

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 10am 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-1:30 pm

Wednesday
09:30 am—12:30 pm
Friday
8:30 am —10:00 am

Important Dates to Remember:

Sunday, September 6th
Communion

Monday, September 7th
OFFICE CLOSED
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 8th
Care Partners Support
Group Meeting
10 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith

Saturday, September 12th
Hilo's Early Signs
Health Fair
At the Life Care Center
from 9 am to 2 pm

Sunday, September 13th
Council Meeting

Sunday, September 20th
Trustees Meeting

Thursday, September 24th
Senior Ministry
10 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith

Saturday, September 26th
Alzheimer's Assoc. Walk
Registration at 7 am
Walk begins at 8 am
Liliuokalani Park in Hilo

Saturday, September 26th
To Sunday, October 3rd
Pastor Choo Lak Yeow
Will be on vacation

Sunday, September 27th
Sunday Worship
Guest Preacher
Rev. Take Sunia

Sunday, September 27th
J's Café
Before Worship

Sunday, September 27th
Deacons Meeting
After worship

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BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, Sept. 1st
Board of Christian Ed.
At 5 pm in J's Café

Sunday, Sept. 13th
Council Meeting
After worship

Sunday, Sept. 20th
Trustees Meeting
After worship

Sunday, Sept. 27th
Deacons Meeting
After worship

Office Closed

Monday, Sept. 7th



give aloha

Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

September 1—30, 2015

You are encouraged to make a donation of up to \$249 using your Maika'i card (per person, per organization) at any Foodland Supermarket



Thursday, Sept. 24th
10 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith



A BIG mahalo nui loa to Mrs Beverly Dodo and her wonderful cast of players for making our Annual Picnic a smashing success. Everyone present had a Cheshire Cat smile and truckloads of pleasant memories. Pastor Choo Lak Yeow

B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O,
and Bingo was the name, ho!



Saturday, September 26th
Liliuokalani Park & Gardens
Registration is at 7 am
Walk begins at 8 am
Registration forms will be posted



Sunday, Sept. 27th J's Mini Mart

(every 4th Sunday) Before worship

Pastor's Corner

Re-inventing ourselves!

A Proposed Road Map

For the Church of the Holy Cross to consider

Part Three

What Can We Do To Turn CHC Into A Missional Church?

A proposed Road Map to consider **Seeds** for:

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

The one who plants and the one who waters have a *common purpose*, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each.

For we are God's servants, *working together*; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

On **seeds**, I would like to encourage relatives and friends to give heed to an Arab proverb: *I will set my face to the wind, and scatter my handful of seed on high.*

My little contribution to life... is taken by the great wind of God, and scattered where the wind wants to scatter it. We don't need to bother too much about that part—**seeds grow..** However, we must have **the courage to keep ourselves facing the wind.** Peace, joy, fulfillment comes when we sow the seed; and sometimes we see the harvest. However, even if we don't, other people do, and are grateful. It is our gift to life, and to God. *Mark Link.*

In sowing the seeds to re-invent CHC, as expected, there are the nettles that have to be grasped and are, indeed, grasped immediately. No emotional energy is spared and no moment is encumbered by its own past when a new beginning is made. No time is wasted, no treasury is held back, and no talent is denied in re-inventing CHC. The window of opportunity in re-inventing CHC naturally both conceals a shade of anxiety [of course!] and conveys the energetic presence of a deep-seated determination and boundless grit to aloha CHC affectionately [naturally!].

Quoting out of context, but still appropriately a verse from the Book of Esther, chapter 4, verse 14. Mordecai wanted Ester to intercede for the Jews by making "... supplication to him [the king] and entreat him for her people." Esther's reply was: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in the king for thirty days. Esther 4:8b-11. Mordecai's response was: For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise... from another quarter.... And *who knows whether you have come to this kingdom [CHC?] for such a time as this? Esther 4:14*

Pastors Corner (Cont'd)

At this time in CHC, if we did nothing to breathe fresh air into our beloved CHC at such a time like this [‘keep silence or do nothing at such time as this’], “relief and deliverance will rise... from another quarter...” In parenthesis, the period drama of *Hana Moyu* [Burning Flower] currently enjoyed on the KIKU channel has Torajiro, founder of the Shoka Village School which produced people to modernize Japan, a man who feared nothing admitting nevertheless he had one fear: people who do nothing and people who make no effort to do anything.” Shades of ‘keep silence or do nothing at such time as this!’

