

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 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- **IYAA**, Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Mark chapter 12
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday 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 9:00 a.m. in the Lounge
- **Qigong**, meets every Friday at 9:00 am in the Building of Faith.
- **Bell Choir**, every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. 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
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.
Rev. Brandy Karben

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

CHURCH

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, & Thurs
08:30am-1:30 pm,
Wed. 09:30 am—12:30 pm
Fri. 8:30 am —10:00 am

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Important Dates to Remember:

Thursday, Nov. 19th
Senior Ministry
Building of Faith
10 am to 12 noon

Saturday, Nov. 21st
SERVICE DAY
8:30 am

Sunday, Nov. 22nd
J's Mini Mart
Before Worship

Sunday, Nov. 22nd
Deacons Meeting
After worship

Tuesday, Nov. 24th
Interfaith Community
Thanksgiving Service
7 pm

The Holy Apostles Church

Nov. 26th and Nov. 27th
Thanksgiving
CHC Office Closed

Saturday, Nov. 28th
Hanging of the Greens
9 am in the Sanctuary

Sunday, Nov. 29th
First Sunday in Advent
"Glowing with Advent"

Sunday, Nov. 29th
Stewardship & Missions
meeting after worship

Tuesday, Dec. 1st
Board of Christian Ed
5 pm in the Lounge

Sunday, Dec. 6th
Communion Service
Rev. Henry Wilson to
co-celebrate

Sunday, Dec. 6th
Congregational Meeting
after worship for election

Sunday, Dec. 13th
Christmas Caroling
2 pm upper parking lot

Sunday, Dec. 20th
Children's Christmas
Pageant during worship

Thurs, Dec. 24th
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Worship—Festival of Nine
Lessons and Carols
7 pm in the Sanctuary

SERVICE DAY

Saturday, Nov. 21st at 8:30 am
Please bring family and friends to help
beautify our campus

BOARD MEETINGS

Sunday, Nov. 22nd
Deacons Meeting
After worship

Sunday, Nov. 29th
Stewardship & Missions Meeting
After Worship

Tuesday, Dec. 1st
Board of Christian Ed @ 5 pm Lounge

Sunday, Dec. 6th
Congregational Meeting
after worship to elect
Congregational Officers and Boards
for 2016

Sunday, Nov. 22nd
J's Mini Mart
Before Worship
Every 4th Sunday

Tuesday, November 24th
Interfaith Community
Thanksgiving Service
7 pm at the Holy
Apostles Church



Nov. 26th and Nov. 27th
Happy Thanksgiving
CHC Office will be closed
On Thursday and Friday



Saturday, Nov. 28th
Hanging of the Greens in
the Sanctuary at 9 am



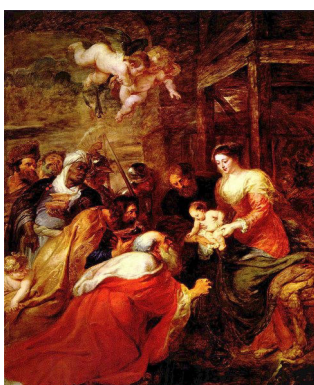
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Pastor's Corner

“I will hold on to the end. I will withstand everything and do it for all the people who have been abused by the authorities.” **Elena Urlaeva, Uzbek human rights activist.**

On the morning of 29 September, 2015, **Elena Urlaeva was arrested, stripped naked and searched by the Uzbekistan police.** Her crime? Interviewing high school students forced to pick cotton in this year's harvest.

The Uzbekistan government conducts the world's largest state-sanctioned forced labour regime and they are willing to go to any length to prevent the truth getting out. As we begin to prepare to celebrate Advent again, it is good for us to know that the sins of the world still need a Savior today. Praise God the landscape of conflicts and suffering isn't as obvious in our country as in other countries where daily suffering/deprivation is the order of the day. Oppression of basic human rights goes on blatantly.

Hunger is daily fare in still far too many countries, ours included, unfortunately. Homelessness stalks every one of the fifty States in the United States of America. It seems like the homeless and the hungry live in the 51st State – **the State of Anxiety** in the richest country in the world.

As we prepare to celebrate Advent again, let us remind ourselves that the Savior we worship and adore was born in a manger. He was no stranger to anxiety. We learn from Him that to live is to live for others.

Praise God that Loyalty Sunday gives us an occasion to thank God that our pledges are used by God in multiplying the two fish and five loaves to feed the five thousand! God gives us the ability to generate wealth, hence we try to be faithful and responsible stewards. Yes, owners have rights! Stewards have responsibilities!

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, *as working for the Lord*, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3: 23-24

To quote Albert Schweitzer, German theologian, concert organist, and missionary: *“The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.”*

I cite an example.

James Harrison's blood contains an extremely rare enzyme that can be used to treat babies dying of Rhesus disease. James Harrison has donated his rare, life-saving blood **roughly 1,000 times over 56 years!** *This has saved the lives of over two million babies around the world!!!*

Pastor's Corner (cont'd)

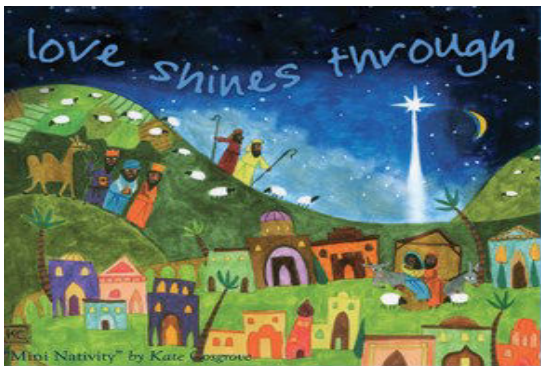
I close with a poem on

A New Strength

There are times in every life
when we feel hurt or alone . . .
But I believe that these times
when we feel lost
And all around us seems to be
falling apart -
Are really bridges of growth.
We struggle and try to recapture
the security of what was,
But almost in spite of ourselves . . .
we emerge on the other side

With a new understanding,
A new awareness,
A new strength.
It is almost as though
we must go through the pain
And the struggle
in order to grow
and reach new heights.
Anon.

