NCC News

September 21, 2014

A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Give Aloha - 78424 (NCC's code)

Only 2 more weeks! Mahalo to all those that have contributed! Make a contribution to NCC during **September,** and Foodland and Western Union Foundation will match a portion up to $249 per Maika'i card. We do not receive names of donors, so please turn in a duplicate receipt with your name on it. Also, let us know if this contribution is your pledge or a special gift, so we may credit your giving account properly. You may place the receipt in the offering plate on Sundays. If you have any questions about this wonderful program, see **Paula Yamamoto**.

Nichigobu Support Group Meeting - Today

Please note that the Nichigobu Support Group business meeting for September has been changed from the 4th Sunday to the 3rd Sunday, **September 21**, at 10:30 a.m. in the old library. Muneo Hamada

Youth Cooking for Family Promise

Calling all youth and keiki! We need your helping hands and hearts to prepare dinner for the families of Family Promise this afternoon. Please join us for cooking and preparation at **4:30 p.m.**, followed by dinner, which we will serve at 6:00 p.m. Families are more than welcome!

Cosmic Bowling

Join us, once again, as we glow while we bowl! We have reserved three lanes at Aiea Bowling Alley **next Sunday, September 28th**. Cost is $10 per person, which will cover the games, shoes, and lunch. We'll leave the church at 10:45 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m.

College Care Packages

It's that time again when our college students are back in school! On **Sunday, October 5th,** we will pack boxes of goodies and letters to send to each of our college students. Please bring 18 small items/snacks to share and any letters you may want to send by October 5th.

Mahalo for Your Donations

THANK YOU!!!! Your response to our plea for children's clothes and shoes for the children of Lanaʻi was overwhelming. We collected and packed over 300 pounds, which will be taken to Lanaʻi Union Church thrift shop where they will distribute or sell them as they see fit. The youth of Lanaʻi will be in Honolulu October 4-8 to attend the HUCC Youth Camp. The Missions Committee is conducting another drive for clothes, including adults, and unbreakable and packable household items. Receipts will be available on request. To facilitate packing, we are asking for your unwanted luggage and cardboard boxes. The deadline is **October 4**. Arigato gozaimasu. Mahalo. The Missions Committee

"Soul Training"

We welcome you to journey with us as we discuss the first book of Dr. James Bryan Smith's series, The Good and Beautiful God. If you would like to participate in the Wednesday night Bible study, email **Carol Hamada** at chamada28@gmail.com or **Becky Kanenaka** at ken214@hawaii.rr.com. Previous session notes will be posted on the NCC website. Review the website and come to the next Bible study session. You will not miss a beat. The Bible study will start with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. The study will run through **November 19, 2014**. Come and learn how you can be transformed as we learn how to love, think, eat, laugh, and pray. Becky Kanenaka, Christian Nurture Board

Hui Hoahola Event for October 9, 2014

Join us on a tour of the **Plaza at Moanalua.** We will be provided with an informational briefing and tour of the facility. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about what the Plaza at Moanalua has to offer. After the tour, we will have lunch at the former "99 Ranch" in Mapunapuna.

We will car pool from NCC at 9:25 a.m. and must be at the Plaza no later than 9:50 a.m. Please sign-up for this event after the Sunday service. You will be asked if you need a ride, or able to provide transportation, or driving on your own. **Everyone must sign up to take the tour!!!!** Planners are: Kimie Fujioka, Carol Hamada, Nancy Nakao, and Marge and George Honjiyo.

Family Promise Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

If you did not receive an invitation, but are supporting Family Promise at NCC, please know that you are warmly invited to this appreciation dinner. Judy Keith will be on the mainland and hopes that NCC will have a presence at this event.

Please join us for our 8th annual

Family Promise of Hawai`i

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, October 4, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Friends of Catholic Charities Community Hall

1822 Keeaumoku StreetHonolulu, HI 96822

Please RSVP no later than September 26

volunteer@familypromisehawaii.org (preferred) or 548-7478

Access Statement
(Revised 8/2/14 by the Diaconate Board)

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, assistive listening devices, Japanese Bibles and Japanese hymnals are available from the ushers.
- 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.