



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Welcome

We welcome, once again, **The Rev. Joshua Almanza** as our guest preacher. As you may have remembered, Rev. Almanza preached here at NCC last month. He is currently a chaplain at Kapiolani Medical Center and provided pastoral care to James Anton (who passed away on October 14) and his family. James' service was held yesterday on Lana'i.

Update on Give Aloha

A big mahalo to all who participated in Foodland's Give Aloha program. NCC was among the top 100 organizations out of 680 participating non-profit organizations. Thanks to your support, we received \$13,404.00 in donor contributions, and thanks to Foodland and Western Union Foundation, we received a matching grant of \$2,631.96.



If you have not already done so, please turn in your Give Aloha receipt, so we may properly credit your giving statement. There are 6 outstanding contributions that need to be accounted for, so please make sure your name is printed on the receipt and indicate your giving, i.e. pledge or special offering. Once again, thank you for your participation!

-Paula Yamamoto

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.

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

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

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!

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

Nichigobu Congregation News

The annual Nichigobu (Japanese speaking) Congregation Christmas luncheon is 11 a.m. **Thursday, December 3, 2015** in the private room at **Maple Gardens** on Isenberg Street. Room capacity is 25. Sign up by November 30 with **June Nishimura**, tel 888-2411 or **Hankie Kuniyoshi**, tel 737-4645.

Yarn caps knitted by long time NCC member, **Katsuko Nomi**, who also knitted caps last summer for residents at Wailuku's long term care facility, were presented to the residents of Ka'u Hospital in Pahala on the Big Island on October 16 by Dorothy Kusumoto. Donations of 4ply yarn are needed to knit more caps, and also new and used zigzag puzzles for the residents. Several Nichigobu members plan to visit residents of a long term care facility on Kauai next year. Bring donations on Sunday or contact any Nichigobu worship attendees.

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.

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.