Rev Choo Lak



THE CHRISTMAS FUND
for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

THE CHRISTMAS FUND 2015

Our joy at Christmas is a response to God's promise of new life through the birth of Jesus. It is a joy we are called to share widely, through our witness and gifts, both to loved ones and to distant neighbors.

"It wasn't easy picking up the phone to share with you my present situation. Sometimes we as clergy persons lose sight of God's grace when the negative stuff comes into our lives.... thank you so much for sharing your time and ministry with me." These words are from a pastor who is the recipient of the caring and concern of those who contribute to the Christmas Fund offering.

Your gift to the Christmas Fund will not only assist pastors like the one above, but also provide for the supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, emergency grants and provide Christmas 'thank you' gift checks to low-income retirees. This is your opportunity to participate in God's promise of renewal by enabling this ministry of compassion and care.

Look for the special offering envelope in the next Messenger (December 2, 2015)

Board of Stewardship & Missions

**For Election of Officers and Board members at
General Membership meeting on Dec. 6.**

Council Officers

Moderator: Woody Kita

Vice Moderator:

Secretary – Margaret Torigoe

Treasurer – Roberta Chu

Auditor – Peter Tadaki

Historian – Gail Wung*

Past Moderator – Sue Smith

Board Christian Education Education

Lei Jack

Gloria Kobayashi*

Joyce Nakamoto

Faith Narruhn*

Nite Robert*

Sincerly Salep*

Gail Wung

Amy Yamaki

Board of Deacons

Karl Kawahara

Anna Kennedy

Biff Kennedy

Stuart Mori

Reilly Narruhn*

Jayson Rekis

Suzanne Smith

Jean Pierre (JP) Thoma

Eric Tanouye

Margaret Torigoe

Board of Stewardship and Mission

Beverly Dodo

Barbara Iwami

Merle Okabe

Charity Robert Mori

Anne Sadayasu

G. Robert Smith

Board of Trustees

Newton Chu

Mildred Daikawa

Mary Ann Katayama

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

G.Robert Smith

Wayne Suzuki

Stefan Tanouye

Herbert Watanabe

* new

Thank you to the Nomination Committee members,
Ruth Niino-Duponte, Merle Okabe, Sue and Bob Smith and Woody Kita.

Senior Ministry

Our November senior ministry session will be held on Thursday, November 19th...a week before Thanksgiving. It will be FREE for everyone, BUT you must sign up on the senior ministry November attendance form or call the church office if you plan to come. We will be delivering flowers and meals and we need your assistance in arranging them. We will also need your help in delivering too! Do come and join the group.

PS.... We are collecting KTA cash register Thanksgiving tapesplease turn it in to the church office or to Eileen Shiraishi.



THANKSGIVING
Save-A-Tape Oct. 28 to Nov. 24, 2015

Save 800 receipt points to get one of the below **FREE**
*at no additional cost.

Choose from,

- Norbest Turkey
- Mountain Apple Brand Deli Roll
- Hormel Göteborg
- Dubuque Ham
- 1916 Shrimp
- Lamb Chops
- Mountain Apple Brand Sliced Portuguese Sausage

PLUS Super Holiday Coupons worth \$40 of savings!
see www.ktasuperstores.com for details

While Supplies Last!




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 join a group to do an introductory walkabout of the Bible for six (6) weeks beginning January 3, 2016 starting at 8:30 am. This is a good time to ask questions about the Bible with fellow beginners in studying the Bible. Enjoy! Choo Lak

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 November 27th. The next scheduled Messenger will be December 2nd, 2015.

November Ushers

Anne Sadayasu,
Ethel Yoshimasu, Eric Tanouye,
Jenny Kondo and
Margaret Torigoe

Sunday, Nov. 22nd

Layreader

Gloria Kobayashi

Chapel Decoration

Connie Yoshiyama

Childcare

Tricia Kimura

Sunday, Nov. 29th

Layreader

Reilly Narruhn

Chapel Decoration

Sachie Ohata & Ruth Ohata

Childcare

Connie Yoshiyama

December Ushers

Moira Tanaka, Newton Chu,
Esther Kodani and
Karl Kawahara

Sunday, Dec. 6th

Layreader

Mary Ann Katayama

Chapel Decoration

Beverly Dodo

Childcare

Joyce Nakamoto

HAPPY BIRTHDAY November 2015

05 Yamauchi, Darlene
09 Kimura, Tricia
16 Nakayama, Robin
19 Kamimura, Hatsue
20 Kobayashi,
Raymond
Ota, Laura

December 2015

03 Marshall, Katy
04 Kawazoe, Janine
07 Kuwaye, Glenn
Yamada, Martha
08 Suzuki, Jill
13 Fujimoto, Alice
Fukuda, Sachie
17 Hayashi, Saeko
18 Yokoyama, Jay
21 Tadaki, Lynn
25 Nishida, Bessie
Takemoto, Setsuko