



# *NCC News*

## September 11, 2016



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### **Welcome**

We welcome, again, **Ms. Frances Wong**, as our guest preacher this morning. It's always a delight having you share God's word with us.

From **September 12 to November 30, Rev. Neal MacPherson** will be returning as our part-time Supply Pastor. He invites anyone to come by the church to see him. His office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, but it is best to call, in case he is on a visitation.

### **Give Aloha**

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) through their Give Aloha Program. Also, don't forget to turn in your receipt to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sundays. So we may credit your giving statement properly, please make sure your name is on the receipt, and tell us what your giving is for, i.e., pledge, birthday offering, thank offering, memorial offering, etc. Mahalo.



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://amzn.com/B008R3YOWC>. We will also have 15 hardcover books available. Our sessions will begin with an 11 minute video and then small group discussions.

Donna Chung

## Adult Bible Study

The following is the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study schedule:

Sept 11 - Oct 2	<b>“Forgiveness”</b>	Donna Chung/Emily Lockwood
Oct 9	<b>“Dengue &amp; Zika”</b>	Jonathan Hilts
Oct 16 - Nov 20	<b>“History of Christianity”</b>	Pastor Neal

Pastor Neal will also lead **Wednesday night lectionary classes** beginning **September 14**, except the Wednesday before the second Sunday of the month as he will not preach on second Sundays. There will be a light meal at 5:30 p.m. with the class beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please **sign-up on the lanai after service** for this class so that we will be able to plan the meals accordingly. Carol Hamada

## 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 this afternoon. See Youth Ministry Interns **Samantha Cardona** or **Sarah Weible**, for more information.

## Family Promise

This week, we are hosting Family Promise families. If you would like to help out, please see **Judy Keith**. Mahalo!

## 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).

## **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.