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Sunday, January 15, 10:00 am

“How Dr. King Saved Us from Sin” by Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson

UU tradition has not always stood as clearly on the side of social and economic justice as we do today. We have MLK to thank for helping to pull our religious movement at least partway out of the worst quagmires. We reflect on where we've been, who we are, and how we can meet the challenges of racism, mistrust, and fear that still lie ahead. Worship Associate: Martina Queenth.

2017 MLK Day Parade – Monday, January 16

WHEN: gather beginning at 7:30 am, Parade moves out at 9:00 am

WHERE: from the Magic Island parking lot to Kapiolani Park, 2.5 miles

We are people of Principle. We affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

We Stand on the Side of Love. As MLK, Jr., said, "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Imagine 2017 MLK Day! Prepare to March, and folks from Planned Parenthood will be walking with us! (*Steve Lohse*)

UU's feeding the Homeless

Our church supports the work of Family Promise, an agency that houses working homeless families in various churches. We are not able to house these families, but we do provide dinners and overnight monitoring when the families are staying across the Pali at the Nuuanu Congregational Church.

The next rotation for us is January 22 to 29. If you are willing and able to provide a meal for 15 to 20 people - one night - that would be awesome.

All you have to do is cook a main course, veggie and salad (they will make the rice), deliver it around 5:45pm, and stay for dinner to meet the families. You can bring your family too. These families have wonderful children of all ages who love to play with visiting kids.

Or you can come for dinner and spend the night. The church just needs an adult present in the outside chance that someone needs to call for help. You can stay for breakfast the next morning too, if you'd like.

If you'd like more info, or if you'd like to sign up - please contact Catherine Graham at catgraham48@gmail.com or 741-4317. (*Catherine Graham*)

WORSHIP PROGRAM

Communication, Coordination, Community!

Contact: Jim Cooper, Worship Coordinator | jim.c.cooper@gmail.com or Martina Queenth, Worship Team Chair | martinaq@juno.com | 808-595-4047

Suggest a Guest!

Contact: Martina Queenth, Worship Team Chair | martinaq@juno.com | or Jim Cooper, Worship Coordinator | jim.c.cooper@gmail.com | 808-595-4047

Your Worship Team welcomes ALL suggestions for Sunday morning guest speakers, and PLEASE NOTE that the Worship Team must consider all speakers plus the Worship Calendar before any offers are made! Please contact the Worship Team first with all guest speaker suggestions, it's the right way to Suggest a Guest! (*Martina Queenth*)

Host a Minister in Residence!

How would you like to get to know our Ministers in Residence better? Do you have a spare room, apartment or house available? If so, please consider hosting one of our upcoming Ministers in Residence! If you would like to volunteer your space or would like more information, please contact

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our Worship Coordinator, Jim Cooper jim.c.cooper@gmail.com or leave a message with the Office at (808) 595-4047. (*Jim Cooper*)

Worship Team – February 2017 – All Visitors Welcomed

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 1 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm | Fred Harper

Contact: Martina Queenth | 808-595-4047 | martinaq@juno.com

The Worship Program of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu provides inspiring and compelling worship experiences that sustain us emotionally and intellectually; inform everything we do as a Church; and enlist members in the cause of our Mission, inspired by our Principles, boldly to grow Compassion, Justice, and Joy. Please contact Jim or Martina or see

<http://www.unitariansofhi.org/worship> for more information about the Worship Program at First Unitarian. (*Martina Queenth*)

Future Shaper Initiative Next Meeting Sunday, Jan 15

Thanks to everyone for the lively and stimulating Future Shaper conversation circles last Sunday. For those who missed it, you will have another opportunity this Sunday, January 15 when we will discuss **Ministry and Religious Education**.

Conversation Circles are lively brainstorming sessions using Appreciative Inquiry to respond to this guiding question:

"Imagine it is the year 2018 and the Unitarian Universalist Association has just recognized First Unitarian as a "Breakthrough Congregation;" that is, a congregation that has achieved significant and sustained numerical growth. What is happening in our our First Unitarian Ministry or our Religious Education program that helped us earn this honor?"

Our goal is to craft a set of Statements of Aspiration for each theme. Please join us as we continue our quest for the church of our dreams. Child care available.

The Future Shaping Task Force: Jim Cooper, Hilka Easterwood, Allison Jacobs, Susan Lebo, Jerry Matiatos (co-chair), Al & Molly Rowland, Bill Scarvie (co-chair), Jim Skouge. (*Bill Scarvie*)

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Responsible and Effective Social Action!

