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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 the 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. in the Sanctuary
- **IYAA**, Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Mark chapter 14
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 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 a.m. to 10:30 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:

Saturday, January 23rd
SERVICE DAY
8:30 am
CHC Campus

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

Sunday, Jan. 24th
Deacons Meeting
After worship

Thursday, January 28th
(date changed)
Senior Ministry
10 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith

Sunday, Jan. 31st
Christian Education Mtg.
After worship
(meetings will be held on the first Sunday of each month beginning in March 2016)

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd
Messenger

Tuesday, Feb. 9th
Care Partner Support Mtg.
10 am to 12 noon
Building of Faith

Sunday, Feb. 14th
Happy Valentines Day

Monday, Feb. 15th
CHC Office Closed
Presidents' Day

BOARD MEETINGS

Sunday, Jan. 24th
Deacons Meeting
After worship

Sunday, Jan. 31st
Board of Christian Education
After worship
(meetings will be on the 1st Sunday of the month beginning March 6, 2016)

Sunday, Feb. 14th
Council Meeting
After worship



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

Sunday, Feb. 7th
Refreshments provided
by CHC Women's'
Fellowship
after worship



Sunday
Feb.
14th



Feb. 15th
Monday
CHC Office
Closed

SENIOR MINISTRY

Change of Date

Thursday, Jan. 28st

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 cam-



Care Partners Support Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 9th
10 am to 12 noon @ BOF

Pastor's Corner

Miracle's infant baptism on December 20, 2015 is truly miraculous.

A word on our three dear Ethiopians worshiping God with us in our Church of the Holy Cross.

Gibe Geneti Gelan got his lottery visa and crossed three continents [Africa, Europe, and America] and two oceans [Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean] to be a third-year Pharmacy student at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. Tsige crossed two continents [Africa and Asia] and the Indian Ocean and South China Sea to get to Hilo in August, 2013. Their son, Miracle, was born on August 16, 2014 in Honolulu. Both Gibe and Tsige were lawyers in Ethiopia.

For Miracle's infant baptism in our church, I want to say: Psalm 118:24 New King James Version This *is* the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

On December 18, 1956, on a sultry monsoon evening at a public evangelistic rally on the ground of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Singapore, I dedicated my life to serve God as a pastor. 59 years later in The Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo, Hawaii, God gave me the honor and joy to conduct Miracle's infant baptism. For this, I want to say: Psalm 118:24 This *is* the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Our church will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary on January 18, 2016. Our Issei [first generation converts] were not paid much, but gave much to build our church. Our Nissei [second generation] members sacrificed much in the famed 100th Battalion and the most decorated 442nd Regiment. Devotion is the benchmark of our Sansei [third generation] members.

For this, we all want to say: Psalm 118:24 This *is* the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor Choo Lak

A few words on Hymns

Should you ever be asked to choose hymns that church members can feel comfortable with, you may want to know a few things about hymns.

The Christian church has been blessed with hymns which play a significant role in our spiritual formation.

Please know that each hymn has

a *title*, example, *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*,
author's name, Robert L Edwards, 1961; alt
tune, in this hymn is, *Austrian Hymn*
sometimes, *Alternate tune*. In this hymn, the alternate tune is *Hyfrydol*
meter, 8.7.8.7.D

A hymn is associated with its title and author's name.

It is also known by its tune.

The title and tune are two different entities.

A hymn is known by its title.

A hymn is sung to its tune, not its title.

A hymn can be sung by using different tunes.

This is where the **meter** of the hymn comes in.

Every hymn has a meter.

8.7.8.7.D. is the meter of *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*.

This means all hymns that have the same meter can be the alternate tune.

This gives us a **wide choice** in choosing a tune that we are familiar with.

Our Hymnal has not five or ten but **33 hymns that have a 8.7.8.7.D meter!**

This means that *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* can be sung to at least 33 different tunes! This gives us a lot of choices when it comes to singing hymns like *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*.

To cite just two examples.

Hyfrydol is an example of a tune used in 'We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding' [#182 in our Hymnal] that we can use to sing *Whose Giving Knows No Ending*. *Hyfrydol* is best known to us in the hymn 'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus'.

