

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**, Sunday at 8:30 a.m., Monday at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Pastor's Study
- **Choir Practice**, Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **IYAA**, Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Mark chapter 14
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Building of Faith (**RESUMES ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016**)
- **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 a.m. 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

**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:

*Sunday, January 10th
Council Meeting
After worship*

*Tuesday, January 12th
Hawaii Island
Association Meeting
9 am to 11 am
Lounge*

*Tuesday, January 12th
East Hawaii Island Clergy
11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Pastor's Study*

*Tuesday, January 12th
Rhythm & Life Resumes
3 pm to 4 pm
Building of Faith*

*Sunday, January 17th
Trustees Meeting
After worship*

*Thursday, January 21st
Senior Ministry
10 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith*

*Saturday, January 22nd
SERVICE DAY
8:30 am
CHC Campus*

*Sunday, Jan. 24th
J's Mini Mart
Before Service*

*Sunday, Jan. 24th
Deacons Meeting
After worship*

BOARD MEETINGS

Sunday, Jan. 10th
Council Meeting
After worship

Sunday, Jan. 17th
Trustees Meeting
After worship

Sunday, Jan. 24th
Deacons Meeting
After worship

**Monday, January 18th
CHC Office Closed**



SENIOR MINISTRY
Thursday, Jan. 21st
10 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith

**SERVICE DAY
Sat., Jan. 23rd**

8:30 am

Please bring family and friends to come and help beautify our campus.



**Sunday,
January 24th
J's Mini Mart
Before worship**

Pastor's Corner

Praise God for another new year! Praise God, especially, for the joy of celebrating another Epiphany [on January 06, 2016], the season the Christ Child was manifested as the Savior of the world!

The word 'epiphany' comes from two Greek words: 'to appear' and 'upon.' Hence an epiphany is a moment of sudden realization and an intuitive understanding of things ordinary. When that happens the meaning of something 'dawns upon us,' or the moment 'the penny drops.' Yes, the *aha* moment as we know it.

In Japanese, *magokoro* means sincerity of the heart. A sushi chef wields his knife with such sincerity of the heart that he gives life to the knife, so to speak. In slicing the fish, a sushi chef shows great art flowing from the heart. Anyone observing him doing that gets epiphany, the moment of truth shining through.*

In German, *Augenblick* [moment] says it all. From [Middle High German *ougenblick*](#) (quick glance), corresponding to [Auge](#) [eye] + [Blick](#) [glance]. Compare English [eyeblick](#). In a moment, in *the twinkling of an eye* at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound . . . 1 Corinthians 15: 52

Augen [plural of Auge] the eyes that see 'the penny drops,' and *Blick* the glance [moment] we see 'it dawns upon us.'

Epiphany, then, is that moment we humans see an ordinary child born in a manger as the Christ Child.

Pastor Choo Lak

*Kiku's *Emperor's Chef* is an interesting program on the late Mr. **Tokuzo Akiyama** who served as the head chef at the Japanese Imperial Palace.

Born in 1888 in Fukui [Fukui Prefecture is on the coast of the Sea of Japan in Chubu Region. Fukui City is the capital city of Fukui Prefecture], Mr. Tokuzo Akiyama [honed in his culinary skills at restaurants in Tokyo before heading to Europe in 1909](#). He worked in Germany and France, gaining experience under French chef **Auguste Escoffier** at the famed **Ritz Hotel** in Paris, before returning to Japan. He endured endless hardships and bitter disappointments both in Tokyo and Paris before his culinary skills were finally recognized, widely acknowledged, and joyfully enjoyed.

The Imperial Household Agency in 1913 hired Mr. Tokuzo Akiyama to entertain guests at Emperor Taisho's coronation ceremony. Mr. Tokuzo Akiyama was named master chef that year. He retired in 1972 at the age of 84. For much of that time he served Emperor Hirohito, known posthumously as Emperor Showa.

Mr. Tokuzo Akiyama also published a 1,600-page [Guide to French cuisine in 1923](#).

REFRESHMENTS

We are hoping to serve refreshments during social hour, after worship, on the third (3rd) Sunday of each month (except for Aug & Dec.) Please call Margaret at (808) 895-0994, if you will be able to help.

Ushers, Layreader and Chapel Decorations 2016

Included in this edition of The Messenger are the volunteer lists for the Ushers, Layreader and Chapel Decorations.