Contact: Steve Lohse | 808-595-4047 | sl@unitariansofhi.org

Sacred Places Climate Justice – January 14

Oil Pipeline Struggles and Action Forward

WHEN: Saturday, January 14 | 6:00 to 9:00 pm

WHERE: Central Union Church Women's Building | 1660 S. Beretania St.

CONTACT: Chuck Burrows | chuckkb@gmail.com

Please join us to share stories with "No Dakota Access Pipeline" supporters who were there at Standing Rock, North Dakota, including media, veterans, Native Americans, local landowners, and Hawaii activists. Water is Sacred – No Pipelines! This event is free and open to the public with plenty of parking. (*Steve Lohse*)

Prayer Vigil for the Environment – January 20

WHEN: Friday, January 20 | 5:00 to 7:00 pm

WHERE: Church of the Crossroads | 1212 University Ave.

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Join the national movement for people of faith to show our commitment to stewardship of the environment during the first 100 hours of the Trump Administration! Plenty of parking available. Co-sponsored by the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. (*Steve Lohse*)

Honolulu Women's March and Rally – January 21

WHEN: Saturday, January 21, gather at 9:30 am

WHERE: Ewa lawn of the State Capitol | look for Planned Parenthood

This Honolulu Women's March and Rally will show solidarity with the Women's March in Washington, D.C., standing together with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families, recognizing that our communities are the strength of our country. See <https://www.evensi.us/womens-march-on-washington-oahu-page-honolulu-hi/193201992> for more information. Planned Parenthood has invited us to join them for this march – together, we are stronger! (*Marshall Heaney*)

Planned Parenthood Action Forum – January 24

WHEN: Tuesday, January 24 | 5:30 to 7:30 pm

WHERE: First Unitarian Church of Honolulu | 2500 Pali Hwy

CONTACT: Ashley Gandiza | ashley.gandiza@ppvnh.org | Office 808-954-4746

It is time to hold newly elected officials accountable for supporting women's health, and we can't do this without YOU. At the forum, we will evaluate Planned Parenthood's National Agenda, engage and deepen local support and leadership, and develop strategies for reproductive freedom and community partnerships. Refreshments and materials will be provided. Please RSVP to Ashley, see you there! (*Steve Lohse*)

Fifth Sunday Worship and Teach-In – January 29

REV. DR. JAY ATKINSON, Guest Minister

Following "Ecojustice and the Human Spirit" (Whence cometh our help?) with Rev. Jay at 10:00 am, with special Fifth Sunday collection for ADORE, please join us at 11:30 am for Rev. Jay's Teach-In, "UUs and Process/Relational Theology." Explore why Process-Relational Theology appeals so strongly to UUs, with plenty of time for Q&A and Fifth Sunday Hospitality by the Social Justice Council. (*Steve Lohse*)

Guest at Your Table

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Guest at Your Table is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about UUA work to advance human rights. This year's program theme is "Defying Hate." Please contact Nancy Young or see <http://www.uusc.org/welcome-to-guest-at-your-table/> for more information. Help protect human rights, make a donation to the UUSC.

LegeWatch 2017 – January 18 through May 4

YOU ARE INVITED to help watch the 2017 State Legislature to affirm and promote UU Principles in the political arena. As a Church, our major concerns include matters of Education, Environment, End of Life Choices, Reproduction Rights, Economic Equity, Affordable Housing, Criminal Justice, and Human Rights. If legislative action interests you, contact the Council. Together, our Voice is informed and effective! (*Steve Lohse*)

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2017 Food Drive – March 12 through April 9

COMING IN MARCH, our annual First Unitarian Food Drive for the Hawaii Food Bank – \$3000 + 200 pounds of canned goods, we can do this! Hawaii's 287,000 Islanders in need include the elderly, families, children, those facing financial crises, and people of diverse ethnic backgrounds. Let no one go hungry in Hawaii. (*Steve Lohse*)

Social Justice Resolutions

IT IS TIME to review and renew our Social Justice Resolutions, last reaffirmed in November 2012. These Resolutions (see <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/sjd>) identify social justice concerns of our Church and must be renewed by the Congregation every five years. If you are interested in updating existing Resolutions or suggesting matters of concern for new Resolutions, contact Steve Lohse at sjc@unitariansofhi.org or 808-595-4047 for more info. (*Steve Lohse*)

Social Justice Council – February 2017 – All Visitors Welcomed

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 8 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Gallery
Contact: Steve Lohse | 808-595-4047 | sjc@unitariansofhi.org

