



NCC News

November 29, 2015



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

2016 Floral Offerings

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering for the sanctuary. Sign ups for the 2016 flower chart are now being taken on the lanai following the worship service or call the church office.

Advent Inter-Generational Activities - 10:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall
Refreshments following the morning worship service will be served in Kosasa Hall on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13.

November 29 - Advent Wreath-Making

December 6 - Card-Making for Homebound and College Students

December 13 - Gingerbread House-Making

December 20 - Caroling (place TBA)



Christmas Cantata - December 13

Come and worship with us at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, **December 13**, as the Chancel Choir presents their gift of music, "Silent Night! Holy Night!" Directed by **Russell Ishida**, rehearsal accompanist **Lori Takeyama-Goshi**, and soloist **Cheryl Chock**.



Annual Reports

Just a reminder for all board/committee chairs, moderator, senior pastor, and treasurer, your annual reports are due on **December 11**. It's a tedious task formatting and compiling all reports into the final document, so your cooperation is much appreciated. Please send it as a Word document.

—Paula Yamamoto

Sunday Refreshments

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.

Mahalo.

-Paul Yamamoto

Intergenerational Game Night

Join us at 15 Craigside on Saturday, **January 9, 2016** for another game night! Everyone is invited! We will eat and play in the Craigside "solarium" from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided, but dessert donations to share will be gladly accepted! Parking space at 15 Craigside is limited, so we will be carpooling from NCC starting from 4:15 p.m. We need to get a count of people coming by **November 30th**. Please sign up on the friendship lanai! —Kristen Young

White Christmas

Each Sunday during Advent, you may bring your donations to church and place them under our tree. On December 20th, the Missions Committee will pack them for collection by the River of Life Mission, Family Promise, and the Transition House. The Missions Committee thanks you for your ongoing support of these organizations.

If you would like some suggestions for your White Christmas shopping, these items have been requested by the organizations.

River of Life Mission: Shampoo, Disposable razors, Bar soap (small hotel size is fine), Spray deodorant, Toothpaste, Feminine hygiene products, men's briefs in all sizes, disposable diapers in all sizes. Food items to be given as part of Christmas packages: Vienna sausage, Spam, Tuna, Sardines, Chicken, Peanuts, small jars of peanut butter, small packages of cookies or crackers, Small cans of fruit or vegetable juice.

Family Promise: Diapers (size 4, 5, & 6), baby wipes, new pillows, Laundry detergent (He type), trash bags (yard & kitchen) toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Transition House has not given us a wish list yet, but they do prefer the large ("Costco sized") products that can be shared among the families. Will pass on more information as it becomes available.

Norfolk Pine Trees Available

An artificial tree will be used this year to comply with the new City ordinance. To ensure a perpetual supply of trees, norfolk pines were planted on the church property. For safety reasons, two of these trees need to be pruned. The Missions Committee will offer them to "the highest bidder." For information, call **Joyce Uyehara** at 523-3483.

—Missions Committee

Wednesday Night Lectionary Bible Study

The Lectionary Bible Study class scheduled for December 2015 and January 2016 has been modified for the holiday season. We will have class and a light dinner on December 2 and 9, 2015. We will resume the Lectionary Bible Study on January 13, 2016 at 5:30 pm. Please note the schedule change. All are welcomed!!!

A Lifetime Gift

The holidays are upon us. If you would like to give a gift that keeps on giving, the Wormcyclor is the perfect gift. For just \$60 the Wormcyclor will give endless benefits for aina: nutrient soil, natural time release fertilizer, wonderful organic fertilizer, insect repellent, disease repellent, conserves water, and lifelong soil friends that don't talk back. They just give and keep on giving! Email kimoment2@hawaiiintel.net or call Velma @ 595-3135 after 7 p.m. If you would like to see it live, there is a Wormcyclor on the Friendship Lanai and outside the preschool classroom in Kibo Kan 103. You are invited to check it out.

--Ulu Wai Ministry

UCC National Youth Event Fundraiser

The Oahu Association United Church of Christ is assisting our youth in their efforts to raise funds to defray travel expenses for the 2016 National Youth Event (NYE). The HI2NYE committee will be holding a fundraising dinner, "Love is..." on Saturday, **January 30, 2016** at the Community Church of Honolulu. The event will be a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Tickets are \$20.

If you are able to donate new or valuable auction items such as gift certificates from merchants or restaurants, theme baskets (e.g. a movie basket filled with popcorn, arare, candy, and movie tickets), or services (e.g. free car wash or babysitting or a meal cooked by a church member or pastor), please email **Lee Takagi** (ltakagi@hawaiiintel.net) and/or **Becky Kanenaka** (ken214@hawaii.rr.com) describing the auction item and a suggested value no later than January 15, 2016.

Happy 100th Birthday, Noble!

"Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday, dear Noble, happy birthday to you!" **Noble Ing** is officially part of that elite group of centenarians as of today! We wish you many more years of good health, happiness, and coming to church!



In Loving Memory



Our deepest condolences go out to the family of the late **Alice Matsuwaki** who passed away on November 24, 2016. Alice is survived by son Bert and two grandchildren, Chaney and Carter Matsuwaki. A celebration of life service will be held at NCC on Sunday, December 13. Visitations will begin at 4:00 p.m. and service at 5:00 p.m. Please keep the Matsuwaki family in your prayers during this time of bereavement.

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.