



NCC News

December 1, 2013



A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

All-Church Advent Activities

Advent begins on Sunday, **December 1**. The first three Sundays in Advent we will have activities following our 9:00 a.m. service in Kosasa Hall for the entire congregation.

Dec. 1 we are having our annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon, advent wreath-making for all who would like to make one, and pictures with Santa. Pictures with Santa are \$10.00 with proceeds going to help fund the March 2014 Youth Mission Trip to Kauai.



Dec. 8 we will be writing and sending Christmas cards to members and friends of NCC who are homebound and to our college students.

Dec 15 we will be making gingerbread houses. All activities are intergenerational. Come and share the joy of the Advent season!

Board of Christian Nurture

“Born is the King” Cantata - December 15

“Born is the King,” a contemporary musical offering by **Beverly Darnall** and featuring the music of **Michael W. Smith**, will be presented by NCC’s Chancel Choir on **December 15, 2013** during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Directed by **Russell Ishida**, the musical offering will be narrated by **Linda Kim** and will feature soloist **Cheryl Chock**. Come and celebrate Christmas with the joy of music! Everyone is welcome and invited!

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. Nuʻuanu Church members and friends are cordially invited. Carpool at church parking lot. Sign up with

Dorothy Kusumoto by **today** or call Dorothy at 230-7031.

Dorothy Kusumoto

Hui Hoaloha Christmas Luncheon - December 12



The Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, **December 12, 2013** at 15 Craigside 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 Craigside. December planners are Sets Takahashi, Edith Fujihara, Barbara and Howard Mau.

Nichigobu Worship News

The Rev. Yuji Nakamura, a supply pastor for *Nichigobu* (Japanese speaking) worship service, will participate in the joint Communion Service with the *Eigobu* (English speaking) worship service at 9 a.m. today. **Linda Kim** and **Setsuko Tokumine** will offer a gospel hula to a song, "*Breeze of the Holy Spirit*" composed by Rev. Nakamura who will play the ukulele and sing with his wife **Chieko**. The Rev. Nakamura will continue to preach today and next Sunday, **December 8** at the Nichigobu worship service at 9 a.m.

The Sunday School students visited the Nichigobu worship service attendees last Sunday and presented hand drawn Thanksgiving cards with neatly written messages of God's love. **Julia Nakamura**, Sunday School Superintendent, **Ruth Gushiken** and **Deanna Wong**, assistants, accompanied the students. *Domo arigato gozai mashita.* (Thank you very much.)

Domo arigato gozai mashita to **Becky Kanenaka** for green tea bags from Korea, **Carol Hamada** for Choc-Pie Fluffy Biscuits, and **Hanako Kuniyoshi** for Pumpkin Crunch Pie from the bakery at Aiea Bowl for refreshment time during the Nichigobu worship service.

The Nichigobu worship service attendees will join the English worship service for the cantata, "*Born is the King*" offered by the Chancel Choir on **December 15** at 9 a.m. See related article.

White Christmas

We are collecting donations for the UCC Transition House and for River of Life Mission this year. A River of Life spokesperson says they can use "almost anything," such as gently used clothing, bedding, and towels. Some new suggestions this year included: band aids, tweezers, nail clippers, hand sanitizer, backpacks or fanny packs, baseball caps, and diapers. And of course, there are the ever popular underwear, socks and feminine supplies.



Christmas Party Gifts for Transition House & Family Promise



The moms at the Transition House have provided us with specific requests for gifts that would be meaningful for each child. See Judy Keith on the fellowship lanai to pick up a card with a suggested gift for one of the children. Bring the gifts to Santa at our Christmas party, and he will make sure they are delivered to the Transition House keiki.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation and let the Missions Committee take care of the shopping, bring your donation to the Christmas Party. We will purchase gift cards for the families at Transition House and Family Promise. If you are wondering why we are not doing something special for the Family Promise keiki, it is because every December it looks like Santa's workshop exploded at the Family Promise headquarters. Many other churches and organizations ensure that the Family Promise children are remembered over the holidays.

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

Treasure Hunt Sale

SAVE the DATE: **Saturday, January 25**, we will have a Treasure Hunt Sale at the church! This event is jointly sponsored by The Children's Center, Inc. and the church.

SAVE your TREASURES: Please begin saving all of your "treasures" that you no longer need/want that you can donate to the Treasure Hunt Sale. For more information, contact **Laurie Hamano**.

Annual Reports Due - December 8

Please email your report (preferably in Word) to Paula by **December 8**. Your kokua is greatly appreciated! Mahalo!

Paula Yamamoto

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):

Oct. 1	00:00	School Street Foodland	\$100
Oct. 1	14:52	Ewa Beach Foodland	\$10

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.

Head Cabbage Koko

Many folks have requested the tsukemono recipe from the recent Hui Hoaloha meeting. Thank you, **Ethel Yamaguchi**, for sharing your recipe.

1 large head cabbage (slice into finger-size pieces and put in a large glass bowl or similar).

Sauce:

1 c. sugar
2 T. coarse salt (alae salt preferable)
1/4 c. Japanese vinegar (Horse brand preferred)
1 c. water
1 T. sake

Boil sauce mixture until salt and sugar dissolves. Pour hot sauce over cabbage. Stir. Put a glass plate and weight on top. Cabbage should reduce in a few hours. Put in jars and refrigerate. Do not use metal bowls or utensils. Sliced prepared konbu and/or chiso leaves may be added before putting in jars.

Thespian in the Making

Trevor Serna, son of **Renwick** and **Susie Serna**, and grandson of **Ruth Gushiken**, was in the cast of Punahou Middle School's production of "*Thoroughly Modern Millie*" Jr. It was a delightful musical production, and Trevor did a wonderful job acting, singing and dancing! Trevor is actively involved in our Youth Group and has participated many times as a reader in Sunday worship services. Paula Yamamoto