The Social Justice Council is the leadership team of the Social Justice Program of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. The Program as a whole engages our Congregation inwardly and our Community outwardly in responsible and effective social action. Please contact sjc@unitariansofhi.org or 808-595-4047 for more info about Social Justice at the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. (*Social Justice Council*)

Opera Night Out

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Streetcar Named Desire Jan 27 / 29 / 31

Three Decembers = Short opera March 24 / 25 / 26

Guest Artist: Frederica von Stade makes her HOT Debut

Tales of Hoffmann April 21 / 23 / 25

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In October we saw C. Monteverdi's L'Orfeo Le Concert des Nations. L'Orfeo wasn't quite the first opera, but the consensus seems to be that it was the first that was any good. Some still hold it to be the greatest. Monteverdi was smart enough to choose just about the best story we have; indeed it's hard to imagine starting with any other. The tale of Orpheus is about many things, but principally it is a story of music and death – the meaning the former gives to our lives, and how it can assuage and even challenge the apparently meaningless whims of the latter. Music is the sound of articulated emotion; the sound of the sense humans make for a world without (for me, at least) intrinsic meaning, a meaninglessness that death incarnates. Orpheus is the renegade singer-songwriter par excellence: his musical prowess allows him to break the rules, again and again ... Then he has to pay the price.

By request, January 20, 2017 (THIRD FRIDAY) we will see Gluck's Orfeo Ed Euridice:
Shirley Verrett, Anna Moffo, Judith Raskin (Renate)

A Streetcar Named Desire @ HOT JAN 27 / 29 / 31 @ NBC

Andre Previn's transformation of Tennessee Williams classic play. Set in New Orleans in the 1940s, Blanche DuBois arrives at the home of her sister, Stella, and husband, Stanley Kowalski after suffering the loss of her ancestral home and job. Skeptical of the story, Stanley grows infuriated by Blanche losing his wife's birthright, and sets out to reveal the truth behind the circumstance. The conflict between the two unfolds with tragic and violent consequence.

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HOT's production stars Jill Gardner (Tosca 2013) as Stella and Ryan McKinney (The Dutchman 2015) as Stanley. Mark Morash conducts.

The New Year Brings New Chalice Circle Groups, Locations and Topics

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Connect with others via deep sharing and deep listening while benefiting from being part of a caring community of Unitarian Universalists and friends. Always open to new members, Chalice Circles are 5-10 people who meet twice a month for two hours to explore preselected topics. Membership requires commitment to regular attendance twice each month through June 2017.

Want to find out how to become a participant? Become a Chalice Circle Facilitator? Host a group? Contact Carla or Heather.

Current Locations, Dates & Times

Hawaii Kai: 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Nu'uano: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Kailua: 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Kaka'ako: 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Lower Manoa: 1st & 3rd Mondays @ 6:30 – 8:30pm (*Carla Allison*)

Start the New Year with the Blues...

Join us at the UU Leeward Ohana Service on Saturday, January 14th, at 5:00 pm as we celebrate the life and times of Alberta Hunter, one of America's premier blues singer. When sung by Alberta Hunter, the blues became an anthem for hope, renewal and enjoying all that living can provide. As always, our UU Leeward Ohana Service will be followed by our Famous, Fabulous Pot Luck & Fellowship. This Service will be at the home of Stephanie Teraoka in Mililani. Check out our website (www.uulohana.org) or contact Charlotte Morgan (uucharlo@gmail.com). (*Charlotte Morgan*)

First Unitarian Church of Honolulu presents: MONEY TALKS: But What the Hell is it Saying?!

A fundraiser for ADORE. (A Dialogue On Racial Equality)

Two Local Women Artists, a Generation Apart, Create a Musical to Understand the Real Meaning of Success, Failure, and Self-Worth.

January 21, 2017 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

Tickets available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/money-talks-but-what-the-hell-is-it-saying-tickets-30973777402?ref=fb>.

When 37-year-old international singer/songwriter Lucie Lynch met 60-year-old international author Marcia Zina Mager they were both grappling with issues of money and self-worth. They decided to channel their frustration into a Broadway musical. That 18-month journey eventually transformed into a brazenly honest and personal musical play chronicling the ups and downs of their intensive collaboration: MONEY TALKS: But What the Hell is it Saying?! is a funny, serious, and intimate conversation that includes scenes and songs from their Broadway work-in-progress. MONEY TALKS explores one of the most profound questions of the 21st century: Am I inherently worthy?

