

Unitarian Universalists of West Hawaii – August 2015 Newsletter

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

Usual Sunday Services: 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 4 pm, Sadie Seymour Gardens/Outdoor Circle, 76-6280 Kuakini Highway

Please note that August 9th (2-4 pm) will be at Donkey Mill Art Center, 78-6670 Mamalahoa Hwy, Holualoa

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Share the Plate June 14: Gail reports that the UUWH donation to The Food Basket Inc. totaled \$525.00 and 17 lbs of food!

UPCOMING PLANS

Remember to collect your precious small water samples from your travels this summer for our **Sept. 13** “Gathering of Waters” ritual. The water, either actually collected or symbolic, will enable you to share some meaningful aspect of your summer. Thanks to Jamie for leading the service.

FLASH - CHANGE OF LOCATION & TIME! DONKEY MILL ART CENTER

78-6670 Mamalahoa Hwy, Holualoa 96725

2-4 pm * Sunday, Aug. 9

“Art is Life, Life is Art” – This theme of the Donkey Mill Art Center (DMAC) will be explored by UUWH as we have our own private showing at the DMAC and are enabled to do individual collage art projects. All materials will be supplied by DMAC. The teacher, Dee Ann Fujioka-Lilley, will inspire us to create chalices or other symbols of UUism or of our Life, our Love, our Island, or all of the above. Let your spirit shine!

RSVP required by Aug. 3rd! Yes, you must email Karen Gold or call her to be enrolled in this UU field-trip. Cell: 425-444-1974 or ksgold10@outlook.com

The first 10 people to RSVP will be able to do the art activity for sure – beyond 10? You will have the pleasure of the private showing of the art on exhibit plus the possibility of working collaboratively with another person on the collage project.

Cost? \$10 per person, payable at Donkey Mill. If you RSVP, you are committed and your place is assured.

Last year our summer field trip was a special private tour of the Kona Cloud Forest... remember? It was an inspiring look at one of our unique Island eco-systems. Now, thanks to the Sunday Services Committee, we will have a close-up look at one of the best art centers on the Island. RSVPs are required by Aug. 3rd – do it now ☺. (UUWH members have first priority.)

Sunday, **August 23**, 4 p.m. – Gail Dawrs and Karen Gold facilitating, “Art Pot-luck.” **This service invites everyone to bring and share some Creative Item that has special meaning to him/her.** Poetry, a photo, a painting, a pot, a quilt, music, or finger food to share – anything from anyone, it’s a pot-luck! Whatever speaks to us whether created by ourselves or someone else, bring it to this service and speak of its meaning.

BOARD REPORT

At its most recent meeting on July 28, the UUWH Board considered the following:

- Authorized the UUWH budget to pay \$300 toward the Donkey Mill Art Center field trip.
- Reviewed the quarterly report from Rev. Cat; she will meet with the Sunday Service committee in September. Later in the fall she will organize an Adult RE class and an Inquiry class for new & current members.
- Discussed upcoming Sunday service plans
- “Aloha Spirit Day” (see below) will have its next planning meeting after church on Sept. 27.
- Discussed the distinction between “Covenanting Community” and “Emerging Congregation” – we need more information from the UUA.
- GOOD NEWS: We will be listed on the UUA website as an Emerging Congregation even though we have not yet been officially accepted as such. This means that if someone searches for a UU church on the Big Island, they will find us! That was our goal as we seek to expand our service to the community.
- Sept. 8, 1 pm, next Board meeting by phone.

“Aloha Spirit Day”

February 20, 2016

Invite your mainland UU friends to visit the Big Island next winter and include Feb. 20 as a date to be HERE. “Aloha Spirit Day” will provide an inside look and guide to being on the Kona coast of the Big Island – everything from the environment to housing to diversity to fun, music and dance with dinner as a bonus. When we start getting RSVPs, we will be able to prepare program offerings based on attendee interests.

Linda Olsen, co-chair of this Day with Pat Mrazek, is accumulating the RSVPs, so if you know someone who is considering being here for this fabulous activity, please let Linda know. We will do more outreach to UU congregations during August and September.



MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming, caring community committed to a free and open search for meaning, guided by the wisdom of the ages, reason, intuition, and experience. We work toward a more accepting peaceful world with respect for all existence.