



NCC News

December 7, 2014



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).

2015 Flower Chart

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by offering flowers to grace our sanctuary on a Sunday! Sign up on the flower chart after worship service on the lanai.

Biscotti Sale – Today

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 today on the lanai. 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!

Missions Speaker

Over the past few months, the Missions Committee has invited guest speakers from organizations that we support. Today, our guest speaker is **Lane Morikawa**, Area Director for Hawaii Island Young Life. This organization, which is similar to Youth For Christ on Oahu, another organization that we support, deals with young people on the island. Besides lots of activities, including camps on and off island, leaders meet with kids to develop relationships and share their faith in Jesus Christ. Lane grew up on Oahu, graduated from Kailua High and UH. He taught math at Campbell High and Waiakea High, and received Young Life training in Washington.

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.



Hui Hoaloha Christmas Luncheon - Thursday, December 11



Just a reminder: If you are car pooling, meet at NCC by **10:45 a.m.** All drivers must register/sign in their cars at 15 Craigsid at the front desk. December planners are: Alice and Howard Ishihara, Alice Kimoto, Dorothy Nakagawa, and Mary Oshiro.

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 Gifts for the Holiday Season

Looking for a small gift for your hairdresser? mailman? co-worker? doctor? dentist? We are selling gift bags of an Ulu Wai mug with either a bag of coffee or cookies on the lanai after the service on **December 14**. Also helps spread the word to go green!

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.).

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

Mahalo! (Excerpt from River of Life Mission)

“We are so privileged to be able to partner with you to provide for the homeless and needy on Oahu....Your faithfulness make a huge impact on the lives of the needy and poor. Thank you for your donation of 500 pounds of rice, can goods, and kinds....”

Shervelle Gardner, Operations Director

Kadomatsu Fundraiser



Start the New Year off with a beautiful kadomatsu arrangement at your front door hand-crafted by the artful Boy Scouts of Troop 201! Prices range from \$25-\$75, depending on size and design. For more information or pre-ticket sales, please call: Christine Urabe at (808) 277-5157 or chrisurabe@msn.com. Pick up is **Sunday, December 21, 2014**

at NCC (Kosasa Hall), 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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.