USHERS 2016-2017

January 2016

Barbara Iwami Lei Jack
Joyce Nakamoto Michi Koizumi
Millie Daikawa

July 2016

James Yoshiyama Carolyn Lum-Bellem
Connie Yoshiyama Carol Morioka

February 2016

Christian Albano Theone Albano
Clarice Suzuki Wayne Suzuki
Amy Shiroma

August 2016

Kay Kawachika Newton Chu
Cindy Debus Jane Kawazoe

March 2016

IYAA – Jayson Rekis

September 2016

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April 2016

Moira Tanaka Newton Chu
Esther Kodani Margaret Torigoe

October 2016

Ben Masutomi Set Takemoto
Rei Masutomi Dorothy Matsui
Tammy Nagami

May 2016

Woody Kita Mary Ann Katayama
Jean Kita Saeko Hayashi
Erin Kita

November 2016

Anne Sadayasu Ethel Yoshimasu
Eric Tanouye Jennie Kondo

June 2016

Stefan Tanouye Ken Tanouye
Jennifer Tanouye Jean Tanouye

December 2016

Moira Tanaka Newton Chu
Esther Kodani Margaret Torigoe

****SUBSTITUTE****

Merle Okabe
Ruth Niino-DuPonte

January 2017

Barbara Iwami Lei Jack
Joyce Nakamoto Michi Koizumi
Millie Daikawa

February 2017

Theone Albano Christian Albano
Clarice Suzuki Wayne Suzuki
Amy Shiroma

Ushers, if you are unable to participate when you are scheduled, please arrange with your group or contact a substitute listed above. You may also contact Karl Kawahara at (808) 959-8861.

CHAPEL DECORATION 2016

The Chapel Decorations have a few blank Sundays (Feb. 21 & 28, July 10 & 31 & Oct. 2).
Please contact Anna Kennedy if you will be available to decorate the chapel.

Jan.	3	Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye & Kyle Nakayama families (Mem)	July	3	Blanche Maeda & Betty Pacheco
	11	Kay Kawachika (Mem) & Mary Ann Katayama		10	
	17	Saeko Hayashi		17	Reiko Masutomi
	24	Ichiko Hisanaga (Mem) & Teddi Mukai (Mem)		24	Lily Inouye (Mem)
	31	Margaret Torigoe		31	
Feb.	7	Lily Inouye (Mem)	Aug	7	Ichiko Hisanaga (Mem) & Anne Sadayasu
	14	Else Ushijima (Mem)		14	Barbara Iwami (Mem) & Dr./M Bill Chen (Mem)
	21	Hats Kamimura		21	Herbert Watanabe (Mem)
	28			28	Carol Morioka
Mar.	6	Dorothy Matsui & Amy Saito	Sept.	4	Katada & Tadaki Families (Mem)
	13	Carolyn Lum-Bellem		11	Karl Kawahara (Mem) & Moira Tanaka
	20	Goya Family (Mem)		18	Joyce Nakamoto
	27	Cindy Debus – in charge		25	Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye & Kyle NakaYama families (Mem)
April	3	Michi Koizumi	Oct.	2	
	10	Janet Fujioka (Mem)		9	Bob & Sue Smith
	17	Alice Fujimoto & Roberta Chu (Mem)		16	Amy Shiroma (Mem) & Clarice Suzuki (Mem)
	24	Millie Daikawa		23	Mark Sakumoto (Mem)
May	1	Malia Mattos		30	Richard Miyake
	8	Jill Suzuki & Theone Albano	Nov.	6	Irene Okada
	15	Millie Uchima (Mem) & Millie Kataoka		13	Stefan Tanouye, Joel Santo families (Mem)
	22	Lily Inouye (Mem)		20	Karl Kawahara (Mem) & Moira Tanaka
	29	Anita Matthews		27	Connie Yoshiyama
June	5	Eileen Shiraishi (Mem)	Dec.	4	Sachie & Ruth Ohata
	12	Rick & Pat Tanimoto		11	Beverly Dodo
	19	Jennie Kondo		18	Jean Kita(Mem)
	26	Gloria Kobayashi (Mem)		24/25	POINSETTIAS Cindy Debus in-charge

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS (CHC)

Layreader List for 2016

Thank you for volunteering for 2015 and we hope that you will be available again in 2016; this list schedules you about the same time you served last year. If you have conflicts, please switch or find a replacement with someone else, then call Eric Tanouye at 959-3535 ext. 22 (b) or 966-9898 (r) with the change(s). We are encouraging that if you feel comfortable in asking and including children and/or grandchildren, this may provide a good opportunity to allow our next generation to practice in lay reading for our church services. Furthermore, if you would like to be on the substitute list please request. Thank you again.

