



# *NCC News*

## **November 16, 2014**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### **Welcome**

We welcome to NCC **The Rev. Neal MacPherson**, part-time Interim Senior Pastor until January 25, 2015. Neal, as he likes to be called or Pastor MacPherson, was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion, and Master of Arts (Religion and Literature) from the Divinity School, University of Chicago.

Neal is ordained by the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ, St. Paul's Church, Chicago, Illinois in 1972. He served as Pastor of the Christ Church of Chicago, the Lihue Christian Church, and the Church of the Crossroads. He has served as Interim Pastor for churches here in Hawai'i and Vancouver, Canada.

Neal also served as Director of the Henry Opukaha'ia Center for Continuing Education here at the Hawai'i Conference. He is married to Leilani.

You may reach **Neal MacPherson** at 285-8921 (cell) or 595-2791 (home). He will be in the church office on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Please drop by for a visit, or give him a call. He would be glad to meet with you. Copies of his sermon are available for your perusal. See an usher or pick one up near the front door.

### **Lectionary Bible Study - Starting November 19**

**Pastor MacPherson** will be conducting a Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. Come and take an in-depth look at the scriptures for the following Sunday and the context in which it was written and how it applies to us today. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai, and the study will follow from 6-7:00 p.m. in the choir room.

### **Sukkah – Next Sunday**

A sukkah will be set up in the sanctuary **next Sunday** as a way to remember God's faithfulness in all seasons of our lives. Please bring non-perishable goods (canned food, rice, beans, etc.) to place in the sukkah. The goods will be donated to the River of Life Mission.

## Talks on Israel/Palestine

**Neal MacPherson** will be giving a talk about his 2012 visit to Israel/Palestine and especially his experience in the West Bank this evening at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Punahou Street, from 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Evening Prayer follows his talk.

**Hawai‘i Friends of Sabeel**, The Hawai‘i Coalition for Justice in Palestine (HCJP), MANA, Jewish Voice for Peace - Hawai‘i, the Muslim Association, and UH departments and centers will be hosting three events with human rights attorney and activist, **Noura Erakat**, who will speak on **Palestine, Israel, and the Politics of Resistance: Fri. Nov 28**, 6:00-7:30, Calvary by the Sea; **Sun. Nov 30**, 1-3:30 pm, St. Andrews Cathedral; **Mon. Dec 1**: 5-8 pm, UH Manoa – Center for Hawaiian Studies. All are invited.

## Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 25



Let us worship and fellowship at the Nu‘uanu Valley 53rd Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 2014 on Tuesday, **November 25**, 7:00 p.m., Temple Emanu-El, 2550 Pali Highway. This year’s theme is “Feeding the Hope.”

Come, participate with our faith communities and support our NCC youth who will be participating in worship.

As all churches have been asked to bring refreshment, we kindly ask if you could share a dish for fellowship following the service. In keeping with Jewish dietary laws, we respectfully ask that no dishes with pork, shellfish or beef be brought. Park at Temple Emanu-El, NCC, or First Unitarian Church. For more information, you may visit:

[www.facebook.com/nuuanuinterfaith](http://www.facebook.com/nuuanuinterfaith). Let us join our hearts filling us with joy and thanksgiving. Linda Kim on behalf of NCC Diaconate.

## Greening the Church

We will begin preparing the sanctuary for Advent on Friday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m. Lots of help is needed to prepare the wreaths, set up the banners, cut and set up the Christmas tree. If you are able to help, please inform Marge Honjiyo or Sets Takahashi. Bring your pruning shears, if you have one.



Kicking off the Advent season is the “*Hanging of the Greens*” worship service at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, **November 30**. Come and worship with us as we prepare our hearts to receive the gift of the living Christ.

## Advent Wreath-Making - November 30

Advent will be here before we know it! Save Sunday, **November 30th** for making an Advent wreath in Kosasa Hall at 10:15 a.m. Board of Christian Nurture



## Nichigobu Christmas Luncheon - December 4



A Christmas buffet lunch at The Willows on Hausten Street at 11 a.m. Thursday, **December 4**, 2014 is planned by the Nichigobu Congregation. \$21.55 plus tax and tip. The buffet lunch is open to members and friends of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church. For reservations contact Dorothy Kusumoto, 230-7031 or June Nishimura, 888-2411.

## Hui Hoaloha Christmas Luncheon - December 11



Sign up today for the Christmas luncheon on Thursday, **December 11** at 15 Craigsid solarium at 11:00 a.m. We need to share rides from NCC to Craigsid. Thank you for sharing! December planners are: Alice and Howard Ishihara, Alice Kimoto, Dorothy Nakagawa, and Mary Oshiro.

## Biscotti Sale – December 7

If you missed purchasing Don and June Ikeda’s delicious chocolate almond and cranberry walnut biscotti, do not fret! By popular demand, the Ikeda’s have graciously agreed to make more! The biscotti will be available for sale on Sunday, **December 7**. All proceeds will go toward the College Summer Intern Program. Thank you, Don and June, for your labor of love and generous support of our leadership development ministry for young adults!

## Give Aloha Update

Mahalo for supporting the 2014 Give Aloha program! Your generous contributions totaled \$13,902.00, and we received from Foodland and Western Union Foundation a combined donation of \$2,738.08. We are grateful to these two organizations for their generosity in giving back to the community. Please don’t forget to turn in your duplicate receipt! We are missing the following receipts:

9/02/14	14:07	School St. Foodland	\$249
9/03/14	18:16	School St. Foodland	\$ 25
9/29/14	21:14	School St. Foodland	\$249
9/30/14	19:00	Kaahumanu Foodland	\$100
9/30/14	22:08	School St. Foodland	\$249



## **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.