

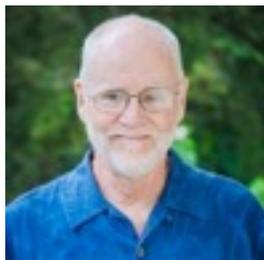
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Pastor's Message

By Neal MacPherson

Aloha Members and Friends of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church,

I would like to invite everyone to join together for worship on All Saints Sunday, **November 6**. This will be a special Sunday in our life together and include something we have not done before.

When we think of All Saints Sunday, we perhaps have in mind the liturgical traditions we associate with Roman Catholicism or the Lutheran/Episcopal traditions of Protestantism. That need not be. I like to think of the celebration of All Saints Sunday as the “church’s remembrance day.” It is a Sunday to remember and give thanks to God for the lives of those who have gone before us and who continue to inspire us on our own life journeys. The saints can be family members, significant people who are remembered in the life and history of the church, even important leaders in our world who have inspired us to higher purposes in life.

The Day of All Saints, November 1, is, of course, the day that follows All Hallow’s Eve, October 31. It’s called “*All Saints Day*” because this was the day set aside to remember all the saints, including the “everyday” saints who do not have a feast day named in their honor. Our celebration will take place on the Sunday following November 1; therefore we call it All Saints Sunday.

At the service itself, we will use a custom from the Latin American church in which we name aloud the people we want to remember. In particular, we will remember members of our congregation who have died this past year and also a number of men and women who were significant in the history of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church. In addition, you are invited to do your own naming of those you would like to honor. You can even bring a photo of that person (or those persons) and during the naming of the saints place your photo at the front of the sanctuary around the communion table. These photos, along with the wonderful portraits of our Nu‘uanu Saints prepared by the church’s Archive Committee will then grace the sanctuary for the rest of the service. Then, when we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, it will be as if those who have gone before us will be surrounding us, and we will have this sense of all of us belonging together in the mysterious communion of saints. Following the service, everyone is invited to go with

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Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

1st Sunday of the month:

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thanks + Giving

By Rev. Neal MacPherson

The word “thanksgiving” is a compound word, that is, it is a word that combines two separate words, “thanks” and “giving.” When we think about it, we cannot have one without the other. Genuine thanks to God for all the blessings of life will lead to giving, and giving will lead us to give God thanks for all the good gifts that surround us.

In a time that seems to be dominated by selfishness and greed, to give thanks is fast becoming a counter-cultural activity. Let us continue to be bold in our readiness to give thanks and to be guided by the vision of a time when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none. Let us be determined to do our part to live our lives more simply so that others may simply live. In this Season of Thanksgiving, let us also renew our commitment to the wellbeing of the earth itself.

There are three opportunities for us to give thanks. First, at Nu‘uanu Congregational we will celebrate **Thanksgiving Sunday** with a special service at 9 AM, our regular worship hour, on **Sunday, November 20**. We will build a *sukkah* in the sanctuary as a way to remember God’s faithfulness in all seasons of our lives. Please bring non-perishable goods (canned food, rice, beans, etc.) to place in the *sukkah*. The goods will be donated to River of Life Mission.

Then, secondly, on **Tuesday, November 22**, our church will be participating in the **55th Annual Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving**

Service, 7:00 PM. The theme for this year’s service is “Living the Spirit of Aloha.” The service will take place next door to our church at the Soka Gakkai International Culture Center. Perhaps it might be easier to park your car at our church and walk over to the center for the service. You will be interested to know that our young people will be taking part in the service.

Thirdly, you are invited to use the envelope included in this mailing to make a contribution to the ongoing life and ministry of our church. This will be a most fitting way to both give thanks and to thankfully give.



Happy Thanksgiving

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those who will re-hang the portraits of the Nu‘uanu Saints throughout the buildings.

This will be a very special service, and I am hoping that you will plan to be present. Let us come together to remember and give thanks, and may God bless our gathering.

Grace and Peace,
Neal MacPherson, Supply Pastor

NCC’s Vision Statement

Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is a diverse, open congregation of faithful Christians who seek to:

- *affirm all persons as children of God;*
- *respond to the needs of the community and congregation;*
- *respect all views and ideas;*
- *make and nurture disciples; and*
- *spread God’s word using our talents and resources.*

(Approved September 16, 2007 at the Special Congregational Meeting.)

