

Weekly Bulletin
January 27/29, 2017

Sunday, January 29, 10:00 am

“Ecojustice and the Human Spirit” by Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson

Care for our planet seems to be on shaky ground these days, with climate change denial and fossil fuels claiming strong influence in the new federal administration. The coming years raise challenges that are spiritual, moral, legal, and economic. What are our religious imperatives in such times and, as the psalmist asked, whence cometh our help? Fifth Sunday plate collection for ADORE. Worship Associate: Steve Lohse.

Fifth Sunday, January 29, 11:30 am

“UUs and Process/Relational Theology” TEACH-IN with Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson

WHEN: Sunday, January 29 | 10:00 am Service | 11:30 am Teach-In

WHERE: First Unitarian Church of Honolulu with the Rev. Dr. Jay Atkinson

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.”

Since the 1920s, Process/Relational Theology has become a major option within modern liberal theology. In this Teach-In, we view Process Thought as a philosophical, metaphysical, and theological system and explore why Process/Relational Theology appeals so strongly to UUs as a congenial way to think about evolution, cosmology, spirituality, interdependence, and God. Plenty of time for Q&A, discussion and Fifth Sunday Hospitality by the Social Justice Council. (*Worship Team and Steve Lohse*)

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!

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

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Worship Team – February 2017 – All Visitors Welcomed

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 1 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm | Fred Harper
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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 29

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 29, when we will discuss **Public Presence** or **Community** (one circle for each topic).

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 Public Presence or our Community 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, Hilikka 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 | slc@unitariansofhi.org

Alternatives to Incarceration – February 1

WHAT: Community Justice Dialogue, "Alternatives to Incarceration"

WHEN: Wednesday, February 1 | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

WHERE: First Unitarian Church of Honolulu | 2500 Pali Hwy

CONTACT: Kat Brady | kat.caphi@gmail.com

The Community Justice Coalition (CJC) invites you to participate in its 2nd Community Justice Dialogue, "Alternatives to Incarceration," at the First Unitarian Church at 6:00 pm on February 1. Your voice is important! Co-sponsored by the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. *(Steve Lohse)*

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ADORE Open Table – February 21

WHAT: ADORE Open Table, “The Role of Dialogue In Crossing Cultural Boundaries”

WHEN: Tuesday, February 21 | 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

WHERE: First Unitarian Church of Honolulu | 2500 Pali Hwy

CONTACT: Jill Rabinov | adore@unitariansofhi.org | 808-595-4047

When we openly and safely share personal stories about how race has shaped our life experiences, it is clear that everyone has an important story to tell about race and ethnicity, and we tap into something very deep within our communities. ADORE (A Dialogue on Race and Ethnicity) facilitates just such community dialogue. Please join Paula Cole Jones (via Skype), founder of ADORE, and an all-star panel on Tuesday, February 21, for this unique Open Table experience! *(Steve Lohse)*

“Art in the Afternoon” with Margaret Mann – February 28

WHAT: Karen Hampton Textile Exhibit | SPECIAL GUEST, Paula Cole Jones

WHEN: Tuesday, February 28 | 1:00 pm

WHERE: Honolulu Museum of Art | 900 S. Beretania St. | (808) 532-8700

Textile artist Karen Hampton examines the African-American diaspora through her personal and ancestral narrative, from her family's colonial past to her present experiences as a person of African, Caribbean, and American descent. YOU ARE INVITED to join Margaret and special guest Paula Cole Jones for a guided tour of Karen Hampton's textile art at the Honolulu Museum of Art on February 28. Don't miss this! *(Steve Lohse)*

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)*

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)*

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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*)

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

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Heather Lemkelde | hlemkelde@gmail.com | 4627860

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'uuanu: 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*)

Thank You Friends & Members of First Unitarian

Fourth Sunday Lunch was a phenomenal success. We netted \$266.00. This will go a long way to insuring that the Unitarian Universalist Leeward Ohana, our Westside Campus will continue to bring compassion, justice and joy to the other side of Oahu. This could not have happened if it were not for our amazing cooks, Ron and Mark Brasher and a fantastic team of volunteers: Kay Armstrong, Kerry Campbell, Sue Greene, Marshall Heaney, Linda Magee, Charlotte Morgan, Veronica Morgan, Emily Mottl, Sheila O'Keefe, Karen Scarvie, and Sue Yamane-Carpenter. Our Beloved Community can really cook!!!! (*Charlotte Morgan*)

The Women's March: The Power of Social Media...

Social Media, especially Facebook is a way to get our message of love and acceptance out to large numbers of people. As of the third quarter of 2016, Facebook had **1.79 billion** monthly active users. Imagine if even one percent took our UU message to heart.

You could post that you are going to Church, that the band was incredible, that the

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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. We are the Spiritual Community the world needs 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)*

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)*

Save the Date & Get Out Your Dancing Shoes

Ron Brasher who brought us Bombay Dreams, one of our most successful fundraisers is planning another spectacular event.

The Essentials

Date: Saturday, April 29

Time: 5:30 to 10:00 pm

Tickets: \$60 per person which includes two free Beverages (Beverages include: Cosmos, Wine, Beer & Sparkling Water)

We will enjoy:

- Music
- Dancing
- Gourmet Dinner
- Free Drink Tickets

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- Entertainment
- Free Child Care
- Live & Silent Auctions
- Madame V & Her Prophetic Taro Cards

You will be transported to upscale Club Safe Haven for the Safety Dance. (We are transforming the Sanctuary.)

