



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

NCC Scholarship Applications - 2 more days!

Just 2 more days to turn in scholarship applications and supporting documents (transcripts, references) - **April 30, 2013**. The NCC Scholarships are available to members, and children and relatives of members who are pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university. The exception to the policy is that the scholarship is available to seminarians of the United Church of Christ.

George Honjiyo, Scholarship Committee chair

World Religions Adult Bible Study

Join us each Tuesday evening as **Pastor Mike Grogan** leads us through a study of major world religions in Hawaiʻi. We begin each week with a light supper, then spend about an hour in study. Pastor Mike will lead us for a six week study covering the basic histories, beliefs, and practices of some of the major religions of the world, and how Christians might better relate to them.

Everyone is welcome to come to any, or all of the following sessions:

- 4/9 Introduction to Religion & Judaism
- 4/16 Hinduism
- 4/23 Buddhism
- 4/30 Chinese traditional religions
- 5/7 Islam
- 5/14 Mormonism & Christian views of other faiths.

Staff on Leave

Pastor Mary is on study leave from **April 15 to 21**, attending the annual conference of Korean American Presbyterian Clergywomen. Then, she will be on vacation, returning on April 29. Please contact **Lori Yamashiro at 292-5249** in case of pastoral emergency. She will put you in touch with the **Rev. Howard Yoshida**, our on-call pastor.

Correction

The floral offering for last Sunday was inadvertently omitted in the worship bulletin. The beautiful tropical arrangement was offered by **Allen and Diana Wong**.

Sunday Refreshment Clean Up

Just a reminder...please help us control the ant problem at the church by cleaning up after Sunday refreshment or any group activity and disposing all trash into the outside dumpster. Do not leave food packaging, used paper goods in the trash cans in any of the kitchens, old library, preschool office, classrooms, and gym. Also, please wipe the kitchen counters, wash and put away all teapots, etc.



On Monday mornings, the preschool teachers have been silently cleaning up after us, but they've recently reported the ant problem in the old administration building. Your kokua is greatly appreciated! Mahalo.

Hui Hoaloha May Event

When: **Thursday, May 16**

9:30 a.m.

What: Award-winning Korean movie (English subtitles)

Mark your calendar - you don't want to miss this! "*The Way Home*" is the story of a seven year old boy from the city and his elderly grandmother, a deaf-mute who has spent her entire life in a small rural village - a place without electricity, indoor plumbing or access to the fast-food restaurants. This movie is "one of the very best movies of the year." It is "tender and touching!"

You can enjoy popcorn during the movie and refreshments after the movie. May planners are Carol Hamada, Itsuko Kaneshiro, Alice and Howard Ishihara.

Red T-Shirts and Gallon Jugs Needed

Do you have RED T-shirts you no longer want? In preparation for Pentecost Sunday (May 19), we are collecting old RED T-shirts. If you have any, please drop them off at the church.

We are interested in conducting a hydroponic lettuce growing experiment using 1 gallon jugs. If you have 1 gallon milk/juice jugs, please drop off clean jugs at the church office for Pastor Mary.

Mahalo.

Pastor Mary

Offering Envelopes

Please help the Sunday counters by placing contributions in your assigned pledge envelopes and writing your name and check number on the envelope. This saves them a lot of time having to look up your pledge number and recording it. Mahalo to all the counters who diligently perform this task every Sunday. You are appreciated!

In Loving Memory



Our deepest condolences go out to the family of the late **Nancy Fujimori** who passed away on April 9, 2013. Nancy is the mother of **Dwight Fujimori, Lynne Briggles** and the grandmother of **Bryce and Haley Briggles**. A private service is pending. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Ulu Wai Ministry Projects

Many thanks for all the t-shirt and hanger donations and to all the craft participants and helpers: **Charlie Tronoff, Ingrid Schwab, Cliff Lum, Kimie Fujioka, Lance Goya, Kym Kanenaka, Ty and Dawn Hayashi**. Our celebration of Earth Day showed how each one of us can reduce our carbon footprint in our daily lives.

Worms with a Side Order of Greens was "eaten and digested." The hydroponic and worm talks were quite successful. About 30 people attended the two talks at NCC, as well as 60+ others at other talks in the community, were very well received. We even had two radio talks on worms on KNDI. The attendees were appreciative of this service to educate the community and even asked what else our church offered in terms of community sessions. There was much interaction between the speakers and audience as they shared their own garden experiences. Many thanks to **Joyce and Mel Uyehara** and **Ralph Rhoads** for providing the information and enthusiasm on hydroponics and worms. Here is a sample of the feedback from two participants: "We wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed both talks... They were very informative... the presenters were wonderful."

Anyone wishing to get a Wormcycler have until May 21st to purchase one for themselves, relatives and friends from NCC's Cycle 4 series. The interested party needs to 1) go online to a website called createcompost.com, 2) answer the media question, 3) type in the code "NCC8174," 4) click on the magnifying glass icon, and 5) order the wormcycler for a reasonable price of \$60. If you are an active member/friend of the church, yours come with a bunch of free worms, complementary of other church members. If you have computer problems or need any help, call Velma (595-3135) after 7 p.m. or email her at kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net.
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