

Church of the Holy Cross—UCC

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:00 am Interim Pastor: Rev. Choo Lak Yeow

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study**, Monday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at 9:30 am in Pastors Study
- **Choir Practice**, Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Tuesday from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- **MusicFun**, Tuesday at 8:00 am to 10 am in the Building of Faith meeting room
- **IYAA**, Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Mark chapter 10
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Building of Faith
- **Ballroom Dance**, class meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Building of Faith
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele**, meets every Thurs. at 9am in the Lounge
- **Qigong**, meets every Friday at 9:00 am in the Building of Faith.
- **Bell Choir**, every Saturday at 1pm in J's Café
- **Muslim Community Group**, meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Building of Faith Meeting Room

Other Congregations that Worship here on Sunday

- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** meets in the Sanctuary on Sunday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Rev. Stiven Pousima
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships 9am in the Building of Faith.
Rev. Ichiro Annes
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12pm in Sanctuary.
Rev. Take Sunia
- **Chuukese Church** worships 3pm in Building of Faith Meeting Room.
Rev. Saburo Robert
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.
Rev. Brandy Karben



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Wednesday
09:30 am—12:30 pm

Friday
CLOSED

Important Dates to Remember:

Sunday, August 9th
Council Meeting
After worship

Tuesday, August 11th
Care Partner Support
Group Meeting
Building of Faith
10:00 am to Noon

Friday, August 14th
Sumi Tachibana
5 pm to 6 pm viewing
6pm Memorial Service
In the Sanctuary

Sunday, August 16th
Annual Old Fashioned
Hilo Style Picnic
Building of Faith
After worship

Monday, August 17th
9 am Sumi Tachibana
Committal grave site
Service at Veterans'
Cemetery

Sunday, August 23rd
J's Mini Mart
Before worship

Sunday, August 23rd
Deacons Meeting
After worship

Wed, August 26th
Trustees Meeting
5:00 pm
Lounge

Sunday, August 30th
Board of Stewardship &
Missions meeting
2 After worship



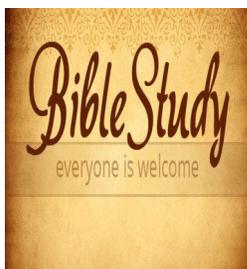
BOARD MEETINGS

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After Worship

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every Monday at
6:30 p.m. and
Wednesday at
9:30 am in the
Pastor's Study



Welcome Baby Sadie!
Sadie Mae Chieko Yamaki was born on July 9 at 1:35pm at the Hilo Medical Center. Warm Congratulations go out to proud parents Nolan and Amy, and even prouder big brothers Eli and Ben.



Sunday, Aug. 23rd
J's Mini Mart
(every 4th Sunday)
Before worship

Please share this information with your family, friends and colleagues!

Mark your calendar

Care Partners Support Group Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11th, 2015.

*We meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

10 a.m. to 12 noon
Building of Faith



CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS OLD FASHIONED HILO STYLE PICNIC

Sunday, August 16th
After worship

Our annual old fashioned Hilo style church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 16th in the Building of Faith following church service. We will be having our bento lunch followed by carnival style games with lots of prizes, guessing games, and lucky number. The children will have slip and slide outside on the lawn and ice shave and watermelon for dessert. See you there on Sunday, August 16th for loads of fun, good food, and prizes.

Pastor's Corner

Re-inventing ourselves!

A Proposed Road Map

For the Church of the Holy Cross to consider

Introduction

Praise God that the last two issues of *The Messenger* dealt with proclaiming the Gospel in a landscape of violence and conflicts. It is good that we ready ourselves to proclaim the Gospel in a global village that is unfortunately getting to encounter violence and conflicts. We may wish not to go there but, apparently, the contemporary landscape that is littered with violence and conflicts isn't going to go away any time soon. At the same time, many mainline churches in America, Australia, Europe, and Great Britain are encountering a steep drop in membership. With that twin assumption as our backdrop, let us see how discipleship means for us today.

