



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

UCC Launches Appeal to Aid Philippine Survivors

One of the most powerful typhoons in history, Typhoon Haiyan, has left a path of destruction in the Philippines. Thousands of people are missing or dead, and hundreds of thousands of people are homeless. Food, water, shelter and medical supplies are needed to bring immediate relief to the Philippines.

The United Church of Christ has issued an appeal for an initial \$250,000 to support Typhoon Haiyan response efforts. With a disaster of this magnitude, the UCC anticipates that it will continue to work with its partners in the region on long-term recovery efforts for many years to come. However, this initial appeal responds to the dire need of residents for food and emergency relief supplies. Please make your check payable to "Nuʻuanu Congregational Church" and put "Typhoon Haiyan" in the memo line. Our offering will be forwarded to the Hawaiʻi Conference for Wider Church Ministries. Let us be generous.

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 next Sunday, **November 24** (Thanksgiving Sunday). The collected food will be donated to the Hawaiʻi 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.

Give Aloha Receipts

If you haven't already done so, please turn in your Give Aloha receipts ASAP. The printout from Foodland does not include names of donors. The following contributions are not accounted for (no receipts):

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| Sept. 26 | 12:40 | School Street Foodland | \$249 |
| Sept. 29 | 14:07 | Foodland Kapolei | \$249 |
| Oct. 1 | 00:00 | School Street Foodland | \$100 |
| Oct. 1 | 14:52 | Ewa Beach Foodland | \$10 |
| Sept. 29 | 10:46 | School Street Foodland | \$10 - receipt has no name |

Paula Yamamoto

52nd Nu'uaniu 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.



White Christmas Suggestions

This year, we will be collecting items to share with both The River of Life Mission, which serves a largely homeless clientele, and the UCC Transition House, which shelters women and children escaping from abusive relationships. The needs of the two groups are somewhat different. Transition House has shared that their guests would be thrilled to receive the following items: new pillows, hair brushes, toilet paper, deodorant, liquid hand soap and body wash, liquid laundry soap, disinfectant wipes, Windex, and Simple Green. Underwear for both genders is especially appreciated at the River of Life Mission. More suggestions next week.

Judy Keith

Nursery - Coming Soon!

The Board of Christian Nurture is responding to the needs of parents with infants and toddlers and is planning to provide a nursery starting in January. It will be located in Hale 'Ohana and staffed by **Julia Nakamura** and rotating volunteers. If you love the little ones and would like to volunteer for a month as a helper, you will find the sign up on the fellowship lanai after service. Parents are welcome to stay in the nursery with their child if they so desire.



Future plans include providing audio of the worship service to the nursery. Wish list: high chairs and gently used, age appropriate books and toys.

Judy Keith

Nichigobu Worship News

Rev. Yuji Nakamura, is supply pastor for *Nichigobu* (Japanese speaking) worship at 9 a.m. today in the room adjacent to the lanai. A graduate of Tokyo Biblical Seminary, Rev. Nakamura has been serving as Pastor of West Oahu Christian Church in Waipahu for ten years and is currently on medical leave. Rev. Nakamura shared about his health challenges, including cancer now in remission, when he preached at the Nichigobu worship on September 15, 2013. He led the Nichigobu congregants with upbeat hymns and songs he composed and accompanied by his wife, **Chieko**. He will also preach at the Nichigobu worship services on Nov 24, December 1 and 8.

Rev. and Mrs. Nakamura recently returned from Tokyo after visiting their first grandchild born in August 2013. They will depart in mid December for the East Coast for the Japanese Churches Christmas Concerts that will include a visit with Rev. Asada. Everyone welcome to the Nichigobu worship.

Dorothy Kusumoto

Nichigobu Christmas Lunch Buffet at Oahu Country Club

The Nichigobu (Japanese-speaking) congregation's Christmas lunch buffet at \$25.95 per person on **Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 11 a.m.** at Oahu Country Club, 150 Country Club Road. Nu'uanu Church members and friends are cordially invited. Carpool at church parking lot. Sign up on Sundays with **Dorothy Kusumoto** by **December 1** or call Dorothy, 230-7031.

Dorothy Kusumoto

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.

Hui Hoaloha Christmas Luncheon - December 12



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 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.