The show debuted at the 2015 International Oahu Fringe Festival, breaking box office records and went on to win the 2016 Audience Choice Award at Iao Theatre on Maui. MONEY TALKS continues to impact diverse audiences, from educated theatre goers to drug rehab residents to the entire

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Women's Community Correctional Center. *MONEY TALKS* has also been offered as a fundraiser for many Oahu churches including Unity Diamond Head and Calvary-By-The-Sea. (*Russell Castagnaro*)

What To Put On Facebook.....

Social Media, especially Facebook is a way to get our message of love and acceptance out to large numbers of people.

You could post that you are going to Church, that the band was incredible, that the sermon inspired, that the lunch was amazing or anything else wonderful that happened to you at First U or at UU Leeward Ohana.

You can be a voice for **compassion, justice and joy** in cyberspace.

If you do not have a Facebook page, all you need is a smart phone or a computer. The sooner you start; the sooner you will be part of this amazing conduit for information. If ever the world needed our message of love and acceptance, it is now. (*Charlotte Morgan*)

Check Out UU Leeward Ohana...

Thanks to the phenomenal Ron Brasher, UU Leeward Ohana has a website, a FACEBOOK presence and a Twitter account. Our website is www.uulohana.org. Our FACEBOOK is uulohana and our Twitter account is #uulohana. (*Charlotte Morgan*)

Keep Up The Good Work!!!!

You are sending wonderful pictures with your Newsletter copy. Thank you for helping to make our Church Newsletter, *Kukui Lamalama*, more exciting. Pictures are always more effective than words in promoting what you do. Please continue to send your photos to fuch-newsletter-team@googlegroups.com. (*Charlotte Morgan*)

4th Sunday Lunch Back in January....

The Good News is that we will HAVE 4th Sunday Lunch January 22nd. Our fabulous chefs Ron & Mark Brasher will be back with yet another fabulous Spaghetti Extravaganza. All proceeds benefit our Westside Campus, UU Leeward Ohana. (*Charlotte Morgan*)

Paula's Coming Back...

Our latest, exciting ADORE news is that Paula Cole Jones will return to Hawaii and will give a sermon and afternoon workshop at our Church on February 26th!

Also, she is planning on participating in the TIAH (The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii) Open Table Panel on Tuesday evening, February 21st.

We are doing ongoing fundraising to cover Paula's expenses (\$2,000) and, so, checks made out to "First Unitarian Church of Honolulu" with "Paula Cole Jones" written in the note line would be very much appreciated.

ADORE (A Dialogue On Race and Ethnicity) was founded by Paula Cole Jones who gave a thought provoking sermon and workshops at First Unitarian in November, 2015. She continues to mentor us throughout our journey in examining issues around race as we continue to hold our regular meetings. (*Jill Rabinov*)

The Band Is Back Together...

The Gang that brought you **Bombay Dreams** (one of our most successful fundraisers) is back working on a new project., **the Safety Dance at Club Safe Haven**. The Sanctuary will be transformed.

Save April 29, 2017. More information is in the January 2017 Newsletter.

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You know it will be a wonderful evening:

- Music
- Dancing
- Entertainment
- Free Child Care
- Gourmet Dinner
- Free Drink Tickets
- Live & Silent Auctions
- Madame V & Her Prophetic Taro Cards (*Charlotte Morgan*)

February Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 15th, at Noon is the deadline for articles for the February, 2017 Newsletter. Please email your copy to fuch-newsletter-team@googlegroups.com or drop off at the Church Office by Noon on Sunday. (*Charlotte Morgan*)

Messages from Above (RE Program Upstairs)

RE Will March in the MLK Day Parade, 1/16/2106!

Stay after church on Sunday to make some posters, then meet at Magic Island (1401 Ala Moana Blvd) at 7:30 am. The parade begins around 9 am and goes to Kapiolani Park for approximately 2.5 miles one way. Please bring wagons, strollers, bikes, scooters, and anything else that will help the kiddos reach the finish line! Sunscreen, water, and hats are suggested too.

Contact Aimee at akosanchez@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in a ride share to leave some vehicles at the end of the parade for easy shuttling!

*FUCH shirts are available for purchase in select sizes, come with cash on Sunday and ask Jeff Gillis-Davis.