The second example is very familiar to us. In *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* [#4 in our Hymnal] the name of the **tune** [not title] is **Hymn To Joy**. The **title** of the hymn is *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*.

Hymn To Joy is another example of a tune that we can use to sing *Whose Giving Knows No Ending*.

As just mentioned, we have **33 choices** or **33 different tunes** to sing *Whose Giving Knows No Ending*.

All these 33 tunes have the same meter: **8.7.8.7.D**

The following examples are meters we are most familiar with:

Short Meter [6.6.8.6] Title: *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*, name of tune is *Dennis*

Short Meter with Refrain [6.6.8.6] Title: *Rejoice, You Pure in Heart*, name of tune is *Marion*.

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Some hymns are *Irregular* in meter.

The most well known hymn that has an *Irregular* meter is #161 in our Hymnal, known to us as **Amen, Amen** *O see the little baby lying in a manger! Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Quite often there are gems of information in a hymn. *God the Omnipotent!* [Hymn #577] tells us the following:

Tune: *RUSSIAN HYMN*, 11.10.11.9 in meter

Composer of tune is Alexis F Lvov, 1833

‘Two English hymns, one by Henry F Chorley [1842], a friend of Charles Dickens, and another by Church of England priest John Ellerton [1870], are combined in this text. The tune was originally written for the Russian anthem.’ From *God the Omnipotent!*, hymn numbered 577.

Incidentally, it is proper to announce ‘hymn **numbered**’ [and not hymn page] so-and-so. Sometimes, there are two hymns on the same page, e.g., *Before Your Cross, O Jesus* and *When Jesus Wept*, numbered 191 and 192.

Occasionally, three hymns, *O God in Heaven, O Trinity, Your Face We See*, and *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly*, are found in two pages!

In our Hymnal, pagination is only found in *Orders For Worship* is found on pages 1 - 62.
Psalms And Canticles is found on pages 618 – 934.

In between, the **617 hymns in our Hymnal have no pagination.**

To familiarize ourselves with the wide **selection of meters**, please see **Metrical Index**, pages 902 – 907 of our Hymnal.

For names of tunes, please see **Tune Index, pages 907 – 909** of our Hymnal.

Lastly, it is good we are open to learning new hymns or old hymns with a new tune [to us]. It’s difficult doesn’t mean we don’t try, right?

Pastor Choo Lak

BIG THANK YOU for the Christmas decorations

Thank you to the many people who made it possible to come to worship in a very festive atmosphere during the Advent season and through the Epiphany Sunday.

Wreaths were made to hang on pillars, on the altar and on the sanctuary doors. Woody Kita, Kay Kawachika and Margaret Torigoe cut small branches from the evergreen trees fronting the church to prepare for the wreath making ladies. Kay prepped the hangers so the wreath makers had an easier time. Wreath makers were Kay Kawachika, Anne Sadayasu, Anna Kennedy, Connie Yoshiyama, Michi Koizumi, Carol Morioka, Gail Wung, Jane Kawazoe, Bev Dodo, Esther Kodani, Nancy Jo Moses and Margaret Torigoe.

The Advent wreath was made by Kay.

Hanging of the Greens was the day to decorate large tree, doors of sanctuary, change banners, and set-up the giving tree. Woody “trimmed” the evergreen trees in front to hang over the door ways. The large **Christmas Tree** was cut from the CHC backyard. It was cut and set up with the leadership of Jason Rekis and Stuart Mori with Karl Kawahara as director. The IYAA decorated the tree during their family campout.

Door decorators were Anna and Biff Kennedy, JP Thoma, Gloria Kobayashi, Pastor Choo Lak Yeow and Margaret Torigoe.

The Bethlehem Star over the alter was hung by JP, Gloria, Biff and Margaret.

The Angels were put up on Dec. 2 by Connie Yoshiyama, Gloria Kobayashi, Carol Morioka and Margaret Torigoe, Kay Kawachika, Carol Morioka and Gloria Kobayashi, Pastor Choo Lak Yeow and Margaret Torigoe.

