



# *NCC News*

## **August 30, 2015**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

### **Calling all Keiki!**

Our K-8 Sunday School curriculum will begin with Feasting on the Word, a lectionary-based curriculum that we have been using for the past several years. Then beginning with Advent, we will be using “Godly Play,” a Montessori-based program which we experienced this summer. Throughout the year, we will use activities from both curricula to engage the keiki in helping them to describe their experiences of God.

We will follow a schedule similar to last year: First Sunday of the month is communion, so K-8 students will go to Sunday School first and then the students will be called to the Sanctuary for communion. On the rest of the Sundays, the K-8 students will go to church first, have a Children’s Message and then be excused to attend Sunday School, unless otherwise directed. Let’s make this a great year of learning and growing!

—Velma Akinaka

### **We Need Coupons!**

If you happen to come across any coupons for Ben Franklin Crafts Hawaii, we would greatly appreciate it if you'd cut them out and bring them to church for the youth's photo card project. You may turn them in to **Sarah** or **Kristen**. Thank you!

—Kristen Young

### **Obata Fund Applications**

The deadline for the 2016 Obata Fund allocations is **October 31, 2015**. Applications may be downloaded from the Internet or picked up at the church office. They may be sent to the church office or to dothosoda@outlook.com. There is approximately \$20,000 available for distribution. If there are questions, please ask committee members: Dot Hosoda, Randy Obata or Darryl Itano.

—Dot Hosoda

### **Lectionary Bible Study**

The Wednesday evening Lectionary Bible Study will resume, beginning **September 9** at 6 p.m. in the choir room. **Dwight Morita** and others will lead the study. A light supper will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai.

## Give Aloha Program - 78424 (NCC's code)

It that time of year, again! Once again, we will be participating in Foodland's Give Aloha Program for the **entire month of September**. If you are planning on giving a contribution (pledge, offering, special gift) to NCC, consider giving it through the Give Aloha Program. Foodland and Western Union Foundation will match a portion of any contribution made to NCC up to \$249 per Maika'i card. Only contributions made with a Maika'i card will receive a matching gift.

Sign up for a Maika'i card (free) at the Customer Service desk at any Foodland or Sack 'n Save store. All you need is a phone number (land line or cell phone). If you have any questions about this wonderful program, see **Paula Yamamoto**. And please turn in your receipt with your name printed on it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Also, let us know if your contribution is your monthly pledge or a special gift. Your promptness will insure that your giving statement is properly credited. Mahalo!

—Paula Yamamoto



### In Loving Memory

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Elaine Nakagawa who passed away peacefully from her earthly life to life eternal on August 23, 2015. Elaine served as the church secretary in the late 1950's. She is survived by son Franklin Nakagawa, daughter Dale Santos, 4 grandchildren - Traci Nakagawa, Brienne Arroyo, Kira Santos, and Ezri Santos; great grandchild Frankie Arroyo, brother Francis Okada, and sister Pauline Namiki. Services pending.

### Mid-Year Giving Statement

Help the church save postage by picking up your mid-year giving statement from **Howard Mau**. Please check your statement carefully, and if there are any discrepancies, please notify Howard. We thank you for your contributions and want to make sure you are credited properly. Mahalo.

### Office Help

Paula will be taking a well-needed vacation next month - **September 19 - October 6**. If you are able to help watch the office, please sign up for a time slot. Open slots are: 8 am-12 pm on Fri. Sept. 25, Wed. Sept. 30, Thurs. Oct. 1, and Fri. Oct. 2. Your help is greatly appreciated! Mahalo in advance!

—Paula Yamamoto

## **Staff Vacation**

**Pastor Mary** is on vacation from **August 21 to September 9, 2015**. For pastoral emergencies, contact **Rev. Howard Yoshida**. He may be reached at 285-2102 (cell.) or 487-8795 (home).

## **What's in Store for the Youth in September?**

A new school year has begun, which means we're all getting back into the groove. It was a fun summer with the College Summer Interns, but they had to go back to school, too. Kristen and Sarah are now with us (again) and are excited for another year ahead. We'll be starting up Youth Group again and would like to invite youth in grades 6-12 to join us at 10:30 a.m. after the Sunday worship service. It's a time for us to learn, have fun, and be together.

On Saturday, **September 12**, everyone is invited to a movie night at the Chun's house in Nu'uano. Come at 5pm for hot dogs and pizza and stay for popcorn and a movie as we lounge in the pool under the night sky in a backyard theater (praying for good weather). There will be a \$5 "admission fee" to help cover the cost of food. Please let Kristen or Sarah know if you can come.

On Saturday, **September 26**, Pearl City Community Church will be hosting a youth event in the evening for UCC churches on Oahu. This is a chance for youth to meet others going to the National Youth Event in summer 2016. More information will be sent out soon. Hope to see you around this month! —Kristen Young (nccintern.kristen@gmail.com) and Sarah Weible (nccintern.sarah@gmail.com).

## **Touring Exhibit**

The Nisei Veterans Legacy Center has developed a traveling exhibit, entitled "Unlikely Liberators: The remarkable story of the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion and the Liberation of the Dachau Death March." It can be viewed at Temple Emanu-El daily through September 6th. Hours are M-F from 9-5 and S-S from 10-5. It will be at Kahala Mall starting on October 5th.

## **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.