



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Easter Lilies

The Diaconate is selling white Asiatic lilies for Easter Sunday. After the Easter service, the lilies will be available for pick up. To reserve a potted plant, please see Stan Chong on the lanai. The cost is \$12 each. There is a very limited supply, so please sign up early.

Holy Week Services

We invite you to experience the full meaning of Easter through these very inspiring services.



Palm Sunday Service, next Sunday, **March 29**, 9:00 am. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Russell Ishida, will offer a musical message entitled, *"It is Finished"* by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith. Soloists are Ray Miyamoto and Paula Yamamoto. In addition to the inspirational cantata, everyone will receive a palm frond in worship as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. After worship, we will fold palm fronds into palm crosses.

Maundy Thursday Service, **April 2**, 6:00 pm, Kosasa Hall. Maundy Thursday service, which remembers Jesus' last supper with his disciples, will begin at 5:15 pm with a simple supper of Portuguese bean soup. A service of reflection of Christ's mandate to love one another and the Lord's Supper will follow immediately during which Alex Montiel will preach.

Good Friday Services, **April 3**, 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm.

Good Friday Tenebrae services are offered, focusing on reflections on the Passion Narrative from the Gospel of John.



Easter Sunday Services, **April 5**, 6:00 am, Halona Blow Hole. A joint Sunrise Easter Service with Hawaii Kai UCC will be led by the young and the young-at-heart. Alex Montiel will share her testimony and our youth will lead in the singing.



Resurrection Service, **April 5**, 9:00 am. The Resurrection Service in the sanctuary will feature music by *"A Touch of Brass"* as we proclaim Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!

All-Church Spring Clean Up

The Board of Trustees has scheduled its all-church spring clean up on **Saturday, March 28**, at 8:30 a.m. Bring cleaning rags, buckets, and a willing hand and heart. A light lunch will be provided following the clean up.

—Howard Mau



William and Jean Wood 2015 Scholarship

Applications for the 2015 William and Jean Wood Scholarship are being accepted for those who will be attending a university, college, and/or institution of higher learning. The scholarship is available to members, families, and friends of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church.

Note: All required documents (application, two references, transcripts, etc.) **must be received together in one packet** by **April 30, 2015** as specified in the instructions. Incomplete application packets received will not be considered.

Applications may be obtained from the Nu‘uanu Congregational Church web site (www.nuuanu.org) or office (ph. 595-3935 or email nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net), beginning March 23, 2015. --Marilyn Naka

UCC National Youth Event 2016

Every four years, the United Church of Christ puts on the National Youth Event where youth of UCC churches all around the country gather to worship together for a few days. The next Youth Event is coming up the summer of 2016 in Orlando, Florida, and a group of local UCC churches is working together to raise money to help our youth.

The first event is a Steak/Chicken Plate fundraiser on Sunday, **April 12, 2015**. It will be held at Pearl City Community Church, but you will be able to pick up your plates right here at NCC after worship service. For just \$10, you can get a delicious steak or chicken plate! Maybe you don't like steak or chicken, but you'll surely want to help out our youth. Monetary donations are more than welcome, as we will need to purchase lots of things to put the plates together. Tickets can be purchased from any of our youth. Checks may be made payable to OAUCC (Oahu Association UCC). See Kristen for more information. Thank you!

Kristen Young and Alex Montiel

PowerPoint Operators Needed

The Diaconate is looking to expand its pool of Sunday PowerPoint operators. If you are interested in serving God in this capacity, see Lori Takeyama-Goshi or Mabel Suzuki. Paul Yamamoto is the operator for April, and he is willing to train or answer any questions you might have.

Lectionary Bible Study



The Wednesday evening Bible study continues each week at 6 p.m. in the choir room. The scripture passage used for the Sunday sermon is studied, thus, giving you a better understanding of its background and meaning. Everyone is welcome! A light supper is offered at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai.

Knitted Caps for Hospital and Skilled Nursing Home Residents

The residents of Ka`u Hospital in the plantation village of Pahala on the Big Island were recently presented with twenty caps knitted by **Katsuko Nomi**. The caps were mailed in care of **Nona Wilson**, Assistant Administrator/Director of Nursing, who acknowledged receipt to Katsuko.

Knitted caps will also be presented to residents of a skilled nursing home on Kauai during a Nichigobu mission trip possibly during the summer. Anyone interested in joining the Nichigobu mission trip, contact **June Nishimura** or **Dorothy Kusumoto**.

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 in the church office or call 595-3935. The following dates are available:

April 19

November 1, 8, 15, 29

May 10

December 13

September 6, 13

October 4, 11, 18

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.