



# NCC News

## April 13, 2014



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### 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

### Holy Week Services

**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*.



### 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 Nu'uanu 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!

## Nursery Room Change

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

## 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 Nu‘uanu 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 Nu‘uanu Congregational Church web site ([www.nuuuanu.org](http://www.nuuuanu.org)) or office (ph. 595-3935 or email [nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net)).

George Honjiyo

## 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.

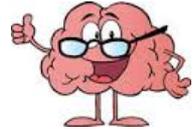
In an effort to provide us with an opportunity to fill our brains, the April planning committee has arranged for **Raymond Burghardt** to speak to us on “**An American Diplomat's Perspectives on the Great Changes in Asia -- 1970 to the Present.**” Mr. Burghardt has served in South Korea, the Philippines, 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 - April 27

What makes our kupuna do the crazy things they do?  
Is it just a part of aging or early signs of Alzheimer’s?

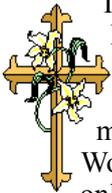
Join us on Sunday, **April 27<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall and find out as we hear from **Sandi Brekke** of the Kaiser Permanente’s Medicare Department. Sandi did a well-received presentation with Hui Hoaloha, and we thought it would be helpful for those who are dealing with aging parents, grandparents, friends, etc. All are invited to attend.



## 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.

## In Loving Memory



Three of our beloved members passed on to life eternal recently. **Donald Nakamura** died peacefully on April 4, 2014 at Kuakini Hospital. He is survived by wife Julia, daughter Donnie Ann (Ricky) Wong, sons Warren (Michelle) and Ross Nakamura, mother Ethel Nakamura, and grandchildren Rachel and Deanna Wong and Taylor and Jonah Nakamura. A private service (family only) will be held in May.

**Nobu Fujioka** passed away at home on April 5, 2014. He is survived by wife Kimie, sons Ken (Bridget), Arnold (Mayumi), and Stuart (Gayle), and grandchildren Elena, Anthony, Beau, Lane, and Haylee. A service celebrating Nobu’s life will be held at NCC on Saturday, **April 19**, at 4:00 p.m. Visitation to begin at 3:00 p.m.

**Betty Nomura** passed away on April 7, 2014. She is survived by husband Francis, daughter Sherri (Francis) Achiu, son Alton (Lyndia), and grandchildren Karl (Aya) and Kurt Achiu and Matthew and Jason Nomura. Service arrangements are pending.

## Family Promise - May 18-25

Our next rotation begins in just over a month on May 18. Yes, it is close to our last rotation because our summer interns will need the youth lounge, taking one room out of availability for housing a family. We will be starting sign ups after Easter. We need someone who is interested in partnering with Joyce Uyehara to coordinate meals, as Vanessa Ito will be close to her due date by then. Please contact **Joyce or Judy Keith** if you are interested in learning more about how you could help Family Promise by assisting with coordinating food.

Judy Keith



## **Office Closed - April 21**

The church office will be closed on Monday, **April 21**  
(Good Friday holiday make up).

### **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.