Remembering Our Saints on All Saints Sunday

By Shirley Miyamoto, Archives Committee

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on **November 6, 2016** with a special service to honor the saints of our religion and of our church. One of the plaques that honors our saints is the one by the main doorway which lists those who were named Deacons Emeritus. These men served in many ways as deacons, moderators, chairs of special and regular committees, etc., as well as giving much of their time and energy to maintaining our church.

In addition to the persons described in the October Caller, we have four others whom we’ve honored by having rooms named for them. **Eizo Okada’s** room is the pre-school classroom on the first floor. In addition to being a Deacon, he was president of the Men’s Club numerous times and served on many committees. He is best remembered for being the one who painstakingly salvaged the usable lumber, fixtures and nails from the home which housed the Angus family from whom we bought the property on which our church now stands. He then helped to use that lumber to build the classrooms which were used by the Sunday School for ten years until Kibo Kan was completed.

Another Deacon Emeritus is **Kumezuchi Nakamura** who is honored in the choir room. He was an issei who became an active member of the church after having completed his servitude on a rural sugar plantation. He was baptized in 1898 by the Reverend Takie Okumura. Because he lived near Kuakini Hospital, he was diligent in making personal visits to fellow parishioners who were hospitalized. They benefited from his words of encouragement and comfort and prayers for their recovery.

Another second story classroom honors **Dr. Jikuma Tahara** who was baptized in 1907 by the Reverend Takejiro Miyamori. Dr. Tahara was a dentist who served as a deacon for many years and was the Finance chair for the raising of funds to build the church, the educational building and the dormitory at the School Street property.

A third second floor classroom honors **Yukichi Kitagawa** who was also baptized by the Reverend Miyamori in 1909. Mr. Kitagawa was a pharmacist at the old Benson Smith drug store and served on the Board of Deacons for many years. He diligently recorded the actions and decisions in Japanese and has made our history more available because of his many hours of recording the details of what happened.

Inside the church office on the left is a room that is named after the **Reverend Kakuichi Oshimo** who attended our church when he was a student at the University of Hawaii. Upon returning to Japan, Mr. Oshimo attended Doshisha University and graduated from its School of Divinity. He became the dean of the School of Divinity in 1948 and was elected president of the University in 1954. Many contributions from Japan to our church’s building fund were made in his name.

We have honored several of our church’s saints on both floors of Kibo Kan. However, there are three rooms that do not have designated honorees. The Heritage committee would like to launch an effort to have these rooms named. Since we now have only the kitchen honoring a woman, perhaps we could look into our history to find those women who also gave much of their time, energy and faith to serve our congregation. Please consider this suggestion and let us know if you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding naming the rooms which are now nameless.



Stewardship

By Lori Yamashiro

In his 1960 Pastor’s Annual Report, the Rev. Paul Osumi wrote,

“A dead church is the church that is complacent and satisfied with status quo and follows the same patterns year after year. A live and active church is the church that sees visions, dares to try new experiments, and has the courage to break away from traditions and established ways.”

After years of the church leadership saying that their current location at 1614 Nu‘uanu Avenue was too small for the growing congregation, on December 18, 1960, the congregation voted to purchase 3.8 acres of land in upper Nu‘uanu then owned by the Klebahn and Angus Trusts.

The vote of the congregation was only the beginning of much hard work, tightening of belts and sacrifices on the part of the congregation. The cost for both properties totaled \$275,000. This did not include the cost of building a new sanctuary, offices and classrooms. A building fund campaign was started with a goal of \$400,000. Every member and friend of the church was visited and the church received pledges totaling \$167,000, which was pretty impressive considering this was 1962.

It was ordinary folks like you and me who not only had their regular pledge to consider, but also the capital campaign pledge. If you read the annual reports for 1962, 1963 and 1964, you can sense the joyful anticipation of a dream coming true mixed with the reality of delays due to multiple plan revisions, creating facility and church equipment policies, finances, etc., but the congregation pulled together.

