



# *NCC News*

## **March 3, 2013**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church*

### **Mahalo!**

Thank you to all the volunteers who kept the office open during my vacation! I really appreciate your time and support! Paula Yamamoto

### **Lenten Study**

The Lenten Study will continue to the focus on the Psalms. The class will be offered on the following Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the choir room on **February 19, 26, March 12, 19**. It is led by **Pastor Mary**.

### **Membership/Baptism Classes**

Membership/baptism classes will be offered on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. during Lent: **February 17, 24, March 3, March 10**. If you are interested in finding out more about Nuʻuanu Congregational Church, what church membership is all about, wish to be baptized, or wish to become a member, please contact Paula Yamamoto and attend the first session on **February 17**. If you have any questions, contact **Pastor Mary**.

### **New NCC Website**

We have updated the church's website with a new "look and feel." We are especially proud of the up-to-date and dynamic calendar section. Please take a look around the website, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the church office. <http://nuuanu.org>

### **One Great Hour of Sharing - March 10**

*"Sharing Brings Joy - To us. To others. To God"* is the theme for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing. This UCC Special Mission Offering will be taken on **next Sunday**. Can you imagine what brings joy to the heart of the Holy One? God knows joy when we take actions that restore the well-being of God's children everywhere. When we reach out to others with helping hands, we share love and justice with our brothers and sisters, with whom we are one. God loves our joyful attitude when we share from our abundance!

## **Drama in Life Performance - March 16**

Once again, Drama in Life, a performing arts group from Tokyo, Japan, will be coming to perform in Hawaii. They will be presenting a performance for all ages at NCC on Saturday, **March 16**, in Kosasa Hall at 3:00 p.m. If you missed last year's performance, you won't want to miss this year's! The free performance is open to the public. We will be having light refreshments following the performance. Refreshment donations are appreciated. Paula Yamamoto

## **Evergreens for Advent**

The Diaconate is looking ahead for evergreen sources for this year's Advent wreaths. We have been so fortunate all these past years with Yoshi Takaki's abundant juniper cuttings for our lovely Advent wreaths. Since his passing this past year, we have lost our source of evergreens. If you have or know someone who has juniper evergreens in their yard and is willing to let the church come and trim their tree in November, please contact the Diaconate or church office. Thank you.

## **March Refreshments**

The month of March is an open month (not assigned to a board or group). If you would like to kokua and sign up to bring and serve refreshments, see **Becky Kanenaka**. Oh, yes, prepare the tea beforehand and clean up afterwards, too!

## **NCC and UCC Judd Golf Fellowship**

Save **April 27!** Join with our brothers and sisters of UCC Judd St. for an afternoon of golf and fellowship! We have 5 tee times at Navy Marine Golf Course, so sign up early with **Paula Yamamoto** to reserve your slot. Check in is at 11:30 a.m. Cost is approximately \$50/person (depending on your military/non-military status). Pay your \$5 greenie fee when you sign up. Stay for the no host fellowship afterwards at Sam Snead.



## **Staff on Leave**

**Paula Yamamoto** will be attending a family wedding in Phoenix **March 6-13**. **Pastor Mary** will be on the Big Island **March 4-9** attending the Clergy Retreat in Kona. For pastoral emergencies, contact **Rev. Howard Yoshida** at 487-8795 (home) or 285-2102 (cell).

## **2013 Altar Flower Chart**

Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral arrangement! Open dates are: March 10, 17, April 14, May 12, June 16, and September 15. Sign up on the 2013 Altar Flower Chart in the church office or call Paula.