

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
- **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; Assistant to Pastor: Tevita Talanoa
- **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
08:30 am-2:00 pm

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Wednesday
09:30 am—12:30 pm

Friday
CLOSED

***Important Dates to
Remember:***

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

Thursday, August 27th
Senior Ministry
10 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith

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

*Sunday, September 6th
Communion*

*Monday, September 7th
OFFICE CLOSED
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY*

*Saturday, September
19th
SERVICE DAY
Please bring family and
friends to beautify our
campus*



BOARD MEETINGS

Sunday, August 23rd
Deacons Meeting
After worship

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

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



**Care Partners
Support Group
Meeting**

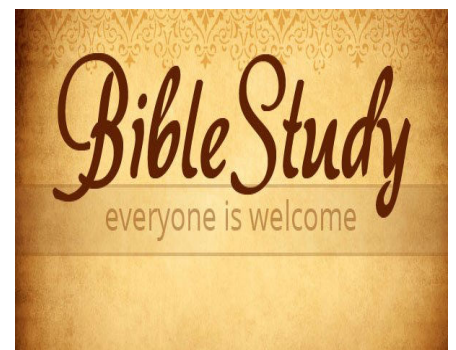
Our next meeting will
be on Tuesday,
September 8, 2015.
*We meet on the
second Tuesday of
each month.
10 a.m. to 12 noon
Building of Faith



After Children's Word
during worship



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



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

Pastor's Corner

Re-inventing ourselves!

A Proposed Road Map

For the Church of the Holy Cross to consider

Part Two

The Early Church did not hesitate to call the church our mother.

In, "The Unity of the Catholic Church," St. Cyprian wrote, "*You cannot have God for your Father if you do not have the Church for your mother.... God is one and Christ is one, and his Church is one; one is the faith, and one is the people cemented together by harmony into the strong unity of a body.... If we are the heirs of Christ let us abide in the peace of Christ; if we are the songs of God, let us be lovers of peace.*"

In contrasting tone, St. Augustine wrote: "The church is a whore, but she's my mother."

In the Old Testament, Israel was called a harlot or whore whenever Israel went astray. Graphic was the language used by Ezekiel to describe Israel's lewdness in Ezekiel 23.

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother; they played the harlot in Egypt; they played the harlot in their youth; there their breasts were pressed and their virgin bosoms handled. Ezekiel 23:o1-3.

St. Augustine, thus, did not hesitate to call the church a harlot when the church went astray. Nonetheless, St. Augustine wanted very much to affirm that the church was his mother.

We do not have to look too hard to see that the Evangelical church in America has a great propensity for equating Christianity with our society's middle-class way of life. Unquestionably, the church too often has influenced our old and young people into adopting culturally established values of success as understood by our society rather than calling them into the kind countercultural conformity that Scripture requires of Christ's followers.

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. DO not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1-2.

Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24.

Pastors Corner (Cont'd)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15.

In Part One, I mentioned “*Remembering*” by **Ashley Campbell**, daughter of Glenn Campbell, released on March 24, 2015 [Tuesday].

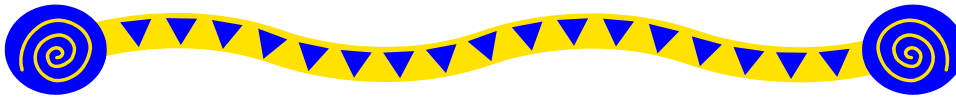
Ashley Campbell also plans to keep her dad close to her with a recent tattoo of a small knife she got in honor of him. He has the same tattoo.

“He gave it to himself when he was like 9 years old with a needle and ink.” She said. “When I did it, it reminded me to **love everyone and put out my dad’s energy into the world.** *That hard working, believing in the truth, be kind to everyone energy. That’s what it reminds me of every day.*

For Ashley, it is a tattoo of a small knife. For us, it is our beloved CHC. Hence, our beloved CHC is a constant reminder to us to **love everyone and put out our ancestors’ energy into the world.**

One way our church can continue our ancestors’ sacrifices is to ‘re-set’ or to re-invent ourselves through being a **missional church.** **How?** In the next issue.

Let’s just do it, ok? Rev. Choo Lak



Please help us complete records for our church records. Mahalo for your support. You may bring the form to church or mail it in.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS August 2015

The DEACONS are updating information about our members and friends. Please help us so our records are complete and up to date. We are hoping to have complete records for all so that we as deacons can better serve you, our members and friends. We will use part of the information for the new Church Directory. Remember for adults the day and month of your birthday are shared in the monthly birthday greetings not the year but the full church record will have the year. Mahalo for your support.

NAME(S) _____ Birthdates: _____ / _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile phone(s): _____ / _____

List individual Email addresses: _____ / _____

Dates: Marriage: _____ Baptism: _____ Transfer _____

Child(ren) Names & birthdate: _____

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

From the Board of Stewardship and Mission

Mark your calendars! The annual “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” has been scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Queen Liliuokalani Gardens. Check in time is 7 am and the walk starts at 8 am. We have registered a team and would like to invite everyone to join us for the walk. “The end of Alzheimer’s starts with YOU” is the theme for the walk. More details will be provided as they become available.

We have not received registration forms yet. When they become available, we will let you know and they will be left at the entry to the sanctuary. For now we want you to plan to join us for this opportunity to help raise funds to support the Alzheimer’s Association in its work with the Big Island community.

Chris Ridley, staff for the Association, joins us at our monthly Caregivers’ Support Group meetings, 2nd Tuesday of each month, as our resource person and helps provide much needed guidance and help for those of us providing care for our loved ones. Come get your exercise while you enjoy fellowship with our members, too!

Anne Sadayasu



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 26th. The next scheduled Messenger will be September 2nd, 2015.

August Ushers

Kay Kawachika,
Newton Chu,
Cindy Debus &
Jane Kawazoe

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

September Ushers

IYAA & Jayson Rekis

Sunday, September 6th Layreader

JRuth Niino-DuPonte

Chapel Decorations

Katada & Tadaki families

(Mem)

Childcare

Eric Tanouye



August Birthdays

Please pray for and
send a greeting to
these Birthday
people

- 25 Yamauchi, Kay
- 27 Kurohara,
Randall
Shiraishi, Eileen
Shiroma, Amy
- 28 Sadayasu, Anne
- 29 Okabe, Merle
- 30 Watanabe,
Herbert
- 31 Hayano, Hajime

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