ken & Lois Tanouye**

**June 7th
Layreader**

Roberta Chu

Chapel Decorations

Eileen Shiraiishi (Mem)

Childcare

Jane Kawazoe

**June 14th
Layreader**

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Chapel Decorations

Rick & Pat Tanimoto

Childcare

Jean Kita

**June 21st
Layreader**

Carol Morioka

Chapel Decoration

Jennie Kondo

Childcare

Saeko Hayashi

**June 28th
Layreader**

Margaret Torigoe

Chapel Decorations

Gloria Kobayashi

Childcare

Malia Mattos



May Birthdays

- 1 M. Michiyo Higashi
- Mary Ann Robert
- 05 Lillian Tanouye
- 16 Carolyn Lum-Bellem
- Marie Ikeda
- 17 Andrew Ouye
- 22 Noah Siderhurst
- 24 Joe Yamauchi
- 26 Yasuo Enomoto
- 27 Mary Matayoshi
- Joy Ushijima
- Miyeko Yamane
- 29 LeAnne Chow
- 30 Sakae Mitipok

Happy Birthday and may you celebrate many more.....

