

THE SPIRE



June is Gun Violence Awareness Month.

We observe Wear Orange Weekend on the first weekend of June to honor survivors and those affected by gun violence. Wearing orange reflects the color hunters wear in the woods for protection. As we wear orange, we remember our call to be peacemakers, to create a future free from gun violence.



The Heartbeat of a Singing Church



Rev. Rushan Sinnaduray
Senior Minister

There is a particular grace that rises when people sing together. Anyone who has stood in the middle of a choir knows that choral music is not just sound—it is community made audible. For me, choral singing has always been one of the places where faith becomes tangible. Long before I ever stepped into a pulpit, I learned theology through harmony, community by listening for the voices around me, and courage by singing my part even when it felt small. Choral music formed me, and it continues to shape the way I understand what it means to be church.

One of my greatest joys is hearing young voices lifted in song—sometimes shy, sometimes bold, always beautiful. There is something sacred about children and youth singing together. Their voices carry honesty and hope, reminding us that the church must always be a place where young people are encouraged to sing, to lead, and to discover the joy of making music in community. When we nurture young singers, we are planting seeds of faith that echo for a lifetime.

A choir embodies the church in motion: many parts, one body; many voices, one song. It teaches us to listen deeply, to blend rather than compete, and to trust that beauty emerges when we offer our voices together. In a world that prizes individualism and standing out, a choir invites us into a different way of being, a way rooted in humility, connection, and shared purpose.

This truth came alive on March 15, when the storm left our campus without power and our Chancel Choir sang Pepper Choplin's *We Are Not Alone*. With the power out across campus,

worship was entirely unplugged—acoustic, intimate, and lit by candlelight. Their unamplified voices rose into the dim sanctuary with a message our hearts needed. In that moment, the choir wasn't performing—they were proclaiming. They were the church, breathing courage and comfort into the room.

And what the choir embodies in harmony, the whole congregation practices in song. Congregational singing is one of the most powerful expressions of our faith. When we sing together, we declare that worship is not a performance but a participation. Every single voice matters—not just the trained ones, not just the confident ones, but every voice God has given breath. Singing together forms us. It teaches our children what hope sounds like. It welcomes the newcomer before a single word is spoken. It binds us to one another in ways spoken prayers alone cannot.

A singing church is a courageous church, a hopeful church, and a church that remembers who we are and whose we are.

So let us keep singing boldly, joyfully, prayerfully. Let us continue to nurture our choirs, support our musicians, and lift our voices each Sunday. And if you feel even the smallest tug toward singing in community, whether you are young or old, seasoned or brand new, I warmly invite you to join our Chancel Choir. Your voice matters. There is a place for you in this harmony we are creating together.

With gratitude for every voice in this beloved community and for the ministry we share together,

Pastor Rushan

Piano Movements!

Margaret Lloyd, *Director of Music Ministries*

This Spring, our Music Ministry was given a rare opportunity to consider purchasing a restored Steinway Model M "Studio Grand" piano, a model often found in conservatories, professional studios, and institutions. This instrument would be a quality replacement for the Mason & Hamlin Model A pre-depression era baby grand piano in the Women's Building at the time.

After careful consideration, Music Ministry members voted unanimously to move forward with the purchase, representing their commitment to investing in quality instruments to enhance the musical experiences in the life of our CUC 'ohana, and also by extension, to Island guests by providing more opportunities for greater engagement through music.



At the end of April, our piano technician, Phil Glenn, shared an incredible opportunity for a possible relocation of the Mason & Hamlin piano. The Kona Low storms had caused tremendous devastation in various communities, with Haleiwa being one of the hardest hit areas on O'ahu. The First Baptist Church & Preschool of Haleiwa had been inundated with approximately two feet of water, causing catastrophic damage to walls, flooring, and furnishings, including their Sanctuary piano. The Music Ministry, chaired

by Eleanor Mudrick, voted unanimously to actively participate in flood relief efforts in a truly unique way by gifting a piano to another faith community working to restore their worship space.

