



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Infant Baptism and Receiving of New Members

This morning, Pastor Mary will be baptizing **Kasie Nalani Yukiko Dodson**, infant daughter of **Kai Dodson and Darsie Ing-Dodson**, granddaughter of **Darwin and Josie Ing**, and great granddaughter of **Noble and Loretta Ing**. Sponsors for baby Kasie are **Paul and Paula Yamamoto**.

We will also be receiving into membership **Jay and Jean Paik** by transfer from Capital Korean Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, CA; and **Sybil Seto** by reaffirmation of faith. Sponsoring Jay and Jean are **Howard and Barbara Mau**, and sponsoring Sybil is **Joyce Uyehara**. Please extend the right hand of fellowship to our new members. (Kori Asada and Corbin Matsumoto had originally planned on being baptized today, but Corbin got called by HPD to work on President Obama's detail. They will be baptized and received into membership at a later date.)

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.

Youth Activities

Today, following the morning service, the youth will be visiting some members who are unable to come to church and bringing them good cheer with some Christmas carols.

Today's Thought Books

Looking for a gift for that person who has everything? Norman Osumi's book about his dad, the late Rev. Paul Osumi, will be on sale for \$15 **today** on the Fellowship lanai following the morning worship service. All books have been signed by Norman Osumi. Proceeds will go toward developing leadership in youth and young adults.

Bookkeeper on Vacation

Sandy Hirano will be away on a trip December 25-January 9. Her last day of work is tomorrow, December 23, and she will return to work on January 13.

Nichigobu Worship News

Helen Pierce will share stories of her beloved mother, **Hamako Hirota**, for whom the kitchen in Kibo Kan is named, at 9 a.m. today at the *Nichigobu* worship service. Her father, **Tokutaro**, also served faithfully at Nuʻuanu. Born on Molokai, Helen, her 3 brothers and parents moved to Wahiawa in 1946. Helen is a graduate of Leilehua High School, University of Hawaii and Western Michigan University. She is married to the late **Warren Pierce**. Helen was employed as an Occupational Therapist in California and Connecticut. Upon returning to Hawaii in 1993, Helen was employed by the Hawaii State Department of Health in the Infant/Toddler program, while being an active member of NCC. She served as chair of the Diaconate Board and Women of Nuʻuanu, and currently is chair of the Personnel Committee. Helen continued her mother's tradition of preparing *barazushi* (loose sushi) for the Plant and Potpourri Sale and continues for current church events.

The Rev. Yoko Asada is supply pastor for the 9 a.m. Nichigobu worship service next Sunday, **December 29**, and for the 9 a.m. joint Communion worship with the English congregation on **January 5, 2014**. Asada sensei was called as Associate Pastor for Nichigobu and Ohana Ministry at Nuʻuanu Congregational Church from 1998 to 2002. She will end her three year call in December as Interim Pastor at Union Japanese Church of Westchester and spend a couple of weeks in Hawaii before returning to Japan.

Dorothy Kusumoto

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 Nuʻuanu Congregational Church and write "White Christmas" on the memo line.



Judy Keith

2014 Flower Chart

Remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering for the sanctuary. Sign up on the flower chart on the Fellowship lanai after the morning service or call the church office.

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

Please pick up your set of envelopes 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.

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. Looking for household goods, books, toys, small appliances, clothing, and crafts. No large furniture, large appliances, cribs and car seats. Due to limited storage space, bring your treasures to Kosasa Hall the **week of January 19, 2014**. For more information, contact **Laurie Hamano**.

