



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

Graduate Sunday

This morning, we are celebrating the accomplishments of all graduates. We especially want to welcome the speaker for today, **Deanna Wong**, who graduated from Hawaii Baptist Academy on May 30 and will be attending the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in the Fall. Deanna is the daughter of **Ricky and Donnie Ann Wong**, sister of **Rachel**, granddaughter of **Julia and the late Donald Nakamura**, and great granddaughter of our eldest member, **Ethel Nakamura**. Congratulations, Deanna!

Faith-Full Feast - May 31-July 5, 10:30-12:30

The entire congregation is invited to partake in the enrichment activities designed to deepen our relationship with God and with each other. **Keiki** (ages 4-12) will gather in the sanctuary for “Godly Play,” **Youth** (grades 6-12) will gather in the Youth Lounge (room 203) with the College Summer Interns and engage in Old Testament biblical stories, and **Adults** (no age limit!) will gather in Kosasa Hall (note the room change) with the Rev. Dwight Morita for a time of “Experiencing the Bible Again for the First Time.”

Following the learning time, all will gather in Kosasa Hall at 11:30 for a “feast” (lunch) and closing time together. Chancel Choir members are invited to join in the feast after their faith-full choir rehearsal. We invite you to a time of feasting, as we are all called to be faith-full people of God!

Movie Day: Jurassic World

The youth are welcome to join the interns for a movie day this afternoon. We will depart from church at 12:30 p.m. and will be carpooling to Consolidated Ward Theatre to watch the PG-13 movie, *Jurassic World*. Bring your permission form and \$15 for the movie. The interns will be treating everyone to pizza after the movie, but if you would like to have other food, you may purchase it separately. Drinks will not be provided, so please bring money for your own drink. Families are more than welcome to come along and enjoy a movie day out. We hope to see you all there!

Family Camp - July 10-12

Don't miss out! Sign up for a relaxing and fun weekend at Camp Mokule'ia, **July 10-12**. Cost: \$50 students, \$100 adults, \$225 families, and \$25 Saturday day only. We have reserved the Lodge, so this isn't your typical tent camping! You can sleep on a REAL bed and enjoy the meals prepared by the camp staff! Meal count to Camp Mokule'ia is June 19, so hurry and reserve your space (and meals)! Deadline to register is this Thursday, **June 18**. Questions? See **Susan Iha**.

Office Help Needed - July 20-24

Paula will be cooking for the Lana'i Mission Trip, July 19-24, so help is needed in the church office (light office duty, i.e. answering the telephone, responding to inquiries, folding the bulletins, etc.) See Paula if you are able to help out on a shift, 8-12 or 12-4 (M-F). Mahalo to all who have already signed up! Your service to the church is greatly appreciated!

Needed Items for Sunday School

The Sunday School is looking at a new program and are preparing for the Fall. If you have any of the following items and would like to donate them to the Sunday School, please let **Velma Akinaka** know by **July 5, 2015**. Mahalo for your support. We seek the following donated items:

- 1 a sturdy wooden 4"-6" free standing creche figure set with a removable Baby Jesus with open arms
- 2 a sturdy figure of the Risen Christ with open arms
- 3 A sturdy wooden set of free standing sheep with shepherd 4" x 6"
- 4 trays with a "lips" on the edges— at least 9" x 12"
- 5 blue, purple, brown, tan, red, green, white felt pieces ... at least 9"x12"... the larger the better
- 6 a metal container : ~ 3" x 5" x 2"
- 7 a new or gently used white Christ Candle.

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.