In a letter dated June 8, 2026, addressed to "*The Saints at Central Union Church of Honolulu*", Pastor Michael R. Procter, Transitional Pastor, wrote:

I returned from three weeks in Alaska and found your gracious gift of the baby grand piano set up and "ready to go" in our auditorium. What a tremendous blessing! With our piano being destroyed in the recent flooding, we truly appreciate your willingness to assist our church family. Being a small congregation that worships in a traditional style, a piano is a central part of our worship service, and your gift has allowed us to continually lift up our voices in praise with accompaniment. Thank you!

Praising the Lord and thankful for you!



My thanks and appreciation to the Music Ministry members for their enthusiasm in supporting and embracing the "Strategic Plan: Reclaiming our Sacred Why" that Pastor Rushan has created for Central Union Church, and for the actions exemplifying their commitment to the Strategic Pillars and Goals set forth!



Church Council Update

David Yee, Church Council Chair, council-chair@centralunionchurch.org

Aloha Centra Union Church 'ohana,

The April Spire report summarized Council discussions on five actions, outlining which we would support and which we would not, to find consensus on what it means for our Church to remain nonpartisan. The May Spire report invited input and comments from members on five-point criteria designed to pass a nonpartisan test. No vote was taken to allow more time for discussion among our congregation, Senior Minister, and Council members. This June Spire report includes the following email from Brody McMurtry, Council Vice Chair. It thoughtfully reflects a new council direction, moving away from a criteria-based guidance toward a foundation of trust:

Aloha Church Council,

I just wanted to follow up from our prior meeting where we had a great discussion on the intersection of moral viewpoints, public policy, and the Church's role in the public square. I believe our Chair also agrees with this view (other views and thoughts are welcomed!). I believe the Council and church position should be:

The church, and the church's pastor on behalf of the church, may speak with freedom to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Further thoughts below:

Religious freedom is paramount and should not be restricted by this Council.

1. The practical reason is timing and the nature of when things may be said. It is not practical for this board of trustees to make a filter for speech.
2. The governance reason is that, in a Congregational church, the pastor will definitely hear from the congregation in terms of the viewpoints. That is best handled between the pastor and the congregation. Different viewpoints can be shared and discussed. The members who spoke out did a great job speaking respectfully and sincerely. If, instead, the board of trustees were the one filtering what the pastor said, then those complaints would improperly rest with the Council and speech would be suppressed.
3. The only time the Council needs to step in for governance is if the pastor went outside what is

allowed by law. For example, endorsing a political campaign for election on behalf of the church or contributing funds to a political campaign for election on behalf of the church. There are plenty of other exact situations to decipher, but I leave that to the many treatises on religious freedom, the great body of case law from the US Supreme Court, and church history throughout the ages. I believe the UCC has resources and legal guidance that the church and pastor can rely upon if any specific question is raised.

A lot of this is about wisdom and timing (choosing what to say, in the right time), not law or church governance. Having a disagreement with something the pastor said in the past is welcomed! But this current Council attempting to make a rule for the future about what can or cannot be said, is a whole other issue of concern.

What happened is a great example of exactly how it should work. I say, let the pastor speak freely to the fullest extent of the law, and allow the congregational process of support / complaints / discernment, prayers, comments—and please be the filter for whether that was a wise action. I trust that everyone will seek the Lord's guidance and look to the example of Jesus, with a humble and brave spirit. Ultimately, if the pastor's viewpoints and speech are within the law, but are too outside what is acceptable for the church body, then the church may choose another pastor.

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I am not suggesting that's the case here at all. I haven't even heard anyone else even make that suggestion: I'm just saying: that's how it works in a Congregational church.

Overall, I was really impressed by the meeting where members came to share their views and people trusted everyone enough to share their viewpoints. It was a great meeting!

I understand some may have a different view and instead may be thinking that the Council should put restrictions in place that go further than what is allowed by law and by the long history of religious freedom enjoyed in the United States: I do not agree.

