



# **NCC News**

## **January 3, 2016**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church*

### **2015 Contributions**



Just a reminder....in order for contributions to be credited for the 2015 tax year, they had to have been either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than **December 31, 2015** or received by the church office before 12:00 p.m., December 31, 2015. Contributions received after that are credited to 2016, even if the check has a December date.

### **Movie - “*Ten Promises I Made To My Dog*”**

This movie will be shown on **January 21** at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. It is a Japanese movie with English sub-titles.

This is a story of a young girl, Akari, her parents, a childhood friend, and a dog named Socks. It is a story that emphasizes the little events in life that bond friends, difficult choices that must be made, and sacrifices people make in the name of family. You're all invited to join us. No reservation required.



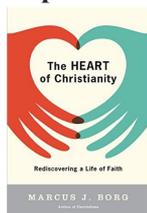
### **Experiencing the Heart of Christianity**

**The Heart of Christianity** by Marcus Borg explores an emerging understanding of the Christian faith that speaks to the experiences of adults in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. This class is an invitation to the ongoing conversation of understanding and living the way of Jesus as individuals and as a community. Purchase or access to the book is required as the class will follow the reading of each chapter for productive time of questions, presentation, and discussion.

The class will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, **January 10 to March 20, 2016**. If you have questions, please contact me at [dwight.morita@gmail.com](mailto:dwight.morita@gmail.com).

### **Wednesday Night Lectionary Bible Study**

The Lectionary Bible Study will resume on **January 13, 2016** at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!!!



## 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**.

—Chester Naka

## Long-term Care Legislation

Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE) and Caring Across Generations is sponsoring two informational sessions for the 2016 State Legislature on Long Term Care. **Monday, Jan. 4**, 6 p.m. at Nu‘uanu Congregational Church and **Monday, Jan. 11** at St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church. Let’ Care for our Kupuna and attend one of these sessions. Contact **Davin Aoyagi** at [daoyagi10@gmail.com](mailto:daoyagi10@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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 [nccintern.kristen@gmail.com](mailto:nccintern.kristen@gmail.com)/ or 808-927-0741. Tickets are \$20 per person and donations of silent auction items and centerpieces are being accepted.



## Intergenerational Family Game Night

If you already signed up for game night, don't forget to join us on **Saturday, January 9** at 15 Craigside from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided, but dessert donations will be greatly appreciated. We invite you to bring your favorite games to share! Parking is limited, so carpooling will be arranged from NCC to 15 Craigside. Contact **Kristen Young** ([nccintern.kristen@gmail.com](mailto:nccintern.kristen@gmail.com) or 927-0741) for more information. Hope to see you there!

—Kristen Young

## **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.

## **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.