Part One

Preamble

Our Church of the Holy Cross [CHC] is by no means the only church experiencing a dwindling membership. Countless mainline churches in America, Australia, Europe, and Great Britain are facing the same phenomenon.

With God's grace, there are world-wide attempts to breathe new life in dying churches in America, Australia, Europe, and Great Britain.

Normally, significant changes in churches take place **through revival** or **churches re-inventing themselves**, with God's grace, of course.

On revival, one example, when **revival** took place in Haili Church, Haili Church, at that time, had 10,000 members, arguably the congregation with the biggest number of church members in the Pacific at that time.

Next, I cite two examples where, with God's grace, efforts are being made to 're-set' churches or where churches **re-invent themselves**, with God's grace.

a] **Melbourne City Mission** [Australia] breathed new life into dying churches and

B] *I Refused to lead a Dying Church* by Paul Nixon [in America]

We Refused to lead a Dying Church by Paul Nixon [in America]

Six Choices of Diverse Healthy Congregations [from Paul Nixon]

- a. Choosing life over death
- b. Choosing community over isolation
- c. Choosing fun over drudgery
- d. Choosing bold over mild
- e. Choosing frontier over fortress
- f. Choosing now rather than later

Let us use the six above-mentioned choices as a launching pad to orbit ourselves into a new trajectory in envisioning a new future for our beloved CHC. What better way to do so than to start with the most obvious manner, to wit, remembering our roots!

REMEMBERING!

Pastors Corner (Cont'd)

Humanly speaking, our ancestors sacrificed a lot in establishing our Church of the Holy Cross. We do well to **remember their sacrifices!** Remembering our revered ancestors' sacrifices is a ritual all races engage in.

It is then not a surprise that below are some words on 'Remembering' her famous father country-singer Ashley Campbell that I had mentioned in a sermon.

"Remembering" by **Ashley Campbell**, daughter of Glenn Campbell, was released on March 24, 2015 [Tuesday].

"I had to get it off my chest," she said of writing the heartfelt "Remembering," which features the lyrics,

**"We can talk until you can't remember my name! [statement]
Daddy, don't worry! [request]
I'll do the remembering!" [promise]**

In parenthesis, I want to say that when our mind does not know what our body is telling it to do [we can't remember where we have placed our door keys], a daughter's promise to locate the misplaced keys is surely a God-blessed gift! Or, conversely, when our body does not do what our mind is telling it [we fall down], a son's promise to be there to pick us up is a God-sent blessing!

A child's promise to **do the remembering** is our insurance that help is there when we need it!

Analogously, in our beloved CHC, let's say to our ancestors that we will do the remembering by doing all we can to ensure they did not sacrifice in vain.

"I wanted to write about the relationship between me and my dad and how it's changed so drastically," Ashley said, "**About how your parents take care of you when you're little, but as they get older, it's job to take care of them.**"

That we rejoice to affirm, "how our CHC takes care of us when we were little, but as she gets older, it's our job & joy to take care of her."

That, specially, CHC got a new lease of life during our watch.

Let's just do it, ok?

Rev. Choo Lak Yeow



The deacons are in the process of updating our Church Directory. Please take a few minutes to review your name, address, phone, etc in the current directory printed in 2011. If you do not have a copy you can check with the office or ask a deacon.

Check the following information: mailing address, telephone number, mobile (cell) phone number and email address (the one you check regularly) . If any of these are incorrect and need to be changed please let us know the change, addition, deletion or revision. You can let any member of the deacons know, call the church office 935-1283, or bring a written copy to church and give to the ushers. Families make sure to update information on your children up through 12th grade listing their name (s) with the year of birth.

DEACONS' WORD OF WORSHIP



This week we are looking at the definition of PEW. A pew per the dictionary definition is a long bench seat or enclosed box, used for seating members of a congregation or choir in a church or sometimes a courtroom.

