



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

One Great Hour of Sharing

"Sharing Brings Joy - To us. To others. To God" is the theme for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing. **This morning**, we will be taking this UCC Special Mission Offering. 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! Your generosity is appreciated!

Easter Lilies

This year the Diaconate is selling white Asiatic lilies for Easter Sunday. After the Easter service, the lilies will be available for pick up. To reserve a potted plant, please see Mabel Suzuki. The cost is \$10 each.

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 an afternoon of storytelling 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

Youth Mission Retreat - March 23 to 26

It's not too late to register for the Youth Mission Retreat during Spring Break! This retreat is for those who are in the 6th through 12th grades and will be held from **Saturday, March 23 to Tuesday, March 26**. We'll be doing mission work at Mohala Farm in Haleiwa, at the Hauula Project and at NCC. A more detailed schedule will be distributed soon. It'll be a great opportunity for us to learn to be better stewards of the Earth and to share God's love with others. Please see Pastor Mary or Lori Yamashiro **TODAY** if you need a registration form or have any questions.

Lori Yamashiro, Youth Advisor

Holy Week Services

March 24 (Palm Sunday), 9:00 a.m. - The Chancel Choir will present "Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb," directed by Russell Ishida.

March 28 (Maundy Thursday), 6:00 p.m. - A soup supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Kosasa Hall.

March 29 (Good Friday), 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. - Tenebrae service

March 31 (Easter), 6:00 a.m. - Sunrise service at Halona Blow Hole with Hawaii Kai UCC; 9:00 a.m. - Resurrection Easter service at NCC

Hui Hoaloha March Event

The next Hui Hoaloha event will be on Thursday, **March 21** at 9:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall. We are fortunate to have **Dr. Chester Naka**, our former Moderator and long time member of our church, speak to us. Chester has been a dentist for over 35 years and has many observations and hints to share with us about how to maintain our teeth. He will focus on "dry mouth" syndrome, which he finds is prevalent, especially among his older patients. He will share his insights on the causes of this condition and provide recommendations on what we can do to prevent or overcome this condition.

Please save this date and join us for a morning of interesting information about our mouths and of how we can help ourselves to maintain healthy teeth and gums. The March planning group will offer a simple lunch after the talk: Ethel Sasaki, Dorothy Nakagawa, Ray and Shirley Miyamoto.

All-Church Clean Up - Changed to March 30



Due to a conflict on March 16, the Board of Trustees has re-scheduled the Spring clean to Saturday, **March 30**. Many hands make for light work, so, your help is appreciated. The clean up will begin at 9:00 a.m. A light lunch will be provided by the BOT following the clean up.

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. A no-host fellowship gathering will follow at Sam Snead. Donations of any kind are being accepted. You may drop it off at the church office.





In Loving Memory

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of the late **Ruth Tomita** who passed away on February 2, 2013. A private service was officiated by Pastor Mary Paik.

NCC Scholarship Applications

Applications for the NCC Scholarship will be available at the church office from March 18, 2013. The NCC Scholarships are available to members and friends of Nu'uano Congregational Church who are pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university. Please note that the application deadline is **April 30, 2013** (including all references and official transcripts). George Honjiyo, Scholarship Committee chair

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>

2013 Altar Flower Chart

Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral arrangement! Open dates are: March 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.

Staff on Leave

Paula Yamamoto is away from her desk attending a family wedding in Phoenix, AZ. She will return to work on March 14.