We are a Congregational church. The Congregational church, and the freedom to speak freely, are foundations of our country. Many wise words by great scholars form the basis of our speech. Unfortunately, even life and limb have

been lost upholding freedom of speech for the church and the church's pastor. We should not restrict it.

If we, as a small Council, put our own laws / rules in place restricting speech, we do not know what specific time or action they will be applied to in the future. Instead, I say, let freedom ring! If we focus on the spirit of making sure that we welcome, and we want people to speak and act freely with love, compassion and wisdom, we can engage all.

Instead of being a place that tries to restrict freedom of religious expression, we want to be a place that contributes to and exemplifies the messy "experiment" of democracy.

Anyway, that's my thought. I hope it is helpful. Mahalo for considering this.

Brody McMurtry, Church Council Vice Chair

Dedication of Trees

Have you noticed the new trees on campus? There's one on each of the Diamond Head sides of Atherton Memorial Chapel and the Sanctuary. They are *Cassia fistula* (golden shower trees) gifted to the church by Eppy Kerr in memory of her loved ones. Plaques beneath the trees read:

In loving memory of George G. Cantlay, Sr. & Helen Reid Cantlay, faithful members of Central Union from 1920 to 1959 and 1986, respectively. Planted by their daughter Elspeth Cantlay Kerr and grandchildren, Keoki Kerr and Alison Kerr White. George served as church auditor for many years & also as deacon. Helen was a perennial deaconess and member of a church circle back in those days.

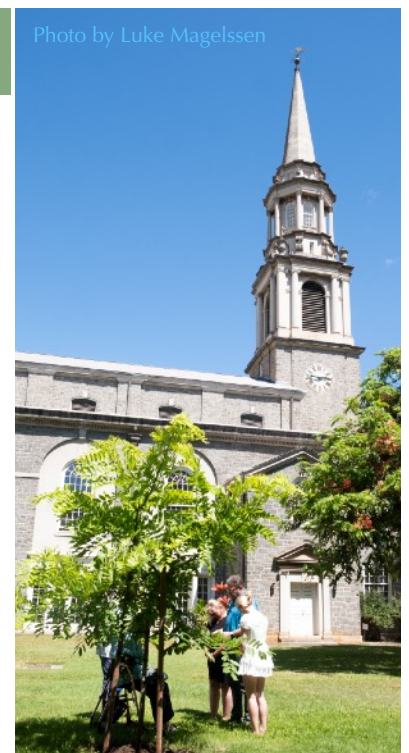


In loving memory of George Lambert Tickner Kerr, faithful member of Central Union from 1970 to 1998. Planted by his wife Elspeth Cantlay Kerr and their children, Keoki Kerr and Alison Kerr White.

George Kerr was vice moderator, moderator of CUC, and then progressed to the same positions at the Conference level. He was also a church trustee at the time of his death.

The trees were dedicated on June 16 in a small, tree-side service with the family and Rev. Dr. George Scott. May these trees continue to grow and serve as a reminder of love and faithfulness through generations!

Photo by Luke Magelssen



Keiki Corner

Cayanna Herrera, *Director of Children's Ministries*

It's summer time and Children's Ministry is moving full steam ahead with activities and plans for the coming weeks, months, and school year! Here are a few updates on what has been happening this spring!

Our Godly Play program has been blessed with a number of new stories and materials such as the stories of Mary, the Mother of Jesus; Jesus and the Women; Peter Changes; Peter's Journey from Jerusalem to Rome; and The Greatest Parable, which we will be exploring this summer and into our new program year. The Children's Ministry has also partnered with our Godly Play trainer, Jenny Wallace, and Godly Play leaders from Epiphany Episcopal Church to lead a Godly Play Core Storyteller training event over three weekends in May and June. We have also partnered with the national Godly Play Foundation and The Episcopal Church of Hawai'i to develop and write an official Godly Play story about our beloved Queen Emma and her work for God and the Hawaiian people which is scheduled for completion near the end of this calendar year.



