

Unitarian Universalists of West Hawaii – September 2016 Newsletter

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning

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

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UPCOMING SERVICES:

Sunday, Aug. 28, 1 p.m. (Note time & location change from usual) – A Bring-Your-Own-Picnic Lunch and Labyrinth walk near Honoka'a at the home of Jeanne Teleia. See attached flyer for specifics.

Directions to Jeanne's home: call her at 808-224-5008 or e-mail, jeanneteleia8@gmail.com. Carpooling is encouraged!

Sunday, **Sept. 11**, 4 p.m. “**Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War**,” presented by Karen Gold, is an account of a daring rescue mission that occurred on the precipice of World War II. A PBS-documentary about the Sharps, co-directed by Ken Burns, is scheduled for Sept. 20 broadcast. It tells the story of American Unitarian minister Waitstill and his wife, Martha Sharp, who left their children behind in the care of their parish and boldly committed to a life-threatening mission in Europe. Over two dangerous years they helped to save scores of imperiled Jews and refugees fleeing Nazi occupation across Europe.

How are you carrying on the Sharps' legacy by defying hatred and discrimination today? Islamophobia and the refugee crisis of the Middle East are modern day parallels to the bigotry the Sharps fought against.

A trailer preview of the PBS show:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQH501USEmU>
More information about the Sharps:
yadvashem.org/yv/en/righteous/stories/sharp.asp

Sunday, **Sept. 25**, 4 p.m. “**The Gathering of the Waters**” presented by Jamie Pardau. Many UU congregations hold a Water Communion once a year, often at the beginning of the new church year (September). Members bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. During the appointed time in the service, people one by one pour their water together into a large bowl. As the water is added, the person who brought it tells why this water is special to them. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources.

The Water Ceremony/ Communion Service is an excellent opportunity for Unitarian Universalist congregations to express their commitment to our Sixth Principle: *We covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.*



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.

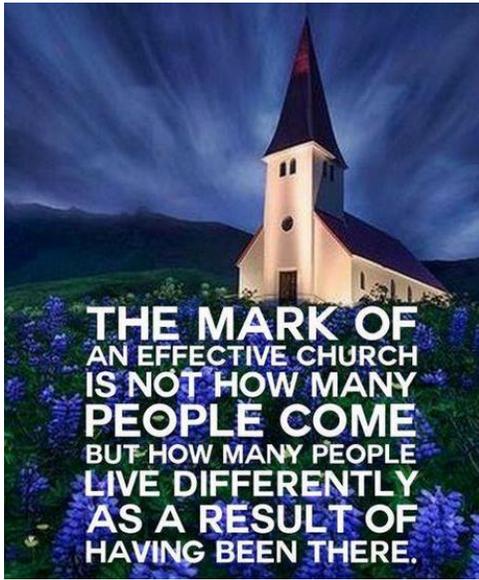
MEMBER & FRIEND NEWS

Cathy Gilham reports that her daughter Jennifer has finished radiation therapy but is still having chemo every 2 weeks. She is scheduled for another MRI on September 1st, and they are hoping to be able to come to Kona in mid-September for 4-5 weeks.

BOARD REPORT, highlights from July 26 meeting:

- The 2016-17 budget in final format was distributed by Gail.
- a \$200 donation to Ke Kai Ola has been made on behalf of UUWH, with appreciation for the tour they offered us in July. Members are encouraged to support the program as well.
- The UUWH northern area Women's Group is planning the Aug. 28 out-of-church experience. See flyer also attached.
- Attendance at Sunday services has been good, given the summer travel schedules: 20 people attended June 12 and July 10; 23 people attended on July 24.
- Tuesday, **Sept. 20**, 1:00 p.m. – NEXT Board meeting at Maiden's home. Everyone welcome.

Remember for the Sept. 25 service: bring your precious small water samples – either actually collected or symbolic -- from some place this summer that was meaningful to you. What does it represent as a value in your life and/or for your family? As we mingle the water together, we share why the water is special to us.



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