In preparation for the Christmas Eve candlelight service, the candelabra was decorated by Ana Kennedy, Gloria Kobayashi and Margaret Torigoe. The candles got “collared” to prevent the wax from spilling.

Removal of the decorations after Pentecost Sunday worship was done on Jan. 9th Angels were taken down and stored for next year by Connie Yoshiyama and Moira Tanaka; The Bethlehem Star by Kay Kawachika and JP Thoma; Christmas Tree by Stuart Mori, John Narruhn and EJ Rechy; banners by Ana and Biff Kennedy and Margaret Torigoe

Thanks to Bev Dodo for arranging for the large cardboard to store angels.

Our Christmas decorations are gone but our Christmas spirit lives on.

From the Board of Stewardship and Mission



At the annual “Walk to End Alzheimer’s” held on September 26, 2015 at the Queen Liliuokalani Gardens in the pouring rain, the Team from Church of the Holy Cross was recognized as the 2nd place Team! The Board of Stewardship and Mission thanks all the participants and all the very generous donors who helped support this important project to raise funds for the Alzheimer’s Association in Hilo. Our church has

sponsored a team for several years and is proud to continue this tradition of support!

Our prizes this year included a \$25 gift certificate from Big Island Candies and a gift certificate for a 2 night stay at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel with an ocean view room. Our plan is to hold an auction for the gift certificates at our MiniMart sale on Sunday, January 24th. Funds raised will be added to the MiniMart account where funds raised are used for mission requests.

This picture was taken with Chris Ridley, staff for the Alzheimer’s Association in Hilo, who is also our resource person for our monthly Caregiver’s Support Group, and some of our Team members. Congratulations all!

New Vice Moderator approved by Council: Gloria Kobayashi

Gloria Kobayashi consented to serve as our Vice Moderator this year; her appointment was approved by the Council at their January 10th meeting. Gloria currently serves on the Board of Christian Education and previously was on the Board of Deacons working on music, hospitality, membership and worship. Gloria also serves as a Trustee of the Hawaii Conference Foundation. We look forward to working with Gloria in her new leadership role.



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.

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.



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. Four (4) more joined on January 10, 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



Please pray for and send a greeting to these Birthday people

January 2016

19 Chu, Newton
20 Inouye, Grayson
22 Koizumi, Michi
Kawasaki, Kevin
27 Suzuki, Wayne
28 Mukai, Theodora
30 Iwami, Barbara
Inouye, Vernon

February 2016

04 Watabayashi, Deborah
Yamauchi, Joanne
05 Palea, Susan
11 Ainsworth, Carolyn
15 Mathews, Anita
20 Ushijima, Dean
Tanaka, Robert
24 Daikawa, Mildred
26 Kodani, Esther
27 Chow, RoAnne
Kudo, Mindy

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. 29th. The next scheduled Messenger will be February 3rd, 2016.

January Ushers

Barbara Iwami, Lei Jack, Joyce Nakamoto, Michi Koizumi & Millie Daikawa (Carolyn Lum Bellem—Substitute)

Sunday, Jan. 24th

Layreader

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Chapel Decorations

Ethel Yoshimasu, Ichiko Hisanaga & Teddi Mukai

Childcare

Lois Jean Tanouye

Sunday, Jan. 31st

Layreader

Carol Morioka

Chapel Decorations

Margaret Torigoe

Childcare

Molina Rekis

February Ushers

Christian Albano, Theone Albano, Clarice Suzuki, Wayne Suzuki & Amy Shiroma

Sunday, Feb. 7th

Layreader

Janet Fujioka

Chapel Decoration

Lily Inouye (Mem)

Childcare

Carol Morioka

Sunday, Feb. 14th

Layreader

Millie Daikawa

Chapel Decoration

Else Ushijima (Mem)

Childcare

Irene Okada

Sunday, Feb. 21st

Layreader

Margaret Torigoe

Chapel Decoration

Hats Kamimura

Childcare

Jeanne Hernandez

Sunday, Feb. 28th

Layreader

Jayson Rekis

Chapel Decoration

Laura Ota

Childcare

Lei Jack