



UPCOMING PLANS – mark your calendars:

Sunday, Jan. 10, 4 p.m. "Ha'aha'a: Dreaming Big, Being Real" with Rev. Catherine Ishida. An 8th century BCE Jewish prophet once taught that all that is required of us is to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God." How can we understand ha'aha'a, humility, in the context of aloha and the world we live in today? As we begin a new year what impossible art, beauty, value, ideal calls for your devotion?

* **New Member Sunday** – if you would like to join the church, contact Linda prior to the 10th at 530-368-0079.

Sunday, Jan. 24, 4 p.m. "UUWH AT THE CROSSROADS."

Discussion moderated by Rev. Cat Ishida. Your Board respectfully requests that all members attend and participate in this discussion about our future. There are several options for how we can continue being UUs in West Hawaii and it's important to hear from everyone. The Sunday service will open with all the usual elements and then we will utilize the remaining time to explore, listen, and recommit or reset our direction.

FUTURE DATES:

Jan. 23 – 2:00 p.m. Joint meeting with Sunday Service Committee and Board, with Rev. Cat at Maiden's home.

Feb. 20, 2:30-8:00 p.m. Aloha Spirit Day: see next page of this newsletter.

MARCH 13 – Congregational meeting for all members to vote for Board of Trustees & Officers and to approve the budget for 2014-15.

BOARD REPORT

- The Nominating Committee – composed of Jamie Pardau, Karen Gold, and Marjorie Erway – will be meeting to determine the recommended slate of officers and trustees for the 2016/17 year. Anyone who may be interested in this essential service should let one of them know.
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **Jan. 12, 1:00 p.m.** at Maiden's home. We will approve a draft 2016/17 budget at this meeting.
- Future Food Basket collection dates have been set for April 24 and Nov. 13.

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE...

to Mary Garris for her annual leadership in getting Food Basket collection boxes placed in local businesses. A total of 296 pounds was collected!

Thanks to Stone Wolfson and her friends for creating a great Solstice Celebration on Dec. 20. There were 28+ attendees (community and members) enjoying the service, the music, and a terrific pot-luck afterwards.

We are thankful for the support that the Pacific Central District of the UUA provided for us during the first 3 months of this year, enabling Honolulu UU minister Rev. Jonipher to be with us on a monthly basis. As you may know, Jonipher is now on the staff for the Pacific Western Region of the UUA.

ADULT Class – You are Invited!

What do Unitarian Universalists believe?

facilitated by Rev. Catherine Ishida

Pre-registration necessary although you don't need to commit to all classes. Register with Linda, 530-368-0079. The class is Free for Members.

Explore what *you* believe. What have people of liberal religious faiths past and present believed? In a series of four gatherings, we'll share our spiritual journeys with one another and explore our personal and collective answers to several philosophical questions. Where did we come from and where are we going? What is the purpose of (intentional) community? Is there evil, is there brokenness, and if so how do we respond?

The course will be loosely based on the first half of the book *A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century* by Rebecca Parker and John Buehrens, two Unitarian Universalist ministers. We'll spend some time during our first gathering to establish what we expect from each other in the course, and I hope some of you will chose to read the book and journal about it! The book is available from Amazon (\$14.49 and eligible for Prime free shipping) and the UUA bookstore.

Dates? Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm: January 21, February 11, March 10 and April 14.

Place? The FullLife Office Conference Room located in far left building at top of Pualani Terrace (above Jackie Rey's). This is the same place we held last year's Adult RE class.

Prophets of a Future Not Our Own

This is what we are about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

~ Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero ~
(murdered on March 24, 1980)

"Aloha Spirit Day"

February 20, 2016

A newly-revised flyer flyer is attached. Please share with your family, friends, and others who may be interested in this fascinating event.

We have made arrangements with an online website that takes payment by credit card so it will be very convenient to register – it's brownpaperticket.org. This will sell out!

Plan to buy your own ticket (\$10 per person) by sending a check to UUWH's P.O. Box 3433, Kailua-Kona 96745 or by giving it to Gail after the service on Jan. 24 (she won't be at the Jan. 10th service).



At our December 27th social gathering, at the home of Linda & Grady, Sandee Crisp greets Maiden Temple and Marjorie Erway. Eighteen of our regular members & friends were able to attend plus some special visitors from the Davis UU church.

P.S. I imagine some of you are still as involved with "holidays" and family as we are. Hoping this newsletter finds you invigorated for the New Year, for our upcoming Aloha Spirit Day, for attending the Adult RE classes, and for volunteering for next year's Board of Trustees. (Speaking for myself, I need to take a break from being on the Board but both Grady and I will be fully supportive in other ways.) Cheers for 2016! -- Linda