



NCC News

December 14, 2014



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

“In All of His Glory”

This morning, the Chancel Choir, under the direction of **Russell Ishida** will offer their gift of music, *“In All of His Glory.”* They have been working hard with Russell and **Lori Takeyama-Goshi**, rehearsal accompanist. Narrating the cantata is **Lori Yamashiro**, and **Barbara Miwa** is the featured soloist. We thank the choir for their dedication each week in providing music to enhance our worship service.

Church Family Christmas Photo - December 21

On **December 21st**, dust off your Santa hat, put on your most festive shirt, and bring out that Christmas cheer! We will be taking a church family Christmas photo during church. So put on your best smile and say Merry Christmas!

Alex Montiel



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Bring your whole family and celebrate the birth of Christ with lessons and carols at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m. on **December 24**. Special music will be provided by *A Touch of Brass* and others.

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.



White Christmas Gifts

Gifts are piling up under the tree. There is just one Sunday left in Advent, so please consider bringing something next week to share with River of Life Mission, Family Promise, and the Transition House. Family Promise requests diapers in sizes 4-6 and wipes. Rive of Life always appreciates underwear for men and women. Specific gift requests for the children at Transition House will be shared during worship. Mahalo, the Missions Committee.



Family Promise

Thank you to all who participated in hosting our Family Promise guests this week. We had a good week with hard-working families working some odd shifts and boys with very healthy appetites who appreciated the great meals. Look for the laundry on the Fellowship Lanai on your way out and grab a bag, if you can.

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 today. 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.).

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.



2014 Contributions



Just a reminder....in order for contributions to be credited for the 2014 tax year, they must be either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than December 31, 2014 or dropped off at the church office before 12:00 p.m., December 31, 2014.

Contributions received after that will be credited to 2015.

Annual Reports Due

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

Paula Yamamoto

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.

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).

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.