



NCC News

April 6, 2014



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Palm Cross Workshop

The Diaconate is asking for folks to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday on **Friday, April 11**, at 8:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall. The crosses are not difficult to make, and folks will be on hand to provide instruction. Please notify **Marge Honjiyo**, if you will be able to help out. Mahalo.

Easter Lilies



The Diaconate is selling white Asiatic lilies for Easter Sunday. The flowers are stronger and longer lasting than the traditional lilies. After the Easter service, the lilies will be available for pick up. To reserve a potted plant, please see **Mabel Suzuki** or **Joyce Uyehara** on the lanai after the worship service. The cost is \$12 each. Because of the very limited supply this year, please sign up as soon as possible. Mabel Suzuki

All-Church Spring Clean Up - April 12 - 8:30 a.m.

The Board of Trustees has scheduled church spring cleaning for Saturday, **April 12, 2014**, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in preparation for Easter. Bring rags, buckets, and other cleaning tools, and lots of energy. A light lunch will be served. "Many hands make light work!"

Holy Week Services

April 13 - Palm Sunday Service, 9 a.m. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of **Russell Ishida**, will be offering "*We Have Seen the Lord*" by Marty R. Parks. Narrated by **Lori Yamashiro**; soloists: **Barbara Miwa, Russell Ishida, Paula Yamamoto**, and **Cherie Nakamura**; **Lori Takeyama-Goshi**, rehearsal accompanist.



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.

April 20 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m., Halona Blow Hole. This is a joint service with Hawaii Kai UCC. **Susan** and **Preston Iha** will be sharing their testimonies.

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

Nursery Room Change

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

Green Day - April 26

In celebration of Earth Day, the Missions Committee will host a "Green Day" on Saturday, **April 26, 2014** from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Nuʻuanu Congregational Church, Kosasa Hall. Pacific Corporate Solutions will be on campus recycling eWaste. See eWaste flyer on what items can be recycled. We will have a variety of plants for sale - orchids, herbs, vegetables, and flowering plants. In addition to beautiful plants, hydroponic kits and worm condos will be for sale.



Other items for sale include greeting cards made by the youth that feature the beauty of the islands, furushikis sewn by the Sew Fun ladies, and snack foods - hot dog, spam musubi, chips, and water. Come and join the celebration for a greener Earth!

William and Jean Wood Scholarship - Deadline: April 30, 2014

Applications for the William and Jean Wood Scholarship are being accepted for those who will be attending a university, college, and/or institution of higher learning. Applicants must be a member, relative, or friend of a member of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church. Applications and all supporting documents (references, transcripts, etc.) must be received by **April 30, 2014** as specified in the instructions. Incomplete applications received will be returned.

Applications may be obtained from the Nuʻuanu Congregational Church web site (www.nuuanu.org) or office (ph. 595-3935 or email nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net).

George Honjiyo

Calling All Graduates

The Board of Christian Nurture has set "*Graduate Sunday*" for **June 15**. Please notify the church office if your child will be graduating from high school or college and if you would like him/her to be recognized and placed on the NCC graduation list.

Hui Hoaloha April Event

Now that we have learned that many of our shortcomings are a natural part of aging, we can concentrate on doing those things which will further delay our age-related loss of memory. The next event for Hui Hoaloha will be on **Thursday, April 24, 2014** in Kosasa Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The UCLA Center on Aging's research has revealed that we can do simple things to cut our odds of losing our minds to Alzheimer's and other dementias. They highly recommend that we grow new brain cells and fill our brains.

In an effort to provide us with an opportunity to fill our brains, the April planning committee has arranged for **Raymond Burghardt** to speak to us on **“An American Diplomat's Perspectives on the Great Changes in Asia -- 1970 to the Present.”** Mr. Burghardt has served in South Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, China and Viet Nam. His many years of serving in East Asia have given him many opportunities to experience and observe the changes in this region which has a great impact on our country.

Please join us for an informal and informative morning that will help us to better understand the impact and importance of Asia. The planning committee consists of Edith Fujihara, Shirley and Ray Miyamoto, Rose Nishihara, and Micki Sasaki.

“Aging Brain” Presentation

What makes our kupuna do the crazy things they do? Is it just a part of aging or early signs of Alzheimer's? Join us on Sunday, **April 27th** at 10:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall and find out as we hear from **Sandi Brekke** of the Kaiser Permanente's Medicare Department. Sandi did a well-received presentation with Hui Hoaloha, and we thought it would be helpful for those who are dealing with aging parents, grandparents, friends, etc. All are invited to attend.

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.