



# NCC News

## October 6, 2013



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### World Communion Sunday



Today is World Communion Sunday. As Christians around the world celebrate the Lord's Supper together, we remember and celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve. On our Communion Table this morning, we have breads representing different parts of the world, reflecting the diversity of cultures in which we live. The beautiful bread display on the chancel area was

created by **Carol Hamada**. For many years now, Carol has been enhancing our worship with her creativity. Thank you, Carol! We are so fortunate to have such talented folks like you at NCC!

### Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

The *Neighbors in Need* offering, which will be received **this morning**, supports the UCC's ministries for justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. One third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries. *Neighbors in Need* helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Checks may be written to Nu'uanu Congregational Church with NIN on the memo line. An offering envelope may be found in the pew rack for your convenience.

### Blessing of Pets

At the conclusion of the morning service, Pastor Mary will conduct a Blessing of Pets **next Sunday, October 13**, by the St. Francis of Assisi statue behind the gym. We welcome you to bring your pets to worship. Seating will be available outside on the lanai, if you wish to sit with your pet. If your pet does not get along with others, well, we invite you to bring their picture.



## Hui Hoaloha October Event - Counting down till.....

Yes, friends, four days and counting until the October Hui Hoaloha gathering! The Rhythm and Life Chair exercise group, Niko Niko Genki Taiso, will not only teach us chair exercises, but will also entertain us. Leaders are **Kay Murata** and **Linda Kim**. Invite a friend or two for this fun event. See you in Kosasa Hall at 9:30 a.m., Thursday,



**Oct. 10.** Light lunch to follow program. Planners are Kimi Fujioka, Mary Oshiro, Micki Sasaki, and Ethel Yamaguchi.

## Today's Thought - Rev. Paul Osumi: the Man and His Message

Norman Osumi's book is available for purchase during the week in the church office. The retail price is \$17.95 per book, but you may pick up a copy at NCC for \$15.00 per book. Proceeds will go toward developing youth and young adult leaders. Mahalo for your support!

## Care Packages for College Students

**Today**, our keiki and youth will be putting together care packages to send to our college students. After worship, we will have note cards available so you can write encouraging words to them.

The students that we are sending the care packages to are: Kimo Akinaka, Bryce Briggles, Haley Briggles, Christopher Buto, Kyle Cegler, Brian Chung, Lianne Chung, Micah Goshi, Kelsey Hamano, Robyn Ishida, Jennifer Lum, Alexandria Montiel, Andres Montiel, Makaiwa Tong, Rebecca Weible, Rachel Wong, Lia Yamashiro, and Kristen Young.

## Keiki/Youth Activity - Glow Putt

We'll be taking a trip down to Glow Putt for some glow-in-the-dark mini golf **next Sunday, October 13**. We'll leave for Windward Mall at 11:00 a.m. and be back by 3 p.m. Bring your signed permission form, \$7 for golf and snack. Hope to see you there!

Kristen Young

## Youth Service Project - L.E.I.

Together with United Church of Christ Judd Street, NCC youth will take part in the LEI (Love Every Individual) Project, making lei for the youth of Hale Kipa. Hale Kipa is an organization that works with at-risk/high-risk youth to improve their lives through shelter and support, commitment and advocacy. The lei that we make will be shared with the youth at Hale Kipa's Youth Outreach Program to let them know there are people who love them. If you would like to contribute yarn lei for Hale Kipa, please drop them off at church by **October 29**.



## **Penny Carnival - October 31**

Hale Kipa is also the beneficiary for UCC Judd's 20th Annual Penny Carnival on **October 31st**. Everyone is invited to take part in this Halloween celebration with clean fun, games, food, and fellowship. This year's theme is "Run the Race," coming from 1 Corinthians 9:24. The Penny Carnival will begin at 6:30 and go until 8 p.m. Dress up in a costume or come as yourself. Bring pennies to play games and win prizes!

## **Mahalo!**

The new chasuble that Pastor Mary is wearing today was created by **Kimie Fujioka, Helen Pierce, and Micki Sasaki**. This chasuble is intended to be worn during "Ordinary Time" in the Liturgical year. "Ordinary Time" is designated as a time in the Christian calendar not associated with Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas. During Ordinary Time, scripture readings focus on how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives. Hence, the color for this season is green, symbolizing growth and hope. The fabric of the chasuble is distinctly Hawaiian with images of "honu" symbolizing peace, humility, long life, spirit of guidance, and blessings. Pastor Mary will be wearing this chasuble when she preaches at the Saebat Church in Seoul, Korea on October 27. Mahalo, Kimie, Helen, and Micki for sharing your gift with us and enhancing our worship life.

## **Nichigobu News**

During the weekly Nichigobu Worship, prayers are offered and greeting cards signed by attendees are mailed to absentees, homebound, seasonal attendees from Japan, and others. The weekly Nichigobu visitation on Thursdays to Maunalani Nursing and Rehabilitation Center offers an hour long program to an average of 25 residents. Songs, scripture, messages of hope, love and faith are offered. Volunteers are welcomed to join the ministry that began two years ago. Contact the visitation team, **Stan or Fumiko Kamita, Walter Nomura, and Hatsuko Suzui**.

## **White Christmas Heads Up!**

Now that the Christmas displays have hit the malls, it is time to start stocking up on goodies to share during White Christmas. This year, we will be sharing our donations with the UCC Transition House, as well as the River of Life Mission. So keep a lookout for sales on underwear, feminine products, and just about anything that will help keep someone healthy.

Judy Keith

## **Early Deadline for November Caller and NCC News**

Paula will be formatting all of the worship bulletins and the November Caller prior to leaving for Korea on October 16. Please plan ahead, if you have any items that you want to include in the NCC News or Caller. Email your articles by **October 9**. Announcements can always be made orally during the worship service, if you miss the deadline or if something comes up last minute. Mahalo.

Paula Yamamoto

## **Give Aloha Update**

A big thank you, to everyone who participated in Foodland's Give Aloha Program! From the last printout (9/1-9/24), 45 folks made contributions to NCC totaling \$8,547.00! The church will receive all of the contributions and matching grants in mid-October. Mahalo for your support!

Paula Yamamoto

## **Congratulations, Kris!**

Congratulations to **Kris Hartwell** on his recent promotion from 1st Lieutenant to Captain! He is the Headquarters Company Executive Officer for the 2nd Stryker Brigade. Kris is married to Major Ashley.