

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:**

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 Mini Mart
Before Worship

Sunday, September 27th
Deacons Meeting
After worship

Saturday, October 24th
Imiola Church
Aha Mele Hoike in
Remembrance of Napua
Ayala begins at 9 am and
lunch is at 12 pm

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BOARD MEETINGS

Sunday, Sept. 27th
Deacons Meeting
After worship



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. Please submit a copy of your receipt to the office



Sunday, Sept. 27th
J's Mini Mart

(every 4th Sunday) Before worship



SUNDAY SCHOOL
After Children's
Word during
worship

Pastor Choo Lak Yeow
will be on leave from
September 26th to
October 6rd.



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



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

Registration forms are in the back of the Sanctuary



Neighbors in Need 2015

Offering envelopes are included with this Messenger and will be collected on Sunday, October 4, 2015.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.

Pastor's Corner

Re-inventing ourselves!

A Proposed Road Map

For the Church of the Holy Cross to consider

Part Four

Jurgen Moltmann was a German prisoner-of-war in a Scottish camp. A British army chaplain gave him a Bible which was the start of the making of a great theologian. In the midst of desperation, loneliness, yes, shame and homelessness as a prisoner-of-war, he heard a **new** voice coming from an **old** book that spoke to his heart and soul and summoned his heart and soul and mind and his all to God.

I quote him to set the stage for a discourse on getting to be a missional church.

Where Jesus is, there is life. There is abundant life, vigorous life, loved life and eternal life. There is life-before-death.

I find it deeply disturbing and unsettling whenever I think about how we have become accustomed to death—to the death of the soul, to death on the street, to death through violence—to death-before-life. Jurgen Moltmann

Ready, Get Set, Go!!!

1] A proposed Road Map to show

How a missional Church of the Holy Cross can explore intentional evangelism, increase membership, nurture an aging membership, and integrate, where possible and desirable, Pacific Islander congregations [compare our *Local Church Profile, Congregational Life*, page 10, 22 d].

The proposed Road Map seeks to enable CHC to ‘commit to the process of self-study by working through the Developmental Tasks.’ *Interim Ministry Covenant*, page 1, 1:1.

Huge paradigm shifts within society and mission [our current changed landscape, whether we like it or not] call for congregational leaders to engage in spiritual discernment and faith formation. Hence, in our case,

Changes within Church of the Holy Cross [CHC] call for:

- A] understanding *Missio Dei* [mission of God] as the starting point for the understanding of a missional church of the Holy Cross.
- B] A missional CHC works on the emergence of a Christian community pivoting around God’s mission in and for the world within CHC’s own contexts.
- C] A missional CHC **engages its contexts**. Subsequently,
- D] The role of CHC is to **participate in God’s mission in the world and creation**. To do that
- E] **CHC commits itself to engage in missional formation** whose goal is the
- F] **Empowerment** of church members to be involved in
- G] A process aimed at enabling CHC to discern where our church is, what is God doing in our midst, how God is sending us, and to whom God is sending us.
- H] Humanly speaking, **church members’ leadership** is a significant factor in the shaping of a missional CHC **congregational culture**.
- I] **Leadership** is a gift provided by the Holy Spirit. Scriptures show that any fundamental change in any community **requires leaders who are ready to transform its life and who are being transformed themselves**.

Pastors Corner (Cont'd)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what is God's will—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

How are we transformed 'by the renewing of your mind?'

For a start, God is waiting for us to get ready. Jesus said to his disciples, **Gird your loins** and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding banquet... Luke 12:35-40

The clause "gird one's loins" was used in the Roman Era meaning to pull up and tie one's lower garments [think of the **dhoti** from India, the attire favored by Mohamad Ghandi] between one's legs to increase one's mobility in battle. Today, it has become an idiom meaning to prepare oneself for action!

Be prepared to act, not only physically but also mentally with a new mindset.

Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind**, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you in the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13

This is necessary because we must 'always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you **an accounting for the hope that is in you.**' 1 Peter 3:15

More in next issue!

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

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): _____

From the Board of Stewardship and Mission

Some information for those joining us for the “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” on Saturday, September 26th at Liliuokalani Park:



Meet in the upper parking lot at Church by 7:15 am so we can car pool to the site. The Walk starts at 8:00am. If you have a Holy Cross shirt, please wear it! If you want to meet us at the Park, let me know so we will not wait for you at Church. (Anne – 981-5761)

So far these folks have said they would be joining us – Eileen, Kay, Bob, James and Connie, Barbara, Bev, Sets, Cindy, Margaret, Michi, MaryAnn, Gloria and Anne.

If you have not signed up yet, you may still do so either online, or just meet us at 7:15 on Saturday. I have extra forms.

If you are not able to walk, but want to support the Association, please write a check to “Alzheimer’s Association” and give it to any of the walkers or go online and make a donation. Our team name is “Church of the Holy Cross”. All funds raised stay on the Island to support the work done in our community.

Thank you all for your support and participation! Anne Sadayasu



NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2015

Just who are these Neighbors in Need?

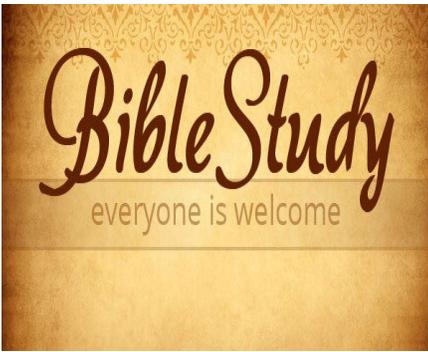
There are those in our society who have been denied opportunity and justice because of their race or ethnicity; youth and seniors whose voices are too rarely respected; inner city and rural residents who are menaced by violence and environmental hazards and people who have no one to turn to when facing employers who withhold their pay. All of these are our Neighbors in Need.

Also among our Neighbors are the 1 out of 5 American children who lives in poverty. NIN cannot guarantee all them the safe environment, nutritious diet, immunizations against disease and early childhood education they need to fulfill their God-given potential. But our gifts can support the advocacy programs that bring these needs to the attention of our lawmakers in government.

This offering, which we will receive October 4th supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two thirds of the offering is used to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. One third supports CAIM (the Council for American Indian Ministries). Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM which is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Thank you for your support to this special offering. Together we can continue to imagine another world is possible.

Barbara Iwami



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

SEARCH COMMITTEE

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

Blessings,
Stefan Tanouye, Committee Chair



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, October 13, 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 28th. The next scheduled Messenger will be October 7, 2015.

*September Ushers
IYAA*

*Sunday, Sept. 27th
Layreader*

Lei Cruz

Chapel Decorations

Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye, Kyle Nakayama Families (Mem)

Childcare

Merle Okabe



Please pray for and send a greeting to these Birthday people

- 24 Nakamura, Greg
Sagawa, Kevin
- 25 Torigoe, Margaret
Robert, Sabrino
- 28 Okada, Irene
- 29 Masutomi, Benjamin
- 30 Miyasato, Ronald
Miyake, Shirley