We want to proclaim that our Beloved Church is a Safe Haven and we welcome all here.

How Can You Help?

Volunteer

Contact Ron for Volunteer positions we need to fill.

What We Need:

- Items for the Silent & Live Auctions
- Service Auction Contributions
- Wine & Vodka for the Bar
- Sold Tickets

Our Goal

To net \$10,000 for our Church

More Questions? Contact Ron at rdenesha@gmail.com.

Join Us. Have A Good Time While Doing Good. (*Charlotte Morgan*)

Messages from Above (RE Program Upstairs)

Young Family Ohana Covent Group(s) starting soon!

YFOCG is a deep discussion group for families with young children (mostly 10 and under although parents of tweens and teens are welcome too) starting on February 4. This group meets to share potluck and discuss a range of topics every other Saturday evening from 5:30-7:30. Child care is provided upstairs and parents are asked to pay on a sliding scale for the whole 10 week session at the beginning. We take turns planning and leading discussions; past topics have included grief and loss, setting boundaries, and choosing joy. Our first session will be a "trial" so feel free to check it out before committing! If there is enough interest we may split into two groups and there is the option to meet at another time/day. Please notify Lisa Gillis-Davis lisagill@hawaii.edu before January 29th if you plan to attend.

Our Whole Lives Sexuality Program coming up!

In February we will be offering the Kindergarten-First Grade Our Whole Lives sexuality education at our Church. In this program, parents and children learn together, in the same place, at the same time, about body parts, health and safety, feelings, and families of many different kinds. The curriculum is age appropriate, medically accurate, includes all kinds of people, and is values based.

You and your family are invited to join us. First week, February 5, 12:30 - 4pm Organization and Orientation, for parents only. Second week, February 12, Orientation for Children and Parents together. Sundays, February - April, EIGHT classes, for parents and children together.

Cost: \$100 per family. This includes child care for siblings not participating in the class.

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And PLEASE share this with your friends and the families of your children's friends, as appropriate. This program is very important for children, and probably even more important for parents, as we learn new skills to help our children.

For more information or to register, please contact Nan Kleiber, nankleiber44@gmail.com.

Navigators Event this Month

Navigators will hold one meeting and go on one community outing each month, as scheduling allows. For February the outing will be a visit to the Pacific Aviation Museum of Pearl Harbor on February 11th.

Ages 5-18. Still plenty of room to join! Contact Kerry at (202) 669-9865 or mrs.kcampbell@yahoo.com Navigators Chapter 106 FB page Please use FB page for RSVPs, and to have your voice heard.

Preschool Teacher Needed

The Preschool Team is looking again for a regular teacher. We would love to have someone to come regularly every Sunday and prefer them to have a background in Montessori. Classroom Management is a must have skill. Degree not required. Please share around! Contact Nancy Schidlt or Jeff Gillis-Davis for more information. \$15/hour for 2-5 hours /week.

DLRE Recruitment

See the Church website for the Job description and Spread the word... Or apply!! <http://www.unitariansofhi.org/job-opportunities>

Mokuleia Church Family Camping

Join in May 5-7 2017 This promises to be a blast!

Costs: Room (small) in Lodge: \$200 for two people weekend - 2 twin beds with linens and private or shared bath. (18 rooms - most ocean view)

Tents: \$20/person for weekend over 3 yrs. old (up to 75 people)

Tent "cabin": up to 6 people \$150 for weekend (only 2 empty yurt type spaces)

Meals (optional): Friday dinner, Sat. breakfast/lunch \$12@

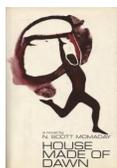
Scholarships may be available so please don't let costs be the determining factor!

Contact Nancy Schidlt nschidlt707@gmail.com

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

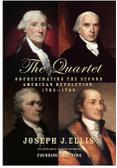
Book Discussion Group



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.

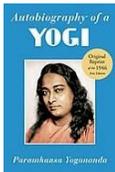
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It was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1969, and has also been noted for its significance in Native American Anthropology.



Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 at 7:00 pm Fred Harper Room We will discuss the Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution 1783-1789 by Joseph J. Ellis. This book details the roles that George Washington, James Madison, John Jay, and Alexander Hamilton played in forging a constitutional republic from thirteen disparate former colonies that were teetering on the edge of insolvency under the Articles of Confederation. (*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:

"Evolving Through Paint - The Journey of 4 Women"

Honolulu's GOTP announces an exhibition of artwork by Anita Bruce, Patrice Federspiel, Rebecca Snow and Rochelle Weidner. The exhibition will run from February 12, 2017, to March 23, 2017, at GOTP, located at the First Unitarian Church at 2500 Pali Highway.

Artist's Reception: Saturday, February 25 from 6 to 8 PM. The public is invited.

About "Evolving Through Paint" -

Art is the expression of the human condition.

Watch the unfolding of four women as they learn to "live life out loud" through the painting process.

See the influence of family, friends, teachers and experimentation shown in their personal paths to self-expression.

GALLERY HOURS: Tuesday through Friday 10am to 6pm, weekends 2-6pm (Beginning March 1: T-F, 9am - 2pm) (*Marshall Heaney*)