



NCC News

November 8, 2015



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Welcome

We welcome back **The Rev. Howard Yoshida!** Howard has preached at NCC many times in the past, and has always been so gracious to be our on-call pastor whenever our pastor is away on leave. Thank you, Howard!

All-Church Fall Cleanup - Rescheduled to Nov. 21

The All-Church Fall cleanup is rescheduled to **Saturday, Nov. 21**, to not conflict with the mediation informational meeting scheduled for Nov. 14. —Howard Mau

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 today, **November 8**, immediately after the morning worship service in the old library and for Saturday, **November 14**, at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Introduction to Godly Play - Today

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** at 10:30 a.m. in room 204.

Advent Preparation - November 27

Christmas will soon be upon us, and volunteers are needed to help set up the sanctuary for Advent. Preparations will start on Friday, **November 27**, at 8:30 a.m. Bring floral cutting shears, if you have one, to cut greens for the wreaths. Your help is needed and much appreciated!

Also, join us for the "*Hanging of the Greens*" service on Sunday, **November 29**, at 9:00 a.m. We will put the finishing touches in the sanctuary as we welcome the start of the Advent season.

—Diaconate Board

Staff Leave

Pastor Mary returns from sabbatical/study tomorrow. For pastoral emergencies, contact **Pastor Mary** at 561-0113. Groundskeeper **Le Huynh** is on vacation **Nov. 2-16**. He will continue to do the daily security checks.

Floral Offerings

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering for the sanctuary. The following dates are open: November 15 and December 13. Call the church office (595-3935) to sign up.

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

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

Hui Malama-Ulu Wai Ministry

There will be a free community workshop on vermicomposting, aka raising worms which eat your garbage. Besides basic vermicomposting, Ralph, da Worm Guy, will extend his talk on how worm castings, worm tea and mineral supplements can enhance plant growth immensely. He will also share information on why adding a few minerals help enhance the whole soil system. Invite any family and friends who are interested in gardening.

The class will be held on Tuesday, **Nov. 10**, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in Kosasa Hall. Please join Ralph at Zippy’s Vineyard Restaurant for lunch to continue the discussion (11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)... “Dutch Treat.” Reservations are required. Email kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net or call Velma after 7 p.m. 595-3135.

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

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 to attend by **November 23** (*revised from November 30*) with **June Nishimura**, tel. 888-2411 or **Hankie Kuniyoshi**, tel. 737-4645.

The Nichigobu Congregation welcomes **Edward Trenholm** who has been attending Nichigobu Bible study regularly on Sundays for several months. Edward, originally from Atlanta, Georgia, was stationed in Japan while serving in the United States Air Force before moving to Hawaii. He is currently self employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant in a private care home.

Donations of 4-ply yarn are needed to knit caps, and also new and used jigsaw puzzles for residents in long term care facilities. Several Nichigobu members will present knitted caps by **Katsuko Nomi**, and also new and used jigsaw puzzles to residents of a long term care facility on Kauai next Spring. Bring donations on Sunday or contact any Nichigobu worship attendees.

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!

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.