



NCC News

October 18, 2015



A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

Welcome

This morning, we welcome **The Rev. Josh Hayashi** as our guest preacher. Josh was ordained in April 2015. He is a chaplain at Punahou School since 2008. Prior to Punahou, Josh was an At-Risk Counselor at Ewa Beach Elementary School and served as minister to youth and young adults at First Baptist Church in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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).

Life Tree Cafe - October 18-November 1

Difficult relationships? Looking for purpose in your work? Each week, the class considers how we might approach a variety of life situations and questions with love and truth. Led by **Donna Chung** on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in room 206. All are welcome!

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. 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

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

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.

Pill Bottles

Our participation in the Malawi Project has come to a close.

Regretfully, because so many of you collected the pill bottles from your friends and relatives...and even strangers. We were informed by the pharmacists in Hawaii that it was an unsafe use of the bottles. The recipients could be further harmed because of possible residue left in the bottles. After contacting the director of the project in Indianapolis several times we did not receive a response to the safety issue. We decided to end the project even though there was such a generous response to our appeal for pill bottles. We did send them 1,000 bottles in the past three months. Thank you for your support.

-Bow Chu Goto

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!

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**.

In Loving Memory



James Anton, our 11-year old friend from Lana‘i Union Church, went to his eternal home and into God’s loving arms on October 14. Please pray for his family – his parents Mayumi and Anton, his sisters Mia, Senyorina, Gina, and his little brother Jimmy. Some of you met Mayumi, Anton, Gina and Jimmy when they came to worship at NCC on October 4.

Please also pray for the whole Lana‘i Union Church ohana, especially the keiki and youth who were James’ friends. Also, keep in your prayers all the youth and young adults from NCC who had come to love James through the Lana‘i Mission Trips the past 5 summers.

If you would like to send a note to the Anton family, you may send it c/o Lana‘i Union Church, PO Box 630519, Lana‘i City, HI 96763. Contributions are still being accepted to assist the Anton family with their expenses. You may write a check to NCC and note that it is for James Anton. Place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. We will forward the funds to Lana‘i Union Church. Or, you may contribute online via gofundme.com/jamesanton.

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.