We are looking forward to several exciting events!

July 19th • Together with our Youth and Welcome & Engagement Ministries, we will be hosting an event to celebrate summer. Directly following the one service that Sunday at 10 AM, our ministries will host a potluck complete with fresh popcorn and other special treats, and water play for the keiki!

**SUMMER 2026
COMPASSION
CAMP**

Sponsored by
Central Union Church
Children's Ministry

July 20-24 (Mon-Fri)
For children ages 3-11
REGISTER NOW - SPACE IS LIMITED!
\$65 suggested donation

bit.ly/cuc2026compassion

July 20-24 • Space is still available at **Compassion Camp** for children age three through fifth grade. If you know someone that would enjoy a special week of fun and adventure, register online at bit.ly/cuc2026compassion.

August 9 • Annual Backpack Blessing

Whether you are entering your first weeks of preschool or you are beginning another year of post-graduate studies; whether you are a student, teacher, faculty member, or staff member, you are invited to bring your 'school' bag for a special blessing. Let's kick off the new school year right!

More Messy Church events to come! Keep an eye out for more of these special evening worship programs that are full of food, fun, and fellowship for all ages. Stay tuned for dates and registration information coming soon!

As you can see, summer might mean long, lazy days for some, but here at Central Union Church's Children's Ministry, we're gearing up for all kinds of fun in the sun!



Youth Transitions

Melissa Thach, *Youth Director*

In May we got to celebrate the high school graduations of Kapai, Casey & Andrew (not pictured, but who was valedictorian of his class!). Getting to be part of their high school journeys is such a privilege and we wish them all the best in whatever the future holds.

As we jumped into summer, we began making the transition to our new space in the Family Life Building. The youth have helped on Sundays cleaning out and moving and we've also had help from the Pohnpei Ministry, Veronique Braithwaite, Carol Asuncion & Kristen Young. We are looking forward to being all settled in early July!



At the end of July, we will head to Kauai for our annual retreat—a time to be off our phones, in nature, with one another. It's a great time of connection with our Creator and one another and we appreciate your prayers as we set out intentions for the next school year—both personally and as a youth group.

The statistics around youth mental health grow more concerning every year and as a High School counselor and CU Youth Director, I can confirm that our kids are dealing with a lot. I try not to ask much of the congregation (outside of help with Punahou parking every year—ha!) but right now I am asking: #1, that everyone in our congregation would pray for our youth and all the teenagers in our lives; #2, consider volunteering with our youth. You don't have to give a lot of time to make an impact—teenagers having just one caring adult outside their family is a strong mental health protective factor.



If you don't feel called to hang out with teenagers once in a while, would you commit to praying for them? Together, I know we can continue to make safe spaces for our youth to know they are loved by their community and their Creator.

Building Resilience

In a deliberative community-led process hosted by the City earlier this year—part of the Resilience O’ahu Action 15 initiative—members of the community specifically identified Central Union Church as a “trusted gathering place” and potential [Resilience Hub](#). Because of this trust, CUC was invited to explore becoming a Resilience Hub for our area. In early June,Carolynn Bell-Tuttle, Melinda Dallas, Ronny Lynn, Amy McCarthy, and Royce Wong represented CUC at the first ever Resilience Hub Summit. They learned more about how we can build our resilience and serve our wider community. We look forward to getting more people involved and growing our resilience here at CUC! Stay tuned!

Reflection

Melinda Dallas

I was honored to attend the Summit to learn about Community Resilience Hubs, and how Central Union could become one for our community. I was truly moved and inspired by the way people from all walks of life had come together to create places of shelter and fellowship in even tiny places, and thought about what an incredible opportunity we have to be a place of refuge and comfort not just for our own church members but also our neighbors in our surrounding community in both “blue skies” and “gray skies”, or good times and bad. If these small groups had created such a powerful impact in their areas, I can only imagine how much Central Union could do for our community. I hope we will move in this direction, and when people see our steeple, they will know that we are a place where in every way, our words and actions show that “Love Never Faileth”.