Jan.	3	Woody Kita	July	3	Jane Kawazoe
	11	Jean Pierre Thoma		10	Anne Sadayasu
	17	Barbara Iwami		17	Karl Kawahara
	24	Millie Daikawa		24	Gloria Kobayashi
	31	Carol Morioka		31	Jean Pierre Thoma
Feb.	7	Janet Fujioka	August	7	Barbara Iwami
	14	Carolyn Lum-Bellem		14	Stefan Tanouye
	21	Margaret Torigoe		21	Newton Chu
	28	Jayson Rekis		28	Reilly Narruhn
Mar.	6	Bob Smith	Sept.	4	Ruth Niino-DuPonte
	13	Jane Kawazoe		11	Roberta Chu
	20	Ruth Niino-DuPonte		18	Latai Loa
	27	Anne Sadayasu		25	Anne Sadayasu
April	3	Latai Loa	Oct.	2	Karl Kawahara
	10	Lei Cruz		9	Molina Rekis
	17	Bob Smith		16	Barbara Iwami
	24	Mary Ann Katayama		23	Lei Cruz
May	1	Stuart Mori		30	Stuart Mori
	8	Millie Daikawa	Nov.	6	Stefan Tanouye
	15	Carolyn Lum-Bellem		13	Bob Smith
	22	Newton Chu		20	Gloria Kobayashi
	29	Reilly Narruhn		27	Reilly Narruhn
June	5	Roberta Chu	Dec.	4	Mary Ann Katayama
	12	Ruth Niino-DuPonte		11	Jayson Rekis
	19	Carol Morioka		18	Margaret Torigoe
	26	Molina Rekis		25	Woody Kita

Alternate List:

Anne Sadayasu
Karl Kawahara
Robert Smith
Stuart Mori
Jane Kawazoe

Reilly Naruhn
Margaret Torigoe
JP Thoma
Jason Rekis & Molina Rekis

Search Committee

On behalf of the Search Committee, I would like to thank the members for approving the Call for our next settled Pastor Eric S. Anderson. Thank you all for believing in the Committee and entrusting that we have indeed found the right person. This is an exciting time!

I would also like to thank the Committee members for sticking it out throughout the process. It's been almost 2 years and almost 50 candidates that have brought us to this point. The Committee Members are Gloria Kobayashi, Newton Chu, Christian Albano, Theone Albano, Erin Kita, Anne Sadayasu, Janet Fujioka, and Stefan Tanouye.

Joyful, joyful, We adore Thee.

"Thank you" to the many carolers of the Church of the Holy Cross for making this Advent season a blessing. In "borrowing" the words from the above hymn, they "Filled me with the light of day . . . Stars and angels sang around me . . . and Joyful music led us sunward (for it was a beautiful Sunday!) . . . In the triumph song of life."

Please extend my heartfelt thanks for making us physically challenged or home-bound members feel buoyant and happy in "lifting our spirits . . . with the light of day."

In gratitude,

Lily Inouye



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 on Sunday starting at 8:30 am. This is a good time to ask questions about the Bible with fellow beginners in studying the Bible. Praise God for the five (5) participants who turned up on January 03, 2016. You are cordially invited to join the happy band. Every one is welcomed!

Bible Study

Every Sunday at 8:30 am, Monday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Pastor's Study.
Every one is welcomed!



After Children's Word during worship

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 Jan. 14th. The next scheduled Messenger will be Jan. 20th, 2016.

January Ushers

Barbara Inami, Lei Jack, Joyce Nakamoto, Michi Koizumi & Millie Daikawa

**Sunday, Jan. 10th
Layreader**

Jean Pierre Thoma
Chapel Decoration
Kay Kawachika & Mary Ann Katayama
Childcare

**Sunday, Jan. 17th
Layreader**

Barbara Inami
Chapel Decorations
Saeko Hayashi
Childcare

**Sunday, Jan. 24th
Layreader**

Millie Daikawa
Chapel Decorations
Ethel Yoshimasu, Ichiko Hisanaga & Teddi Mukai
Childcare



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please pray for and send a greeting to these Birthday people

January 2016

- 07 Miyamoto, Dorothy
- 08 Chen, Bill
Nakayama, Kyle
Hayashi, Takeru
Nakashima, Ann
- 16 Oshiro, Brian
- 19 Chu, Newton
- 20 Inouye, Grayson
- 22 Koizumi, Michi
Kawasaki, Kevin
- 27 Suzuki, Wayne
- 28 Mukai, Theodora
- 30 Inouye, Barbara
Inouye, Vernon