



# *NCC News*

## **November 1, 2015**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### **Welcome**

We welcome back **The Rev. Lauren Medeiros!** As you may have remembered, Lauren preached here at NCC last month. She is currently a chaplain at Punahou School.

### **All Saints' Day Celebration**

Join us after worship on the Friendship Lanai as we fellowship together with some light refreshments and fun. -Sarah and Kristen

### **Chutney, Jam, and Biscotti Sale**

Pick up some delicious chutney, jams, and biscotti made by **Donald and June Ikeda** on the Fellowship Lanai after the worship service. All proceeds will benefit the College Summer Internship Program.

### **Mediation Question & Answer Sessions - Nov. 8 and 14**

By now, NCC members should have received in the mail the mediation letter and plan to move forward. It is very important that you read the document carefully. Two informational sessions are scheduled for Sunday, **November 8**, after the morning worship service in (room?) and for Saturday, **November 14** at (time? room?).

### **Introduction to Godly Play - November 8**

This one session class provides an overview of Godly Play, an evocative storytelling approach that opens insights into the meaning of Scripture. The practice is used in Keiki Church and in the church's retreats and studies. Learn more about Godly Play, based on the Montessori philosophy. Led by **Peggy Graybill**.

### **Staff Leave**

**Pastor Mary** returns from sabbatical/study leave tomorrow, **Nov. 9**. For pastoral emergencies, contact **Rev. Howard Yoshida** at 285-2102 (cell.) or 487-8795 (home). **After Nov. 9**, contact **Pastor Mary** at 561-0113.

Groundskeeper **Le Huynh** will be on vacation **Nov. 2-16**. He will continue to do the daily security checks.

## **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 4-ply yarn are needed to knit more caps, and also new and used jigsaw 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. -Dorothy Kusumoto

## **Youth Event - Friday, November 6 Pearl City Community Church, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

If you are planning to attend the National Youth Event, the summer of 2016, this event is something you should also consider attending. But it is open to all youth! It's been awhile since the Oahu UCC churches have had an event like this.

There will be a light dinner, ice breakers, games, and some "dialogue." There will be youth from other UCC churches (youth who are probably going to the NYE), so this is a great opportunity to meet new people! Sarah and I are planning to attend, so I hope we can bring some of our youth with us. I am able to drive three others to and from the event, if this would be easier for parents. We can meet at NCC around 5:15 p.m., and I can drop your child off at home when the event is over. Please let Kristen know if you can make this event and if you have any questions.

## **Car Wash Fundraiser on November 15**

The youth will be holding a car wash to raise money for their mission project. Curious about the project? Ask a youth! Want to get your car washed? Buy a ticket! For \$10 the youth will wash and vacuum your car. Walk-ins (drive-ins) and donations are welcome! This will take place after worship on Sunday, **November 15**. —NCC 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

## IHS Welcome Baskets

Next Sunday, **November 8**, the youth will be putting together welcome baskets for IHS (Institute for Human Services). If anyone has items on the list and would like to donate them for the baskets, please notify **Sarah Weible or Kristen Young**.

### Toiletries:

Soap  
Shampoo  
Razors  
Toothpaste  
Tooth  
Brushes

### Kitchen

#### Items:

Dishes  
Cups  
Utensil sets  
Pots and pans  
Dish towels  
Dish washing  
soap  
Sponges

Dish drying  
rack  
Trash can  
Trash bags

### Cleaning

#### Supplies:

Lysol spray  
Clorox wipes  
Lysol wipes  
Mops  
Brooms

### Bathroom

#### Supplies:

Toilet bowl  
cleaner  
Sponges  
Windex

### Other Items:

Laundry  
detergent  
Fabric  
softener  
Laundry  
basket  
Clothing  
hangers  
Towel sets  
(bath, hand,  
wash)  
Blankets/  
comforters  
Small  
appliances  
(coffeemaker,  
fan, lamp,  
radio, toaster)  
Alarm clock

## Sunday Refreshments

Throughout the year, generous members of our Council, Boards, Committees, Choir and Auxiliary Groups have provided refreshments after Sunday worship. Many individuals “wear multiple hats” and have graciously provided refreshments multiple times during the year. We are thankful some of our “Grateful Seniors” have stepped up and are providing refreshments for the month of November. The month of **December** is open for anyone who would like to share simple treats with us. If you are interested in providing refreshments on a Sunday in December (which includes setting up and cleaning up), please sign up at the refreshment table or contact the church office at 595-3935. Mahalo.

-Paul Yamamoto

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## Bonhoeffer

*"When Christ calls a man," says Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "he bids him come and die."*

Who is this Dietrich Bonhoeffer and what makes him say this? Eric Metaxas has created a small group study DVD program to help us understand the spiritual truths that guided Bonhoeffer during a dark period of history. Come and learn how these spiritual truths can be an inspiration for us even today. Join us on Sundays in April, 2016.

—Chester Naka

## **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.