Why, even ‘relief and deliverance’ can come about from stones! And think not to say within yourselves, ‘We have Abraham to our father:’ for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. Matthew 3:9

Remember, please:

If this now-or-never opportunity to re-invent our beloved CHC is little used in our time, it will be little remembered after our time!

Rev. Choo Lak



**Pastor Choo Lak Yeow
will be on vacation from
September 26th to October 3rd.**

Church Directory Update Form

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS August 2015 rev. 8.28.15

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 but not the year. Mahalo for your support.

NAME(S) _____ Birthdate: day: _____ month _____ year _____

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Address: _____

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

List individual Email addresses: _____ / _____

Dates: Marriage: _____ Baptism: _____ Transfer _____

Child(ren) under 19 (name with 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

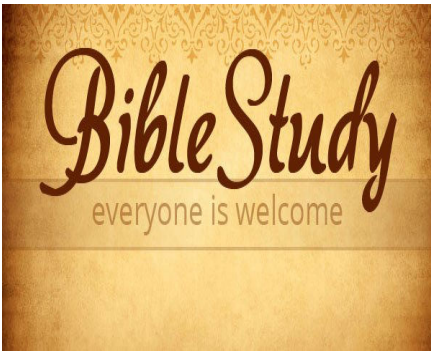


The annual “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Queen Liliuokalani Gardens. Check in time is 7 am and the walk starts at 8 am. The Board of Stewardship and Mission invites you to participate with us in this important fundraising project to raise funds to support the work of the Alzheimer’s Association in Hilo. Our church has sponsored a team for several years and has won prizes for the amount of donations gathered. We would like to continue this tradition! Please let me know if you would like to participate in the Walk as we try to start the Walk together as a team.

More than 3,000 community members on Hawaii Island suffer from some form of dementia and many more exhibit increasing forgetfulness. The Association provides free services to the community throughout the year counseling family members, providing information and referrals, as well as regularly scheduled presentations. Chris Ridley, program coordinator for the Association, meets monthly with our Caregivers Support Group held in the Building of Faith on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10 to noon.

We now have the forms for participation available. There are 3 different forms. One is a registration form for those who would like to participate in the Walk. A second form is for those walking to keep track of the donations received to sponsor your Walk. The third form is a form if you would like to make a donation for the Walk. If you would like to just make a donation, anyone of us walking would gladly accept your support. The forms are available at the entry to the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Sadayasu at 981-5761. Leave a message if I am not home and I will return your call.

Anne Sadayasu



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

Bible Study for Beginners

Pastor Choo Lak will be encouraging members who are new to the Bible to form a group to do an introductory walkabout of the Bible for six (6) weeks. This is a good time to ask questions about the Bible with fellow beginners in studying the Bible. Enjoy! Mahalo Again!
Choo Lak

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



Please pray for and send a greeting to these Birthday people

- 01 Masutomi, Reiko
- 03 Tanita, Miyoko
- 05 Tadaki, Gary
- 08 Johnson, Jr. Rhonda E
- 09 Mishina, Faith Uchima, Mildred
- 12 Yoshiyama, James Debus, Cynthia Katayama, Mary Ann
- 14 Okabe, Jolie
- 17 Tanouye, Sumiko
- 18 Kusinski, Joy
- 19 Chin, John
- 21 Kondo, Jennie Matsui, Dorothy Tanouye, Lolita
- 22 Mathews, Travis Murai, Emily
- 24 Jacobson, Florence Nakamura, Greg Sagawa, Kevin
- 25 Torigoe, Margaret Robert, Sabrina
- 28 Okada, Irene
- 29 Masutomi, Benjamin
- 30 Miyasato, Ronald Miyake, Shirley

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

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 September 18th. The next scheduled Messenger will be September 23rd, 2015.

September Ushers
IYAA & Jayson Rekis

Sunday, Sept. 6th
Layreader
Ruth Niino-DuPonte
Chapel Decorations
Katada & Tadaki Families (Mem)
Childcare
Eric Tanouye

Sunday, Sept. 13th
Layreader
Roberta Chu
Chapel Decorations
Karl Kawahara (Mem)
Moira Tanaka
Childcare
Eileen Shiraishi

Sunday, Sept. 20th
Layreader
Latai Loa
Chapel Decorations
Joyce Nakamoto
Childcare
Moira Tanaka

Sunday, Sept. 27th
Layreader
Anne Sadayasu
Chapel Decorations
Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye, Kyle Nakayama Families (Mem)
Childcare
Merle Okabe



After Children's Word during worship