



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

Youth in Service

Youth on a mission! **Matthew Chun, Trevor Serna, Deanna Wong, Lia Yamashiro, Lori Yamashiro, and Kristen Young** will be spending four days of their spring break on Kauai serving, learning and worshipping with our sister UCC churches. The group leaves on Saturday, **March 22** and will immediately get to work at Kapaa UCC. Sunday will be spent worshipping and working with Hanapepe Hawaiian, and Monday in the community garden at Lihue United Church. They will have opportunities to learn what other churches are doing in the areas of worship, missions and other ministries. And of course, make a stop at Hamura Saimin. Please keep the youth in your prayers for safe travels, wonderful learning experiences and good fun. Join us next Sunday **March 30** to hear about their experiences on Kauai.

Thank you, to the Family Promise Team, for providing the Youth the opportunity to serve the church and wider community through dinner preparation for our Family Promise guests. The Sunday dinner slot is usually made available to the Youth, and they look forward to cooking, decorating the tables and eating with the guests. In fact, this past Sunday, the Youth expanded their dinner repertoire and made spaghetti with meatballs! Thanks to **Susan and Garrett Iha, Eileen Chun and Becky Kanenaka** for their guidance and help in the kitchen!

Nursery Room Change

Beginning **today**, the nursery has been relocated to **room102** (room with the yellow doors next to the church office), instead of Hale Ohana.

Family Game Night



Game night is **tonight!** If you will be participating in the Vespers Service, meet at church at 3:15 p.m. If you are attending only game night, meet at church at 4:15 p.m. to carpool. Parking is limited at 15 Craigsidde Place. We will be meeting in the Solarium (top floor).

Faith Formation

Please continue to keep **Matthew Chun, Brandon Hayashi, and Preston Iha** in your prayers as they explore their faith and discern their baptism.



All-Church Spring Clean Up - April 12

Save this date! Bring your rags and other cleaning tools, and spruce up the church for Easter!
Board of Trustees

Holy Week Services

April 13 - Palm Sunday Service, 9 a.m. The Chancel Choir will be offering "We Have Seen the Lord" by Marty R. Parks.

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service, 6 p.m. in Kosasa Hall. A light meal of Portuguese bean soup will be served at 5:15 p.m.

April 18 - Good Friday Tenebrae Services, noon and 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

April 20 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m., Halona Blow Hole. This is a joint service with Hawaii Kai UCC.

April 20 - Easter Resurrection Service, 9 a.m., NCC. Special music by *A Touch of Brass*.



Green Day - April 26

The Missions Committee will be hosting "Green Day" on Saturday,

April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Kosasa Hall to celebrate Earth Day. We will have a variety of plants for sale - orchids, herbs, vegetables, and flowering plants. In addition to beautiful plants, we will have hydroponic kits and worm condos for sale.



Donations for plants and/or planting pots are being accepted. If you have a green thumb, start planting your seeds or seedlings, or bring your empty plant pots to church for those who do have a green thumb.

Lenten Study - "Writing Through Grief and Loss"

Grief is a natural response to the loss of someone or something meaningful - a person, a relationship, a job, health, a pet, independence, the loss of a deeply held belief or anything else that is emotionally valued. Pastor Mary will be leading five sessions on **Wednesday March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9** at 6:00 p.m.. A light meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. before each session. Please join us for this special study.

Access Statement

As stated in our Vision Statement, “Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is a diverse, open congregation of faithful Christians who seek to affirm all persons as children of God.” Furthermore, our Policy on Non-discrimination clearly states that “we do not discriminate against any person, group or organization in hiring, promotion, membership, appointment, use of facility, provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, skin color, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, faith, nationality, marital status, or disability.”

As a part of living out our vision and commitment to an inclusive and diverse community, following accommodations are in place for worship:

- To provide communication access to worship, large print worship bulletins and other alternate format of orders of worship are available.
- Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.
- In addition to Japanese Bibles, resource pages in Japanese are available with today’s scripture and Japanese lyric to today’s hymns whenever possible.
- Those wishing to have Japanese interpretation are asked to give their request to the Church Office at least one-week in advance so that they might be accommodated.
- Members needing transportation to worship are invited to contact Ohana Ministry for access to taxi service.
- Those traveling by Handivan are requested to let the Church Office know at least 2 days in advance so that members of the Diaconate might meet the van on Sunday mornings.

Due to the age and construction of the buildings, not all areas are easily accessible to persons with mobility issues. Nu‘uanu Congregational Church will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities within these limitations.

For requesting other accommodations, please contact the Church Office.