



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

All-Church Clean Up Day - March 19



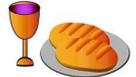
The Board of Trustees will have a clean-up day **this Saturday, March 19**, at 8:30 -11:30 a.m. We want to dust off and polish the sanctuary and also do other small tasks around the campus. Please come and help if you are able. Lunch will be served. If you have any questions, contact **Ruth Gushiken, Anne Symonds or Ray Miyamoto.**

Holy Week Services

March 20 (Palm Sunday) - 9:00 a.m. - The Chancel Choir, directed by Russell Ishida, will offer "The Wonderful Cross," a worship musical for Easter. Barbara Miwa, soloist. After the service, we will be making palm crosses on the Fellowship lanai.



March 24 (Maundy Thursday) - 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary - Remembering Jesus' last supper with his disciples. A light soup supper will begin at 5:15 p.m. on the lanai, followed with a service of reflection of Christ's mandate to love one another and the Lord's Supper. Sarah Weible will preach.



March 25 (Good Friday) - Noon and 6:00 p.m. - Good Friday Tenebrae services are offered.



March 27 (Easter Sunday)

6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service at Halona Blow Hole with Hawaii Kai UCC. The service will be led by the young and young-at-heart. Kristen Young and someone from HKUCC will be sharing.



9:00 a.m. - Resurrection Service at NCC. *A Touch of Brass* will be offering special music.

Lilies for Easter Sunday

The Diaconate is selling white Asiatic lilies for Easter Sunday, March 27. After the Easter service, the lilies will be available for pick up. To reserve a potted plant, please see a Diaconate member on the lanai. The cost is \$12 each. Supply is limited, so please sign up early.

Lenten Soup and Prayer

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will focus on listening for God with our whole-selves. We will gather for soup at 5:30 p.m. on the Friendship Lanai; and then we will proceed into the sanctuary for contemplative and meditative time of singing, silence, and prayers. We will end by 7 p.m. Please join us.

Youth Spring Retreat - March 20-22

The youth group will be going on a short three-day, two-night retreat to YWCA Kokokahi during spring break, **March 20 through March 22.**

The retreat is open to all NCC youth (grades 6-12), and four high school youth from Lana‘i will also be joining us. Youth Ministry interns Kristen Young and Sarah Weible will be leading the retreat.

The focus of the spring break retreat is for each youth to grow in their own understanding of God, teach them how to share God’s word, and develop stronger relationships with each other. The retreat will include a designated time for the youth to be able to develop their own devotional, and they will lead the group during specific devotional times. We are also be doing a short service project on the Windward side as a way to give back to the ‘aina, and work together as a team. After the service project, we will go to the beach to do some team building activities and enjoy each other’s company.

The retreat will be a precursor to the annual Lana‘i Vacation Bible School, and the relationships the youth build here will help them in their teaching and interacting with the kids at Lana‘i Union Church this and every summer thereafter.

—Sarah Weible

April Green Fair Donations

If you have the following items, please donate them to NCC’s Green Fair by **March 31st.** Call Velma (595-3135) or email her at kimomment2@hawaiiantel.net, if you have these items to recycle (CLEANED, WASHED, DRIED):

- 89 ounce plastic Orange Juice (Tropicana or Simply Orange) bottles with handle
- Transparent Glass or plastic jars with covers and their labels removed... for terrariums. They should hold at least 40 ounces and have a wide mouth.
- 1” - 3” diameter plastic planting pots or metal/plastic containers
- Unused potting soil
- Vermicomposting worms

—Mahalo! Hui Malama Elves

Shareables

We have “shareables!” The youth have made “shareables” that you can share with people on the streets who are in need. You may pick them up after worship on Sunday. We are still receiving donated food items to make more.

Bonhoeffer

“Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. . . Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son.”

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

Thrift Store at Lana‘i Union Church

Lana‘i Union Church operates a Thrift Store for the folks on Lana‘i, and we have been invited to collect and bring gently used items for the church to sell at their Thrift Store. This year, they would like us to collect and bring:

- Household/kitchen items (including small appliances)
- Big kids' clothes for both boys & girls (like size 6X and up)
- Juniors clothes for boys & girls

Please collect the items at home and then bring them to church between April 24 and May 25. The youth will take the items with them on their Lana‘i Mission Trip, June 5-10. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

In Loving Memory



Deep condolences to the family of **Edna Ito** who passed away on February 25, 2016, just 10 days after she turned 100. Edna is survived by son Russell (Carol) Ito, and granddaughter Beth Ito.

Pastor Mary will officiate Edna’s service at NCC on Sunday, **April 3, 2016**. Visitations begin at 3:00 p.m. and service at 4:00 p.m.

Please keep her family in your prayers.

2016 Floral Offering

The following dates are still open: May 15, 29, June 12, September 11, October 16, 23. Call the church office to reserve a date.

Yarn Needed to Knit Caps

Donation of 4-ply yarn of any color needed to knit caps for homebound and residents in care homes, hospitals, and longterm care facilities, including those on the Big Island. Thanks to Katsuko Nomi who continues to knit caps for Nichigobu members to hand deliver. For more info, contact Dorothy Kusumoto, 230-7031 or email dotkusumoto@gmail.com. For more information, contact **Dorothy Kusumoto**, 230-7031.

Spiritual Care Volunteer Training

Pacific Health Ministries is offering six-weeks of training to prepare people for spiritual/pastoral care visitation and care-giving in their own congregations. The classes will take place on Wednesdays, **April 6 to May 11**, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. at St. John Lutheran Church, in Kailua. If interested, please let **Pastor Mary** know so that she can register you.

Understanding and Preventing Domestic Violence

Samaritan Counseling Center of Hawaii presents this program to provide information about the problems of Domestic Violence in our community. It is designed for local congregations/churches to reach out through education to people who live with and around people experiencing abusive relationships. You are invited to join the discussion:

Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at The Cathedral at St. Andrew- Honolulu

Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at Central Union Church- Honolulu

Saturday, March 19 at 10 a.m. at Pearl City Community Church

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.