



# NCC News

## September 4, 2016



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### Welcome

We welcome, **The Rev. Charles Buck**, Conference Minister of Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ, as our guest preacher this morning. It is always an honor having you preach at our church. Next Sunday, **Ms. Frances Wong** will be preaching.

We also welcome organist **Timothy Cubero, Jr.** Timothy will be joining our music staff. Timothy has played at many churches in his musical career, including Waipahu UCC. He also plays the organ at St. Augustine Church in Waikiki (6 a.m. service) and is an English composition lecturer at Leeward Community College.

### Give Aloha

September is here! Once again, we are participating in Foodland's Give Aloha Program. During the entire month of September, Foodland and Western Union Foundation will match a portion of any contribution made to NCC (up to \$249 per Maika'i card). It is their way of giving back to our community. If you have any questions, see Paula Yamamoto.



### Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go

As we approach 9/11, come join us as we explore forgiveness - a four session series using the book, Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go. The author, Adam Hamilton, is a United Methodist minister. "In 2012, [his church] was recognized as the most influential mainline church in America, and Hamilton was asked by the White House to deliver the sermon at the Obama inaugural prayer service." We will meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. upstairs in Room 206 for four Sundays beginning on **September 11**. Led by **Emily Lockwood** and **Donna Chung**.

You can purchase the Kindle version at [https://www.amazon.com/Forgiveness-Finding-Peace-Through-Letting-ebook/dp/B008R3YOWC/ref=sr\\_1\\_1s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1472528537&sr=1-1&keywords=forgiveness#nav-subnav](https://www.amazon.com/Forgiveness-Finding-Peace-Through-Letting-ebook/dp/B008R3YOWC/ref=sr_1_1s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1472528537&sr=1-1&keywords=forgiveness#nav-subnav). We will also have 15 hardcover books available. Our sessions will begin with an 11 minute video and then small group discussions.

Donna Chung

## Family Promise

We will be hosting Family Promise families the week of **September 11-18**. Areas of help needed are setting up the rooms, cleaning the rooms, meal preparation, kitchen liaison, overnight hosting, and laundry. If you would like to help out, please see **Judy Keith**. Mahalo!

## Youth Group Schedule

Youth Group (gr. 6-12) meets on Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m. in room 203. Praise Band (all ages) meets 11:30-12:30. The youth will also be cooking dinner for Family Promise on Sunday, September 11. See Youth Ministry Interns **Samantha Cardona** or **Sarah Weible**, for more information.

## Kristen in Peru

**Kristen Young** and two other Young Adult Volunteers left for Peru on August 29. During her one year of service, Kristen is staying with a host family in Huanuco, Peru. Her site placement is the Casa del Buen Trato, a shelter for children and adolescent survivors of sexual abuse. Please keep Kristen in your prayers. You may follow her year-long journey on her blog: [kristenyoungav.wordpress.com](http://kristenyoungav.wordpress.com).

## It's a Girl!

**Kasie** has a new baby sister! Congratulations to the Dodson and Ing families on the birth of **Kaylee Dodson**. Kaylee was born on August 30, 2016 to **Kai Dodson and Darsie Ing-Dodson**. She weighed in at 7 lbs, 14 oz. and measured 20 inches. Both mother and daughter are doing well. Proud grandparents are **Darwin and Josie Ing**.



## **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.