Following Joseph's Example: Preparing Before the Storm

Carolynn Bell-Tuttle

In Genesis 41–47, we read the story of Joseph. Although he was sold into slavery by his brothers, God used him in a powerful way. After interpreting Pharaoh's dream, Joseph understood that seven years of abundance would be followed by seven years of famine. He developed a plan to store food during the good years so that when hardship came, Egypt and the surrounding nations would have what they needed to survive.

Joseph's story teaches us that preparation is an act of wisdom and stewardship. The recent Kona Low storms reminded us that disasters can happen with little warning. While we cannot prevent every emergency, we can take steps to be prepared.

Check out some tips to prepare! >>

As a church family, we are called not only to care for our own households but also to be ready to serve others when needs arise. We encourage you to begin—or strengthen—your preparedness efforts today by creating an emergency plan and building a disaster kit for your family.

In the coming months, we will share more information about our church's preparedness initiatives and ways you can get involved. For now, our focus is on helping each family become prepared and resilient.

By taking action today, we will be better equipped tomorrow to provide practical support, offer hope, and share God's love with our neighbors when they need it most.

PREPARING BEFORE THE STORM

1. Make a Family Plan

- Identify a meeting place near your home and a secondary location if evacuation becomes necessary.
- Choose an out-of-town contact who can help family members reconnect.
- Sign up for emergency alerts and make sure all family members know how to receive updates. Sign up for O’ahu’s mass emergency notification at hnlalert.gov.
- Discuss evacuation routes and shelter options before an emergency occurs.



2. Build an Emergency Kit

A good initial goal for Hawai’i families is to prepare enough supplies for 14 days.

WATER & FOOD

- Water: One gallon per person, per day for drinking and sanitation (14 gallons per person)
- Stock non-perishable, no-cook food options—such as canned protein, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, crackers, and protein bars
- Tools: Manual can opener, durable eating utensils, and disposable dishware



GEAR & POWER

- Battery-powered or hand-crank weather radio
- Portable battery banks for charging phones
- Waterproof flashlights or headlamps with extra batteries
- Multi-tool, whistle, work gloves, and wrench or pliers for turning off utilities
- Heavy-duty garbage bags



HEALTH & FIRST AID

- Bandages, sterile gauze, antiseptic wipes, antibiotic ointment, tweezers, and a thermometer
- A 14-day supply of life-sustaining prescription medications
- Hand sanitizer, soap, moist towelettes, toothpaste, toilet paper



DOCUMENTS & COMFORT

- Copies of identification cards, insurance policies, medical records, and banking information stored in a waterproof container
- Emergency cash in small bills and coins, since ATMs and electronic payment systems may not be available
- Sleeping bags or blankets, sturdy shoes, and appropriate clothing



INFANTS & PETS

- Formula, bottles
- Diapers, wipes, and diaper rash cream
- Extra pet food, collapsible bowls, leash, collar

3. Prepare Spiritually

In addition to practical supplies, consider including items that nurture your faith and provide comfort during difficult times:

- A Bible, favorite scripture passages, a prayer list, worship music and devotional materials.



Disaster preparedness is not about fear—it is about being ready to care for ourselves and to serve others when challenges come. Just as Joseph prepared during times of abundance, we too can take small steps today that may make a big difference tomorrow.

Our Wider Church

Central Union Church is part of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ (HCUCC). Each year, our Conference gathers for the 'Aha Pae'āina—its annual meeting—to do business and share in fellowship with our sister churches. CUC is allowed five voting delegates. Three members volunteered to represent CUC as delegates this year. Here they share their reflections. Consider attending next June!

Ken Harding, *Central Union Delegate*

This month, as we—as fellow Americans—ponder the profound implications of “Juneteenth”, the newest (2021) of Federal holidays, it is good to reflect upon one of the oldest of God’s promises, that of eternal life, through faith in his only begotten son, Jesus Christ!

