



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church

Give Aloha Program - 78424 (NCC's code) - 3 more days!

A big mahalo to all who participated in Foodland's Give Aloha program! Thank you for your support! All contributions and matching gifts will be sent to the church mid-October.

Please be sure to 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. I will report back on how we did when I return from my vacation.

—Paula Yamamoto

Welcome Lana'i Youth Group

We want to welcome **Pastor Sarah Jones**, the youth from Lana'i Union Church and their chaperones! The group stayed overnight at the church, and this afternoon, together with our youth, will be joining other youth across the state at the Hawai'i Conference's Fall Youth Camp at Camp Erdman. We hope you all have a great time getting to know each other and deepening your faith in a fun-filled environment these next few days!

Blessing of the Pets

Today is Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will have a special blessing of the worms for the worm bins. The blessing service will take place immediately after worship.

Staff Vacation

Paula Yamamoto returns from vacation on **October 6**. Please note, the October Caller will be printed after she returns. Mahalo to all who watched the office while she was away.

Lectionary Bible Study - Wednesday Evenings

The Wednesday evening Lectionary Bible Study continues weekly at 6 p.m. in the choir room. **Dwight Morita** and **Stan Chong** are leading the study. A light supper will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai.

Adult Study - Experiencing the Bible - Sept. 13-Oct. 4

The final session of this popular class based on the Marcus Borg book will conclude by re-examining the Pentateuch, Prophets, Wisdom literature, and Revelation.

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

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.

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!

College Care Packages

Today, we will be packing boxes to send to our family and friends who are working hard at school. We want to let them know we are thinking about them even while they are away. The packing will take place on the Friendship Lanai after the morning worship service. We will also have materials so you can write personal messages to them.

—Sarah Weible & Kristen Young

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

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 benefit the College Summer Internship Program.

All Saints' Day Celebration

Join us after worship on Sunday, **November 1st** on the Friendship Lanai as we fellowship together with some light refreshments and fun. In honor of our saints and in the spirit of the Halloween tradition of dressing up, we invite you to dress up as a saint. Saint Patrick, Saint Valentine, Jolly Old Saint Nicholas... Get creative! Hope to see you there!

-Sarah and Kristen

UCC Transition House Fundraiser

"Beside Still Waters" is a benefit dinner and entertainment for the UCC Transition House, a shelter for abused women and their children. It will be held on **November 12, 2015** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Makiki Christian Church, 825 Pensacola Street. Cost is \$40.00 (\$20.00 tax deductible). Deadline to purchase tickets is Oct. 26. Donations of hand-crafted items for their silent auction is also requested. For tickets, see **Joyce Uyehara**.

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.