



NCC News

December 8, 2013



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu 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. 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 **next Sunday** 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!

Christmas Eve Service - 7 p.m., December 24



Join us for our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:00 p.m. Let the beauty of the service remind us of that first Christmas night. Once, again, A Touch of Brass, will share their gift of music with us.

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.



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

Sadao Watanabe Calendars

Julia Estrella will be selling 2014 Sadao Watanabe calendars on the Fellowship Lanai after the morning worship service today. Proceeds will benefit PAAM (Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries).

Christmas Concert

You are invited to enjoy the beautiful music of Christmas by the Symphony Chorus, of which our organist, **Nada Marriott**, is a chorister. It will be held **this evening** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Andrews Cathedral. Tickets may be purchased at the door, \$35 premium seating, \$30 general admission, \$5 discount for students and military.

Hui Hoaloha Christmas Luncheon - December 12



The Christmas luncheon will be held on Thursday, **December 12** at 15 Craigsid Place at 11:00 a.m. December planners are Sets Takahashi, Edith Fujihara, Barbara and Howard Mau.

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.
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**.

Congratulations to Ashley Hartwell!

Ashley Hartwell will be receiving her Master's degree in Library Science on **December 21, 2013**. The Mid-Year Commencement Ceremony is from 9:00-12:15 p.m. at the Stan Sheriff Center. Parking is free on the day of graduation, and seating is open to the public.



In Loving Memory

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of the late **Bertha Tomokiyo** who passed away at the age of 97 on October 28, 2013. She is survived by son Ethan, daughter Gainor, and grandchildren.

Nichigobu Worship News

The Rev. Yuji Nakamura, supply pastor for Nichigobu (*Japanese speaking*) worship service, will preach **today** at 9 a.m. in the room adjacent to the lanai. Rev. Nakamura served as pastor at Honolulu Christian Church and at West Oahu Christian Church in Waipahu. He is currently on medical leave. His recently released CD includes praise songs that he composed. Rev. and Mrs. Nakamura will depart in mid December for the East Coast for the Japanese Churches Christmas Concert and will include a visit with **Rev. Yoko Asada**, former Nichigobu Pastor of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church.

The Nichigobu Worship congregants will attend the NCC Chancel Choir's cantata, "*Born is the King*" directed by **Russell Ishida** at 9 a.m. next Sunday, December 15.

Helen Pierce, daughter of **Tokutaro** and **Hamako Hirota**, will share stories of her parents' service to NCC on **December 22** at the 9 a.m. Nichigobu worship service. The kitchen in Kibo Kan is named after her beloved mom, Hamako, known for her *oishi sushi* among other culinary skills she shared with the church.

Domo arigato gozai masu, **Ayako Iwaoka**, for translating the three-page Nichigobu congregation monthly newsletter into Japanese. The newsletter is mailed to the homebound, as well as to faithful visitors from Japan.

The Nichigobu worship service is coordinated by **Miles** and **Miko Yamabe** in the absence of a Nichigobu pastor.

Youth Activities

In addition to participating in the all-church Advent activities, the youth will be preparing dinner for Family Promise guests this evening. On **December 22**, they will be visiting members who are unable to come to church and bringing them good cheer with Christmas carols.

Mahalo!

Thank you for your generous gifts of food on November 24. We collected 406 lbs. of food for the Hawaii Food Bank! The next collection is the last Sunday of the month, **December 29**.

Bookkeeper on Vacation

Sandy Hirano will be away on a trip December 25-January 9. If you need a check cut, please turn in your requisition by **December 19**. Plan ahead and make sure the requisition is signed by the appropriate board chair or authorized person. Sandy will return to work on January 13.

2014 Offering Envelopes Ready for Pick Up

Thanks to **George Honjiyo** and **Howard Mau**, the 2014 offering envelopes are ready. Please pick up your set on the Fellowship lanai following the morning worship service. Also, if you forgot to turn in your pledge card, please fill one out and place it in the offering plate. See an usher, if you need another card. Mahalo.

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.

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