Appropriately, such heightened Spiritual Awareness was the stirring takeaway of last week’s 204th 'Aha Pae'āina, which I attended as one of three delegates from Central Union Church. Hosted by the Waipahu UCC, we were clasped in “Holy Abrazos” by delegates and guests representing most of the 117 UCC Congregations across Hawai'i Nei.

The overriding theme of this year’s 'Aha was “Building Bridges”, and this we did without ceasing, for three days of mele, food, prayer, conversation, welcome, workshops and engagement—in a heartfelt expression of Heavenly Love and Hawaiian Aloha!

Delegates sang, danced, and ate, as Conference speakers, led by HCUCC Rev. Kahu David Popham, extolled the power and presence of God’s Holy Word. Adding heft to the annual event were words of support from the national office of the United Church of Christ, delivered by the Rev. Shari K. Prestemon, whose soaring rhetoric set a lofty tone for the entire gathering.

With a bio overflowing with both global and local ministry, from the Philippines to Palestine, from disaster relief to inherent grace, Rev. Prestemon has received impressive special citations throughout her ministerial career. Raised in the midwest, she has served the Lord tirelessly, wherever she’s gone. Accolades include the Reinhold Niebuhr Award for Service by Eden Theological Seminary, the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award from Chicago Theological Seminary, and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio.

In Waipahu last week, she once again rose to the occasion, moving her listeners to new levels of faithfulness, with her timeless message of justice, witness and inclusion!

Shirley Tom, *Central Union Delegate*

Mahalo to Martha and Ken for making me feel welcome at my first 'Aha Pae'āina 2026. I did initially feel like a fish out of water but before long, due to everyone’s warmth and aloha, I felt right at home among those who were faithful to God and committed to UCC.

What a wonderful experience... just AWESOME!!! I had the opportunity to meet participants who came from little churches (congregations of maybe 20) and several large churches (Kaumakapili comes to mind), board members (I met Lynn from our Windward church who serves as treasurer for UCC Council), conversations with dedicated Pastors who shared their experiences leading worshipers in this time in history, workshops, great speakers, the vibrant youth group (our future) who shared their talents and lifted all of us singing... and yes, the wonderful food spread (yummy!!!) from churches in Waipahu including Samoan and Pohnpeian communities... such generous hearts!

Two words come to mind when I left the last day. **Inspired...** I felt enveloped in God’s love

and want to serve him with more enthusiasm.

Thankful... as I thought of our beautiful campus with our Sanctuary, Atherton Chapel, Parish Hall, Women’s Building, Thrift Shop, Daycare, Preschool, the gorgeous grounds, etc... We are truly blessed here at Central Union Church!

So... how do we as a church best utilize this blessing, our wonderful campus, to better serve our church members and the greater community?





Martha Balkin, *Central Union Delegate & Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Conference Foundation*

The theme of the 204th Aha Pae'āina was Building Bridges. From June 11-13 at Waipahu UCC, we were given the opportunity to do just that as we celebrated relationships between cultures, islands, youth and elders, churches large and small. Of course there was lots of singing, some dancing, multiple occasions of feasting and the joy of being together. We also heard from different speakers about the transformative power of connection. In our closing worship on Saturday, Rev. Dr. James Fother, Western Region Generosity Officer for the United Church of Christ lifted up the following prayer written by John Roedel. It's a reminder that when life feels overwhelming, our call is not to change the world. Our call is to love our neighbor—fearlessly.



Central Union was one of the churches recognized for being a **leader in giving**, having contributed to the UCC special mission offerings and Our Church's Wider Mission. Thank you for your support of these initiatives! (Pictured above are church representatives with our Conference Minister and the Western Region Generosity Officer.)

In the face of war I'm so small.
Yet love is big.

