



NCC News

December 13, 2015



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Christmas Cantata - December 13



This morning, the Chancel Choir will present their gift of music, “Silent Night! Holy Night!” during the morning worship service. Directed by **Russell Ishida** and rehearsal accompanist **Lori Takeyama-Goshi**.

Advent Inter-Generational Activities - 10:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall
Refreshments following the morning worship service will be served in Kosasa Hall.

December 13 - Gingerbread House-Making



Love Feast Fundraiser

Join us on Saturday, **January 30, 2016** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Community Church of Honolulu for our “love feast” fundraiser (spaghetti dinner and silent auction) to support the HI2NYE fundraising committee that is working to subsidize costs of all NYE youth participants in the Oahu Association. NCC will be sending four youth to the UCC National Youth Event in Orlando, Florida in the summer of 2016. If you want to show some love at our “love feast,” please contact Becky or Kristen at ncintern.kristen@gmail.com/ or 808-927-0741. Tickets are \$20 per person and donations of silent auction items and centerpieces are being accepted.

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

Adult Study: Life Tree Cafe

Come to the **Life Tree Cafe** at 10:30 in room 206 for ice coffee and to talk story. We will watch a compelling true story each week on discovering “Purpose and Meaning in Life.” Join us as we explore, talk story and draw closer to God. We will be meeting on Sundays on January 31-February 7.

—Donna Chung

Bonhoeffer

When Jesus says, “Follow me...” (Matt. 4:19), “The response of the disciples,” says Bonhoeffer, “is an act of obedience, not a confession of faith in Jesus.”

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.

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 resume the Lectionary Bible Study on **January 13, 2016** at 5:30 pm. Please note the schedule change. All are welcomed!!!

White Christmas

Next Sunday, December 20, is the last day to bring your donations to church and place them under our tree. After the morning worship service, 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.

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.

A Lifetime Gift

The holidays are upon us. If you would like to give a gift that keeps on giving, the Wormcycler is the perfect gift. For just \$60 the Wormcycler 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@hawaiiantel.net or call Velma @ 595-3135 after 7 p.m. If you would like to see it live, there is a Wormcycler on the Friendship Lanai and outside the preschool classroom in Kibo Kan 103. You are invited to check it out.

--Ulu Wai Ministry

Boy Scout Troop 201 Needs Your Help!

Please join us for a journey into the culture of Japan as we produce and artistically create Kadomatsu (literally “gate pine”), the traditional decoration for the New Year! Bamboo Harvest Day is Friday, **December 18, 2015**. Kadomatsu Production Day is Saturday, **December 19**, all day. And please come on Sunday, **December 20** from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the biggest display of Kadomatsu in Hawaii; all here at the Nu‘uanu Congregational Church gym.



To purchase Kadomatsu, please call or text **Christine Urabe** at 277-5157, or email her at chrisurabe@msn.com. Small: \$25.00, Large: \$35.00, Extra Large: \$50. If you like fancy Kadomatsu (with pebbles on a ceramic plate), Small fancy \$40.00, Large fancy \$50.00, Extra Large fancy \$75.00.

Feel free to contact Eagle Scout **Andrew Nakatsuka** or **Claire Loo Nakatsuka** for more information. Thank you for your support of Boy Scout Troop 201!

—Claire Nakatsuka

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.