



NCC News

September 6, 2015



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Guest Preacher

We welcome **The Reverend Joshua Almanza** as our guest preacher this morning. Rev. Almanza was born and raised with the Ko'olau mountains as a daily backdrop for his childhood, however, it was not in the uplands of Nu'uanu, but on the other side in Kaneohe, where he was brought up in the church. He eventually found his way to seminary on the East Coast before returning to Honolulu to serve in local hospitals as a chaplain. He was ordained to the specialized ministry of hospital chaplaincy by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and has served as a Staff Chaplain with Pacific Health Ministry for the last 3 years. He currently serves the Pediatric Service Line at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, and he is delighted to have the opportunity to support his friend in ministry, The Reverend Mary Paik, in this way, and to serve this body of Christ today.

Give Aloha Program - 78424 (NCC's code)

September is already here, and so is Foodland's Give Aloha Program! For the **entire month of September**, 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. So contribute your pledge or make a special offering at Foodland today!

If you don't have a Maika'i card, sign up for one (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

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).

Lectionary Bible Study

The Wednesday evening Lectionary Bible Study will resume, beginning **this Wednesday, 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.

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. Two slots are left to fill: 8 am-12 pm on Fri. Sept. 25 and Wed. Sept. 30. Mahalo to all who signed up! Your help is greatly appreciated!
—Paula Yamamoto

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

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'uaniu. Come at 5 p.m. 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 Sunday, **September 13**, there will be a youth planning meeting for the Nu'uaniu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Community Church from 1-2 p.m. This year's service will be held on **Tuesday, November 24** at Community Church of Honolulu. Save the date and support our youth!

We Need Coupons!

If you happen to come across any coupons for Ben Franklin Crafts Hawai'i, 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

Floral Offerings

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering for the sanctuary. The following dates are open: October 18, November 1, 8, 15, and December 13. Call the church office (595-3935) to sign up.

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.

Chutney, Jam, and Biscotti Sale

Mark **November 1** on your calendar! **Donald and June Ikeda** will be selling their delicious chutney, jams, and biscotti. All proceeds will go to the College Summer Internship Program.

Just a Reminder



If you haven't already done so, please fill out your 2016 pledge card, "*Trust in the Promise....For surely I know the plans I have for you...to give you a future with hope,—Jeremiah 29:11*" and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. These cards will greatly help the Finance Committee as they start working on the 2016 budget. If you need another card, please see one of the ushers. 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.