



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church

Name Tags

Please help Pastor MacPherson learn your name by wearing your name tag each Sunday. If you don't have one or need a new one, please inform the hosts or Lori Yamashiro.

Refreshments for December

December is an open month (not assigned to any group), so please sign up to bring refreshments (includes set up, serving, and clean up).

Advent Wreath-Making

Following this morning's service, we will be making Advent wreaths. Join us in Kosasa Hall and make one for your home.



Biscotti Sale – Next Sunday

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!

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.

Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesdays

Pastor MacPherson is offering 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. Sign up with Carol Hamada.



Nichigobu Christmas Luncheon - December 4



The Nichigobu Christmas buffet luncheon has changed venue to **Maple Garden** (from The Willows) for 11 a.m. Thursday, **December 4**, 2014. Adults @ \$13.95 and children 5-12 @ \$7.95. A 10% discount for seniors 60 years and older. Tax and tip to be added. Maple Garden is located at 909 Isenberg Street, across from the old Stadium Park. The luncheon is open to anyone interested. Sign up by today with Dot Kusumoto or June Nishimura.

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.

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.).

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.

Annual Reports Due

It's that time of year, again, when the annual reports are due! Please email your reports to me by **December 14**. Your promptness is greatly appreciated.

Paula Yamamoto

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.