This Sunday we will begin a new term in our RE classes and there's still time to join a teaching team! Some highlights of the upcoming session include:

- New and improved preschool format – with help from Caryn Diamond this class is transforming to a Montessori method-based room. The children will be self-directed in their activities and learn to share responsibility for their classroom and materials.
- Curriculum shift in elementary room – this session will focus on “building essential skills for reducing bullying and conflict, establishing a peaceful, supportive learning environment, and engaging young people in active participation in their community” with the program Operation Respect.
- New program for Youth Group – Spirituality for Kids is a new curriculum of deep discussion topics that our pre-adults will tackle in the Fred Harper room with the guidance of adult leaders.

If you haven't yet registered your child(ren) for RE please take a moment and do so. It's quick, easy, and helps us plan to welcome your keiki!

<http://www.unitariansofhi.org/sunday-schedule-for-keiki-and-youth>.

Our church is seeking a permanent Director of Lifespan Religious Education to start in the spring. Please consider your friends, contacts, or even yourself for this important job! If you'd like more information please contact Jeff at jgillis@hawaii.edu.

Religious Education Program Service, Family, and Fun

Contact: Lisa Gillis-Davis, Worship Coordinator | re@unitariansofhi.org or Jeff Gillis Davis and Nate Sanchez, RE Team Chairs

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UU Women's Retreat: Jan 27–Jan 29, 2017

What: A weekend out of town, away from your day to day responsibilities, with discussion groups, great food, Sunday morning worship service, Yoga, and activities like snorkeling, swimming & paddle boarding in beautiful Pokai Bay.

When: Friday, January 27 starting at 2pm through mid-day Sunday, January 29.

Who: UU women & friends ages 16 and older. The more the merrier and the broader the age range, the more we can learn from each other. Babes in arms are welcomed.

Where: The beautiful "Carpenter Retreat Center" at Pokai Bay in Waianae, aka Sue and Dan's place.

Why: To relax, connect and deepen our relationship with ourselves and other UU women.

Cost: The full weekend of Friday afternoon/evening through Sunday mid-day is \$75.00. Saturday and Sunday is \$60. Saturday only is \$40. If under age 20 Saturday only is \$20. Mother and daughter special price of \$100 for full weekend or \$65 for one day. Some scholarships available.

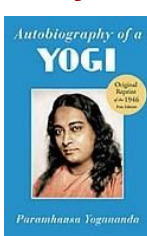
To register: Registration questions contact Carla (cbm@hawaii.rr.com) at 396-1488 or Sheila O'Keefe 489-4629 or sheila.okeefe.hawaii@gmail.com.

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2017. (Carla Allison)

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, February 1st, 2017 at 7:00 pm Fred Harper Room We will discuss House Made of Dawn by N. Scott Momaday, widely credited as leading the way for the breakthrough of Native American literature into the mainstream. It was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1969, and has also been noted for its significance in Native American Anthropology. (Dan Curran)

Everything Is Better When Shared, Especially Hindu Meditation



A natural synergy of energy takes place when people meditate together. Are you a beginner having trouble getting started? Or experienced, but seeking deeper more effective meditations, or looking for more effective guidance and support in your meditation practice or path?

We have it all for you! If you are happy with what you're doing drop by for Self-Guided Open Meditation Sessions from 9:15 to 9:45 am Sundays in the Fred Harper Room. Child care is provided.

Or if you are not getting enough out of your meditations, you may want to consider trying the Hindu Hong-Sau technique. Get started toward more in-depth meditations by practicing this technique and then later grow into other very effective advanced Hindu Meditation practices toward Kryia Yoga and Raja Yoga. Advanced Hindu Meditation Class, Meditation Sessions and Chakra Class meet at 7 pm Thursdays in a (quiet) Private Library in Hawaii Kai. Questions about our high energy weekly sessions? Please contact Nohemi & Michael Lewis, our Ananda Meditation Group Facilitators @ 200-2777 or 760-529-2776 (cell).

GALLERY ON THE PALI Presents:

"Year of the Cock 2017" - Drawings and photographs by Paul Nagano

Honolulu's GOTP announces an exhibition of artwork by Paul Nagano. The exhibition will run from January 8, 2017, to February 9, 2017, at GOTP, located at the First Unitarian Church at 2500 Pali Highway.

Artist's Reception: Saturday, January 14 from 6 to 8 PM. The public is invited.

Paul Nagano went to Bali, Indonesia, for the first time in 1984. Since then, he has spent two months there almost every year, producing watercolors of the landscape, flora, fauna and the Balinese. For the exhibition at Gallery on the Pali, Nagano has assembled drawings, watercolors and photographs which represent The Year of the Cock 2017. (Marshall Heaney)