I can't make the
world be peaceful

I can't stall tanks
from roaring down roads

I can't prevent children
from having to hide in bunkers

I can't convince the news to
stop turning war into a video game

I can't silence the sound of bombs
tearing neighborhoods apart

I can't turn a guided missile
into a bouquet of flowers

I can't make a warmonger
have an ounce of empathy

I can't convince ambassadors
to quit playing truth or dare

I can't deflect a sniper's bullet
from turning a wife into a widow

I can't stave off a country being
reduced to ash and rubble

I can't do any of that

the only thing I can do
is love the next person I encounter
without any conditions or strings

to love my neighbor
so fearlessly that
it starts a ripple
that stretches from
one horizon to the next

I can't force peace
on the world

but I can become a force
of peace in the world

because

sometimes all it takes
is a single lit candle
in the darkness

to start a movement

"Lord, make me a candle
of comfort in this world

let me burn with peace"

- [john roedel](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

June 28: Keiki Car Seat Checks 10 AM – 12 PM
Call to schedule an appointment: 808-527-2588

July 12: Learning Tree @ 10 AM
Hantavirus and Ebola – Emerging & Re-emerging Viruses w/ Joe Elm



July 19: ONE worship service @ 10 AM + Summer Celebration & Potluck Party
The whole Central Union 'ohana is invited to the Parish Hall for a summer celebration (following one combined worship service). Bring a favorite dish/side to add to the spread! So far we've got hot dogs, hamburgers, vegetarian chili, rice, and Pohnpeian fried chicken. (You can drop off your food and labeled serving utensils in the Parish Hall before the worship service or bring it with you after.) In addition to the potluck, there will be a sundae bar in honor of National Ice Cream Day, fresh popcorn, water play outside for keiki, and fellowship for all! Come and enjoy! Friends welcome!

July 19: Jazz Vespers @ 5:30 PM

July 20-24: Children's Ministry Compassion Camp

July 24-26: Youth Retreat to Kaua'i

July 26: Stewardship season begins for 2027

July 29: Young(ish) Adults Game Night

August 9: Annual Backpack Blessing in worship + **Learning Tree @ 10 AM - Mindfulness** w/ Marion Lyman-Mersereau

August 13: Chancel Choir starts up again



Floral Arrangers Needed!

The CUC Flower Committee is happily welcoming new people to learn and help with the floral arrangements that adorn our worship spaces each Sunday. If you're interested in being part of this blossoming ministry, contact Dona Hanaike for more info: flowers@centralunionchurch.org

Pohnpei Ministry Seeking Instruments!

If you have a musical instrument of any kind that you are planning to get rid of or donate, CUC Pohnpei Ministry would love to receive it for their music ministry!



CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

CHURCH WIDE

SUMMER CELEBRATION POTLUCK PARTY

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

11 AM in the Parish Hall
Following the 10 AM worship service

Bring something for the potluck and come enjoy!

Sundae bar for National Ice Cream Day!
Water play for keiki! Fresh popcorn! Fellowship for all!

We hope to CU there!



SERMON SERIES Beyond Belief

June 21, 2026
Courage over Comfort

June 28, 2026
Welcome is the Witness

July 5, 2026
Rest That Sets Us Free

July 12, 2026
Doing the Soil Work

July 19, 2026
Faith in a Mixed Field

Faith is often presented as a destination—a point of 'belief' we reach and then stay put. But Jesus calls us into a movement.

Our series **Beyond Belief** explores the counter-cultural invitations of the Kingdom. From the bravery required to speak truth to the quiet resistance of Sabbath rest, we will discover how to cultivate a faith that thrives in a complex world. What does it mean to live a life that goes deeper than just "believing the right things"? This 5-week journey through the Gospel of Matthew challenges us to move beyond comfortable pews and easy answers. We'll explore how Jesus calls us to a faith that is courageous, welcoming, restful, cultivated, patient.

~ Remembering our Saints ~

Please pray for the family of **Gale Young** who died on June 1, 2026. A service will be held on July 16 at 10 AM.