



NCC News

November 10, 2013



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Chutney and Jam Sale

Once, again, **Donald and June Ikeda's** delicious chutney and jams will be available for purchase **today** on the Fellowship lanai after the morning worship. Proceeds from this sale will go towards the Alaka'i @ Nu'uanu Program (developing youth and young adult leadership. Thank you, Donald and June, for your generous support of our youth and young adult programs!



All-Church Clean Up - November 16



Bring your rags and cleaning tools to the all-church clean up on Saturday, **November 16**, starting at 8:30 a.m. With many hands, we should be done early enough for you tailgaters! A light lunch will be provided by the Board of Trustees.

Sukkah

The sukkah ("booth" or tabernacle") is reminiscent of the fragile dwellings the Israelites lived in during the 40 years they wandered in the desert after they were freed from slavery in Egypt. It is also a reminder of God's provision to the Israelites during that time.

Today, we are reminded of God's provision in our lives. We invite you to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the sukkah on Sunday, **November 24** (Thanksgiving Sunday). The collected food will be donated to the Hawai'i Food Bank. With gratitude, let us share our abundance with others!



Greening the Church - November 29



Save **Friday, November 29!** We will be preparing the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. for that wonderful season of Advent. Bring your garden clippers and lend a hand! Able-bodied men are needed to cut and set up the Christmas tree.

52nd Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 26

Join us on Tuesday, **November 26**, for this unique Thanksgiving service with our neighboring faith communities. The theme for this year is “We All Stand Together Shoulder to Shoulder.” The service will be held at United Church of Christ, 467 Judd Street at 7:00 p.m. Additional parking is available at Church of the Nazarene, 408 Judd Street or at Tenrikyo Honolulu Ko Church , 349 Judd Street (front lot only).

Lorraine Gershun from Kids Hurt Too Hawaii will offer the message. Kids Hurt Too Hawaii is a non-profit organization that supports children impacted by death, divorce, and placement in foster care. Training for workers and parents are offered, along with crisis intervention after deaths from homicide, suicide, accidents, and disasters. Kids Hurt Too Hawaii was selected as the beneficiary of the goodwill offering that will be collected that evening.



Hui Hoaloha Christmas Luncheon



The Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, **December 12, 2013** at 15 Craigsid e Place at 11:00 a.m. The cost of the buffet luncheon is \$12.00. Sign-up begins **today** on the Fellowship lanai. Parking is limited, so please plan to carpool to Craigsid e. December planners are Sets Takahashi, Edith Fujihara, Barbara and Howard Mau.

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

Annual Reports Deadline!

The days are whizzing by, and soon December will be upon us with a blink of the eye! You know what that means? Christmas shopping? Yes, but also annual reports! Start thinking of how you would like to summarize the year with the many accomplishments from our hard-working council, boards, committees, and pastor. Email reports by **December 8**. Mahalo in advance for your kokua.

Paula Yamamoto

November 10 - Ulu Wai Talks Tonight and Tuesday

“Worms with a Side Order of Greens II” talk on November 10 (7:00 p.m.) and November 12 (9:00 a.m.) in Kosasa Hall. Come and learn how to reduce your carbon footprint.

Wormcyclers Available

An on-line program for non-profits is now in Hawaii. This program allows NCC members and friends to purchase a Wormcycler direct-from-the-factory for a very reasonable price (~\$60). It makes a great holiday gift for the gardener in your family.

From November – January the NCC ohana and friends may go on-line and purchase a Wormcycler. Go to createcompost.com. Just answer the simple survey question, put in NCC’s code which is “NCC8175” and click on the magnifying glass icon. Skip the question about the zip code and continue on.

If you need computer help, want to buy composting worms (\$30/ pound of bedding with worms, no cost for NCC members), or other assistance, call Velma Akinaka @ 595-3135 after 7 p.m. or email her at kimoment2@hawaiiintel.net for more information. If you are already a wormer and would like to share worms with our NCC family, please let Velma know.

Velma Akinaka

Ulu Wai Ministry in the "Loaning" Business

Are you interested in vermicomposting and understanding what it’s all about? Three Wormcycler systems will be available as loaners to interested church members, so you can experience vermicomposting firsthand with the right equipment in the comfort of your homes. Education will be on a one to one and/or group basis as time permits. Email: kimoment2@hawaiiintel.net or call Velma @ 595-3135 after 7 p.m., if you are interested in trying out the Wormcycler loaners for a few months. It will reduce your carbon footprint and help keep our aina alive and nourished. It’s a win-win... for you, for our aina, for our island state, for doing God’s work.

Velma Akinaka

Nichigobu Support Group Meeting

Members of the Nichigobu Support Group are encouraged to attend an informational meeting **today** in the old library. Upcoming worship speakers, as well as plans for next year will be discussed. Please attend if you can. Call **Miles Yamabe** for questions/comments. Thanks!

Miles Yamabe

Nichigobu News

The Rev. Armin and Mrs. Evelyn Kroehler will share their 49 years of experience as missionaries in Aizu, Japan at 9 a.m. **today** at the Nichigobu Worship Service in the former library, adjacent to the Fellowship lanai.

Rev. Kroehler, a graduate of Eden Theological Seminary, and ordained by the Montana United Church of Christ, and his wife Evelyn of 63 years, were commissioned missionaries to Aizu in 1950 by the United Church of Christ after two years of language study in Tokyo. From 1979 to 1999, Rev. Kroehler served as Director of the Aizu Christian Rural Life Center. The Kroehlers retired in 1999 in Honolulu.

Inspired by the steadfast faith of many Christians martyrs during the 17th century in Aizu Japan, they authored a book, Kirishitan (Christian) in Aizu. The pictorial book traces the history, artifacts, and locality of the Christians in Aizu (Northern Japan) during the feudal era when the warlords feared colonizations by Western powers. There appeared to be more Christians persecuted/martyred in Japan than in Rome relative to historical and scholastic accounts, burial sites, and monuments described in the book. Other publications by the Kroehlers include, A Grain of Mustard Seed.

Everyone is welcome to the Nichigobu worship.

Dorothy Kusumoto

Give Aloha Final Update

Thanks to all of you, we had another successful year and resulted in a top 100 finish in Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program! We received \$15,184 in customer donations (78 donors), a grant of \$2,466.25 from Foodland, and a grant of \$957.61 from Western Union Foundation for a total of \$18,607.86! Mahalo nui loa to Foodland and to Western Union for their support to our community and mahalo for your support of NCC!



Paula Yamamoto

2013 Contributions



Just a reminder....in order for contributions to be credited for the 2013 tax year, they must be either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than December 31, 2013 or dropped off at the church office before 12 noon, Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Contributions received after December 31 will be credited to 2014.