



NCC News

November 23, 2014



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uaniu Congregational Church

Sukkah

A sukkah has been set up in the sanctuary as a way to remember God's faithfulness in all seasons of our lives. You may place your non-perishable goods (canned food, rice, beans, etc.) in the sukkah during the hymn of praise. The goods will be donated to the River of Life Mission.

Nu'uaniu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 25



Let us worship and fellowship at the Nu'uaniu Valley 53rd Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 2014 this **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. Let us join our hearts filling us with joy and thanksgiving. Linda Kim on behalf of NCC Diaconate.

Lectionary Bible Study - Wednesday

Pastor MacPherson will be offering a Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday evenings starting this Wednesday, **November 26**. 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.

Greening the Church - Nov. 28

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.



Hanging of the Greens Service - Next Sunday

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

Following the service, we will be making Advent wreaths for your home. Join us in Kosasa Hall.



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.

Talks on Israel/Palestine

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.

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 Internship Program. Thank you, Don and June, for your labor of love and generous support of our leadership development ministry for young adults!

Mission Moment

Rev. Bob Marchant has been with the River of Life Mission for 15 years and was appointed Executive Director in 2000. He has worked successfully in a number of career fields, including the U.S. Army and general manager of several hotel chains prior to entering the ministry at age 35. He graduated from seminary at age 39 and pastored at Kauai Bible Church. While on Kauai, Bob also taught at Kauai Community College. He earned a MBA degree and taught Hawaii Pacific University programs on various military bases. In spite of his busy schedule, Bob and his wife Merri-Susan have gone to Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Mexico to do volunteer work. Bob still goes to Sri Lanka where he teaches the master's degree program at Sri Lanka Bible College. These are a few of Pastor Bob's accomplishments. He continues to spread the word of God wherever he goes.

White Christmas Gifts

If you've been to Costco, or any mall, then you know that Christmas is rapidly approaching. The Missions Committee will again be collecting donations of personal and household products to be shared through River of Life Mission, Family Promise, and the UCC Transition House. White Christmas donations may be placed under the tree each Sunday during Advent. Almost anything that would be used in your home, such as shampoo, toothpaste, or feminine supplies will be welcomed. Underwear for both men and women is especially appreciated. We will be asking the Transition House moms for specific Christmas gift requests for their children. This information will be shared when available.

Ulu Wai Gift for the Holiday Season

Still have gifts to buy? Remember that Ulu Wai has the great Wormcyclers for vermicomposting available as gifts. For just \$60 you can take care of a whole family! Everyone in the family contributes to make it a success. It's a team effort! Order one today. Just email or contact **Velma** (595-3135 after 7 p.m.).

Give Aloha Receipts

Please turn in your Give Aloha receipts so we may credit your giving account. 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.