



NCC News

June 15, 2014



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Celebrating Graduates, Sunday School Teachers, and Dads

Today, we are celebrating "*Graduate Sunday, Teacher Appreciation and Fathers' Day.*" Congratulations to all of our graduates, mahalo to our hard-working and dedicated Sunday School staff, and Happy Fathers' Day! (A listing may be found in the NCC News.)



Kym Kanenaka, daughter of **Brian and Becky Kanenaka**, will offer the morning message. Kym recently graduated from Roosevelt High School and was one of 17 valedictorians. She is an active member of our youth group, a gifted artist and photographer. In the Fall, Kym will be attending Loyola Marymount University.



Water Day - Today!

Following the morning worship service, we will be hosting a Water Day and picnic! We will have a blow up water slide for the big kids and a wading pool for the young ones. Bring the whole family and join in the fun!



Family Camp - Last day to sign up is today!

We're off to pray, play and party (pronounced *par-tay*) at Camp Mokuleia **July 4-6th!** Walking on water, playing in water and taking a bath with water are all part of the fun to be had at Family Camp. But in order for you to join us, you need to sign up! Deadline to sign up is **next Sunday, June 15**. Cost is \$50.00 for those still in school, \$100 (reduced rate) for those who are not in school. For those coming on Saturday only, the cost is \$25. Special family rates are available, please see **Lori Yamashiro** for more information.

Chutney and Jam Sale - Today

Restock your pantry with **Donald and June Ikeda's** delicious mango chutney and jams! They are on sale on the Fellowship Lanai. Thanks to the Ikeda's hard work, dedication and generosity, all proceeds will go toward the College Summer Internship Program. Mahalo for your support of this great ministry!



Golf Fellowship - This Saturday



Golfers, meet at Mid-Pacific Country Club Golf Course at 12:45 p.m. next to the Pro Shop. Cost is \$85, and checks should be made payable to Dorothy Hosoda. Donations for door prizes are being accepted and may be dropped off at the church office. Mahalo!

Car Wash - Next Sunday, June 22

Come and get your car washed **next Sunday, June 22** after worship! The cost is \$10 for cars and \$15 for big SUVs and vans. And that's not all, we'll even dry your car! But wait, there's more! If you are 70 years old or older, you are eligible for a voucher for a free car wash! Simply provide valid ID/proof of age to any of the Interns for a free car wash voucher. Hope to see you and your dirty car on June 22nd!

Movie Day with the Keiki and Youth - June 29

Get your popcorn ready, because Movie Day is coming up later this month! After the worship service, the interns are planning on taking the keiki and youth to see *"How to Train Your Dragon 2"* at Ward Theatres, and then we will be having lunch together at Bucca Di Beppo. More details will be provided in the following weeks.



Hui Hoaloha July Event

The Hui Hoaloha fellowship group will meet on Thursday, **July 17**, at 9:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall. The topic will be "Care of Your Hair."

Joanie Rossiter, the Director of Paul Mitchell the School Honolulu, and her team will speak and present demonstrations. Come and join us for an informational and enjoyable meeting and lunch. July planners are: Dot Hosoda, Ginny and Fred Takara, and Ethel Yamaguchi.

SY 2013-2014 Sunday School Teachers

Mahalo to all of our Sunday School staff who faithfully nurture our keiki in God's word and love each week: Julia Nakamura, Sunday School Superintendent; teachers: Velma Akinaka, Darren Au, Donna Au, Carol Hamada, Becky Kanenaka, Marilyn Naka, Mabel Suzuki, Ginny Takara, Kristen Young; teacher aides: Mae Au, Ruth Gushiken, Barbara Mau, Sandy Satogata, Rachel Stucke, Ginny Takara, Joyce Uyehara, Ethel Yamaguchi.



Congratulations to all of our graduates! We are so proud of your accomplishment! Good luck and best wishes in all of your future endeavors!

High School

Kym Kanenaka (Roosevelt High School), daughter of Brian and Becky Kanenaka. She will be attending Loyola Marymount University in the Fall.

Gared “Keku” Luke (Castle High School), son of Kenneth and Saye Luke, and grandson of Ethel Yamaguchi. He will be attending Chaminade University in the Fall.

Mikaela Sakamoto-Matsumoto (Moanalua High School), daughter of Keith Matsumoto and Sherrie Sakamoto, and granddaughter of Albert and Edith Matsumoto. She will be attending Leeward Community College in the Fall.

College

Lianne Chung (Chapman University, BA in Economics and a Minor in Philosophy), daughter of Mike and Carol Chung, granddaughter of Albert and Edith Matsumoto, and former College Summer Intern (2011).

Michelle Malia (Galves) Davis (CSU Long Beach, Masters degree), granddaughter of Ellen and Herman Galariada.

Kelsey Hamano (Claremont McKenna College, BA in Psychology and a Minor in Leadership), daughter of Wayne and Laurie Hamano and former College Summer Intern (2011 and 2012).

Alexandria Montiel (CSU Stanislaus, BA in English and a Minor in Communication), daughter of Edward and Corinna Montiel, niece of Susan Iha, and former College Summer Intern (2012 and 2013).

Mari Yoshida (CSU Fullerton, BS in Child and Adolescent Development), daughter of Glenn and Mariko Yoshida and 2014 College Summer Intern.



NCC Ohana is Expanding!

Unto us a son is born! **Elijah Keoni Satoru Wada** was born on June 11, 2014 at 1:50 a.m., weighing in at 6 lbs. 13.4 oz., and 21" long. Mom (**Vanessa Ito**), Dad (**Ryker**), Big Brother (**Ezekiel**) and Baby are all doing well. Welcome Elijah!

Nichigobu Maui Mission Trip

Several members of the Nichigobu Worship and Bible Study will worship at Kahului Union Church (KUC) in Maui at their 9 a.m. joint Nichigobu and Eigobu worship on June 29, 2014. KUC is one of only three Nichigobu congregations in the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. **Norman Osumi**, author of *Today's Thought, Rev. Paul Osumi: the Man and His Message* has donated a copy to be presented by the NCC Mission group to **Sensei Stephen Kanai**, pastor of the Nichigobu congregation. The Nichigobu Maui Mission participants will enjoy tea prior to the joint worship with members of the Kahului Nichigobu congregation. **Mae Murabayashi** will donate a variety of *mochi* from Nisshodo Candy Store. **Hankie Kuniyoshi** will bake her onolicious lemon crunch bars.

June Nishimura, with assistance by **Ayako Iwaoka**, have stitched 18 cloth gift bags to be filled with homemade baked goods for residents of Hale Makua, a skilled nursing home in Wailuku. **Katsuko Nomi** is knitting caps for the residents. Donation of 4 ply yarn of any color is welcomed. The **Sew Fun** women led by **Alice Ishihara** will donate quilted lap blankets as Bingo prizes for the residents. **Julia Nakamura** is collecting puzzles, new and used, challenging and "easy kine." Praise the Lord for the kokua and donations being offered for the Nichigobu Maui Mission.

Katherine Toda, member of Kahului Union Church, has offered to drive the church van. Time permitting, a visit to the popular lavender farm in Kula is being planned. Anyone interested in joining the one day Maui Mission, please contact any member or supporters of the Nichigobu congregation.

Dorothy Kusumoto

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.