



# *NCC News*

## **October 11, 2015**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### **Welcome**

This morning, we welcome **The Rev. Lauren Medeiros** as our guest preacher. Lauren is no stranger to NCC. She has preached here several times before. Lauren is currently a chaplain at Punahou School.

### **Staff Leave**

**Pastor Mary** is currently on sabbatical/study leave from **Oct. 5 - Nov. 9**. For pastoral emergencies, contact **Rev. Howard Yoshida** at 285-2102 (cell.) or 487-8795 (home).

### **In Loving Memory**



Deepest condolences go out to the family of **Mae Fusae Murabayashi** who passed away on September 20, 2015. A celebration of life service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, **October 13** at Hosoi Garden Mortuary. Rev. Wallace Ryan Kuroiwa will be officiating the service. Visitations will start at 9:00 a.m.

### **Lectionary Bible Study - Wednesday Evenings**

The Wednesday evening Lectionary Bible Study continues weekly at 6 p.m. in room 206. **Dwight Morita** and **Stan Chong** are leading the study. A light supper will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai.

### **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](mailto: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: November 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!

Also, if you have not already done so, please turn in your Give Aloha receipt, so we may properly credit your giving statement. Please make sure your name is printed on the receipt and indicate your giving, i.e. pledge or special offering. Thank you for your participation!

## 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

## 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

## 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.