



NCC News

October 2, 2016



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church

Neighbors in Need Offering

This morning, we will be receiving the *Neighbors in Need* offering, one of five UCC Special Mission offerings. You may write your check to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church with NIN on the memo line. An envelope may be found in the pew racks for your convenience. Please give generously.

Give Aloha - Mahalo!

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to NCC through the Give Aloha Program. We will receive all contributions and the matching grant some time around the middle of October. Stay tune on how we did!



2017 Stewardship Pledges - “Go and do the same.” Luke 10:37

If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2017, please place it in the Sunday offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you need another one, see an usher. This commitment to the church is very important, so that the Finance Committee will know how to plan the operating budget for next year. Through the ministries at NCC, let us share our love with the world in gratitude for all that God has bestowed on us.

Adult Bible Study

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

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| Sept. 11 - Oct. 2 | “ Forgiveness ” | Donna Chung/Emily Lockwood |
| Oct. 9 | “ Dengue & Zika ” | Jonathan Hilts |
| Oct. 16 - Nov. 20 | “ History of Christianity ” | Pastor Neal |

Pastor Neal also leads **Wednesday night lectionary classes**, beginning with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and class 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

UCC Transition House Benefit Dinner

The UCC Transition House is a safe haven for women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence. The 25th anniversary of their benefit dinner will be held on **Thursday November 10, 2016 at Central Union Church Parish Hall**. Tickets cost \$45.00 (\$20.00 tax deductible). Along with dinner, there will be local entertainment, a country store and a silent auction. Homemade treats and handicraft items are welcomed for sale. **Deadline to purchase tickets is October 16.** For tickets, contact the Missions Committee members: **Becky Kanenaka, Judith Keith, Wayne Kobayashi, Micki Sasaki, Sandy Satogata, Sybil Seto and Joyce Uyehara**. Mahalo.



It's a Girl!

Congratulations to **Ashley and Kris Hartwell** on the birth of their new baby girl! **Grace** was born on September 25, 2016. She weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 21 inches. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

Palestine/Israel: Bridging Past and Present An Evening with Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian Saturday, October 8, 6-8:30 p.m St. Clement's Church at 1515 Wilder Avenue

A number of sponsors, including the Hawai'i Chapter of Friends of Sabeel and St. Clement's Parish, invite everyone to an evening of food, film, and discussion. A Middle Eastern dinner will be served at 6 p.m. This will be followed by a brief film on the 1917 Balfour Declaration, a document that, 100 years later, remains relevant in the struggle for justice in Palestine/Israel. Following the film, Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian will discuss present-day conditions for Palestinians living in Occupied East Jerusalem as part of an ongoing history of colonialism. Dr. Shalhoub-Kevorkian is the Lawrence D. Biele Chair in Law at the Faculty of Law-Institute of Criminology and the School of Social Work and Public Welfare at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Named by the Harvard Law School as one of its Women Inspiring Change honorees, she is the author of a book, *Security Theology, Surveillance and the Politics of Fear*, published last year by the Cambridge University Press.

The evening is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted. Additional parking available at Punahou School, Christian Science Church (1508 Punahou St.), and Lutheran Church of Honolulu (1730 Punahou).

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.