



# NCC News

## December 15, 2013



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

### **“Born is the King” Cantata**

**This morning, “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 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!

### **All-Church Advent Activities**

**Today,** we will be making gingerbread houses following our 9 a.m. service in Kosasa Hall for the entire congregation. Come and share the joy of the Advent season!

Board of Christian Nurture

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



Join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7 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**

Thank you for your ongoing generosity as the donations pile up under the tree. We will be dividing the gifts between Family Promise, River of Life Mission, and Transition House this year. Pretty much anything (new or gently used) that could be used to keep a home running or make a homeless person more comfortable will be appreciated. Gifts, which do not need to be wrapped, will be collected through the last Sunday in December this year. If it is your preference to support this ministry through a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church and write "White Christmas" on the memo line.



Judy Keith

## Youth Activities

In addition to participating in the all-church Advent activities, the youth will be visiting members who are unable to come to church and bringing them good cheer with Christmas carols on **December 22**.

## Annual Reports Due

If you have not already done so, please email your report (preferably in Word) to Paula. Your kokua is greatly appreciated! Mahalo!

Paula Yamamoto

## Family Promise

Another rotation of Family Promise ended this morning. We hosted four families who greatly appreciated our hospitality, complete with tiny trees in each room and Christmas lights in the gym. The group grew by one on Monday with the birth of a baby girl who was welcomed to NCC on Wednesday. George, our Monday night host, was grateful that the blessed event transpired off campus, and we are all thankful that Crystal, the mom, and Morticia, the baby, are both doing well.

As always, the final task of the week is laundry. If you are able, take a bag or two home and return it next week.

If you volunteer with Family Promise in a role that brings you into contact with the families and are over 18 years of age, the Family Promise organization requests that you fill out a volunteer information form (basic contact information and a confidentiality agreement). If you have not filled one out yet, please see Judy Keith.

Again, thanks for your support of this very important mission.

## 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

## Nichigobu Worship News

The Nichigobu worship congregants will attend the NCC Chancel Choir's musical presentation at 9 a.m. today in the sanctuary.

**Helen Pierce**, daughter of **Tokutaro** and **Hamako Hirota**, will share stories of her parents' service to Nu'uano 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.

**The Rev. Yoko Asada** is supply pastor for the 9 a.m. Nichigobu worship service on **December 29**, and for the 9 a.m. Joint Communion Worship on **January 5, 2014**. Asada sensei was the Nichigobu Pastor at NCC from 1998 to 2002 and senior pastor at Union Japanese Church of Westchester from 2003 to 2008. She will end her three year call as Interim Pastor at Union Japanese Church of Westchester and spend a couple of weeks in Hawaii before returning to Japan after January 5.

## 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**.

## 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.

## 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.

## **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.

## **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