



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

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.

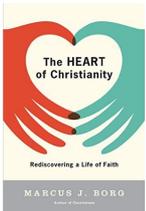


Long-term Care Legislation

Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE) and Caring Across Generations is sponsoring informational sessions for the 2016 State Legislature on Long Term Care. If you missed the one at NCC, another one will be held **tomorrow, 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 for more information.

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 21st 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 dwright.morita@gmail.com.

—Dwight Morita

Wednesday Night Lectionary Bible Study

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

Bonhoeffer

“For by grace you have been saved. . .” Eph 2:8

But, “Cheap” grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.”

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

2016 Offering Envelopes

2016 pledge envelopes are ready for pick up. If you have not turned in a pledge card, extra cards are available in the worship bulletin box (see an usher).

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.

Chancel Choir

If you enjoy singing and would like to share this God-given talent with God and others, come and join the Chancel Choir! The Choir rehearses on Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the choir room (KK202). Can't commit to the entire year? Come and join us for the Easter cantata. See **Russell Ishida** or any choir member if you are interested in joining. There's a seat waiting for you!



Vermicomposting

Ulu Wai Ministry is again offering a community session on vermicomposting. Besides basic vermicomposting, Ralph Rhoads, a vermicomposting expert, will focus these sessions on the role of bacteria and minerals in enhancing plant growth. The class will be held on Tuesday, **Jan. 12, 2016**, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., in Kosasa Hall. Reservations are required. Email kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net or call Velma after 7 p.m. at 595-3135 before Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2016. After the service today, Worm Woman will be out on the mauka-ewa end of the lanai with a worm cyler to demonstrate how vermicomposting works.

—Velma Akinaka

Lost and Found

A red collapsible cart has been sitting in the gym for several weeks. If it is yours or you know who it belongs to, it is now in the church office. Please see **Paula**.

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/ or 808-927-0741. Tickets are \$20 per person and donations of silent auction items and centerpieces are being accepted.



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.