In the 13th century, backless stone benches began to appear in English churches, previously the congregation stood for the entire service. Pews were first located on the outer walls but moved to the nave (main church floor). The stone was replaced with wood in the 14th century and became common in the 15th.

Churches were not commonly furnished with permanent pews before the Protestant Reformation. With the Protestant reformation the sermon became a central act of Christian worship. The inclusion of a sermon made the pew a standard item of church furniture as the length of the service increased.

In some churches, pews were installed at the expense of the congregants, and were their personal property. There was no general public seating in the church itself. The purchase price of the pews went to the costs of building the church. Sometimes the owners enclosed their pew with lockable pew boxes. Maybe our always sitting in the same spot is a holdover from the ancient system of ownership.

Certain areas of the church were considered to be more desirable than others, as they might offer a better view of services or, might make a certain family or person more prominent or visible to their neighbors during these services. During the late medieval and early modern period, attendance at church was legally compulsory, so the allocation of a church's pews offered a public visualization of the social hierarchy within the whole parish. Disputes over pew ownership were not uncommon.

The peace of Christ be with you and a hui hou.

The Deacons



SEARCH COMMITTEE

Aloha members and friends. The Search Committee is asking for all of your prayers as we start again in our search for our next settled pastor. We were in communication with a candidate and made an offer. Unfortunately, it did not work out. Since then, we have received more applicants and are once again reviewing them in hopes that we will find someone who will meet our needs here at Holy Cross. Thank you all for your understanding and patience as the Committee regroups and refocuses on our search.

Blessings and Prayers,
Stefan Tanouye, Committee Chair



August Birthdays

Please pray for and send a greeting to these Birthday people

- 01 Ikeda, Gavin
- Yoshiyama, Connie
- 07 Brothers, Joan
- 09 Taniguchi, Lisbeth
- 10 Hoota, Shelby
- Nada, David
- 18 Torigoe, Edgar
- 19 Dodo, Beverly
- 22 Kawata, Teruo
- Smith, G. Robert
- 25 Yamauchi, Kay
- 27 Kurohara, Randall
- Shiraishi, Eileen
- Shiroma, Amy
- 28 Sadayasu, Anne
- 29 Okabe, Merle
- Watanabe, Herbert
- 31 Hayano, Hajime

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES!

Sunday, August 9th
After Children's Word
during worship



Music Performance

August 15, 2015

Saturday afternoon in the Sanctuary
Times to be posted and announced

Kait Wilson, Pedro Kaawaloa,

Norman Arancon & Chris Tomich will be performing!! Everyone is invited to attend this free event! Come and support our musical performers.....



Sumi Tachibana

Oct. 29, 1921—June 23, 2015

Friday, August 14th

Visitation from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Service beginning at 6:00 pm

And

Monday, August 17th at 9 am

Private Family Committal

grave site Service at Veterans' Cemetery

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 August 14th.

The next scheduled Messenger will be August 19th, 2015.

August Ushers

Kay Kawachika,
Newton Chu,
Cindy Debus &
Jane Kawazoe

Sunday, August 2nd Layreader

Jean Pierre Thoma

Chapel Decorations

Roberta Chu

Childcare

Roberta Chu

Sunday, August 9th Layreader

Barbara Iwami

Chapel Decorations

Ichiko Hisanaga (Mem) &

Anne Sadayasu (Mem)

Childcare

Molina Rekis

Sunday, August 16th Layreader

Stefan Tanouye

Chapel Decorations

Barbara Iwami (Mem) &

Dr/M Bill Chen (Mem)

Childcare

Millie Daikawa

Sunday, August 23rd Layreader

Newton Chu

Chapel Decorations

Herbert Watanabe (Mem)

Childcare

Eileen Shiraishi

Sunday, August 30th Layreader

Reilly Narruhn

Chapel Decorations

Carol Morioka

Childcare

Anne Sadayasu