



# *NCC News*

## December 21, 2014



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### **Church Family Christmas Photo - Today**

This morning, 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*, David Whitaker on the koto, Chancel Choir, Keiki Praise Ensemble, and Rachel Wong, soloist.

### **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.



### **Gifts for the Holiday Season**

Need a last-minute gift? Check out the beautiful photo cards created by our youth, along with some hand-crafted coffee cup holders and iPad cases by Dawn and Phoebe Hayashi, and Norman Osumi's book, [Today's Thought - Rev. Paul Osumi: the Man and His Message](#). Proceeds go toward the youth and College Summer Internship programs.

Looking for a small gift for your hairdresser? mailman? co-worker? doctor? dentist? The Missions Committee is selling gift bags of an Ulu Wai mug with either a bag of coffee or cookies on the lanai after the service. 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! If you ordered one, pick up is **today** in Kosasa Hall, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



## 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.

## 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 received by the church office before 12:00 p.m., December 31, 2014.

Contributions received after that will be credited to 2015.

## 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).

## Office Help Needed

Paula Yamamoto will be taking a much needed break **January 22-23**, and Paula and Paul will be on vacation **February 16-25, 2015**. If you are able to help out in the office, please sign up for a shift: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 12:00-4:00 p.m. Mahalo!



## **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.