



NCC News

April 5, 2015



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Green Day II - April 18, 2015

If you have a green thumb, start your little garden and donate your plants for green day. Please bring your free cycle items next Sunday, **April 12**. Members on the Missions Committee will help you unload your car.



On Sundays, **March 29, April 5 and April 12** bring needed a) small 2"-4" plastic pots, and b) clean - washed and dried "Tropicana" or "Simply Orange" juice bottles with covers (59 oz. size). The containers will be used for the worm tea.

Due to the heavy demand for shredding, we will **limit 3** banker boxes or copy paper size boxes per person.

April 18 is a busy day, and we hope you will be able to squeeze these green day events into your schedule. —Becky Kanenaka

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.nuuuanu.org) or office (ph. 595-3935 or email nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net). --Marilyn Naka

NCC Brochure

Please peruse the new Nu'uanu Congregational Church brochure; and then take it with you and give it to someone who does not currently attend church. We would love to have them join us. —Pastor Mary

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 next 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

FACE Container Home

FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity) is a faith-based community organizing group whose mission is to give a voice to the underserved who don't know they have a voice. Nu'uuanu Congregational Church is one of the founding members of FACE. FACE has been pushing for low income affordable housing for years, and FACE has commissioned an 8' by 20' shipping container to be turned into a 2-bedroom sleeping unit to give folks an opportunity to walk into a shipping container and see how it can feel like home.

The Shipping Container Home is on display at NCC's parking lot from April 3 to April 21. It is open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. during weekdays; Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 11; Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Sunday, April 12, after worship, folks from FACE will present an adult forum on "Homelessness on Oahu" in the Old Library. In addition to explaining about the Shipping Container Home, they will give us an overview of Housing bills in the Legislature and City Council and what FACE is doing. Let us continue to learn more about how we can help alleviate homelessness in Hawai'i.

—Pastor Mary

Emergency Preparedness

Hurricanes, Tsunami, Earthquakes & storms, flooding, electricity outages: Who knows what will happen? **Claire Loo Nakatsuka** and her son **Andrew** (16) took the Community Emergency Response Team training by the City and County. They want to share how you can prepare for an emergency, in efforts to prevent a disaster from happening. Come visit their Emergency Preparedness display next Sunday, **April 12 & 19**, 2015 after worship on the lanai.

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.

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:

September 6, 13

November 1, 8, 15, 29

October 4, 11, 18

December 13

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.