On the back of the campaign brochure, Rev. Paul Osumi wrote,

“The opportunity to have a share in the building of a beautiful new sanctuary does not come often. Perhaps it may only come once in one’s lifetime. Now we have such an opportunity. This is the opportunity for us to do something for God, something that represents the biggest and best and bravest we can do – an act of dedication and sacrifice that will glorify His name. Let us build a church that will serve not only us but our children and our children’s children who will be worshipping in the sanctuary long after we are gone.”

So here we are in 2016, beneficiaries of the gifts that those before us have given us. The mission work continues on the church campus, out in the community and in the world. To continue the legacy that was given us, we have set a goal of \$230,000 for 2017. As of October 17, we have received pledges of \$173, 648.

The building of this Church, the church we know as Nu‘uanu Congregational Church, has continued with each generation of faithful Christians adding to the wonderful story of NCC. May we look to the example of those who have come before us and “Go and do the same.”

Town Hall Meeting - Nov. 13

By Laurie Hamano, Moderator

Town Hall Meeting! Town Hall Meeting!
The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for **November 13, 2016** at 11:30 a.m. in the choir room. We are asking you to send in ahead of time what you would like to talk about (i.e. Senior Day Care, New Beginnings, etc.), and Laurie Hamano and Art Goto will be facilitating the requests. A big Thank You goes to **Elizabeth Kent** who will be facilitating the day's meeting. Please come and discuss what your concerns are on November 13.



Ohana Ministry

By Marge Honjiyo

If there are needs that Ohana Ministry can help you with, call one of the coordinators:

Ohana Ministry Coordinators

Mae Au, 988-4802

Dawn Hayashi, 595-7289

Marge Honjiyo, 550-3075

Alice Ishihara, 550-3187

Mary Ann Saito, 839-0895

Sets Takahashi, 550-3062

Joyce Uyehara, 523-3483

Lori Yamashiro, 292-5249

When you pray, remember the following and their caregivers: **Ann Akama, Kimiko Bristow-Canfield, Carol Hamada, Charlene Hasegawa, Fumiko Kamita, Yuriko Konno, Minnie Kosasa, Janet Kurokawa, Michael Kurokawa, Leslie Lum, Mary Montiel, Ethel Nitta, Amy and Chikao Nogami, Francis Nomura, Florence Osumi, Michi Takeyama, Terry Stone, Matthew Stucke, Glenn Yamada, and Marie Yoneshige.**

Reminder: Names are added or deleted in the Prayer Corner by individuals, family members or friend. Please help us and inform the Ohana Ministry coordinators if you want your name included or deleted in the Prayer Corner.

Prayer Corner

By Alice Ishihara

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in the thanksgiving. —Colossians 4:2.

Dear God, there are times when we wonder where you are. We wonder what we’re facing will ever work for good. But God, thank you for the prayers you answer, as well as the ones you don’t answer. Thank you in advance that everything works together for good. Help us to be strong in spirit and pray for one another. All will be well. **Amen.**



Special Gifts

Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!

Memorial Offerings

Edith Yamada - IMO Yoshitsugu Yamada

Thanks Offerings

Ululani “Lani” Hirohata

Birthday Offerings

Miyoko “Micki” Sasaki

Ethel Yamaguchi

Norman Uyechi

Ray Miyamoto

Deadline for Articles

Nu‘uanu Caller (monthly)
 20th of each month.
NCC News (weekly)
 Wednesday noon.
 Articles will be edited on a
 space available basis.

Sunday of every month. For the month of September, we collected 137 lbs. of assorted food items. Our next collection will be **November 27, 2016**. Monetary donations accepted, too. Checks may be made to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church with Hawai‘i Food Bank on the memo line. Mahalo.



Food Drive

In keeping with Missions Sunday, the Hawai‘i Food Bank collection is held on the last

Give Aloha

By Paula Yamamoto, Administrative Coordinator

Mahalo to all who participated in Foodland’s Give Aloha Program! We received \$14,517.00 in customer donations and \$3,099.23 from Foodland and Western Union Foundation for a total of \$17,616.23! Your support is greatly appreciated! If you haven’t already done so, please turn in your Foodland receipt so we may properly credit your giving statement. Mahalo!



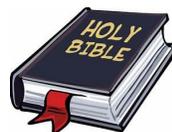
2016 Contributions



Just a reminder....in order for contributions to be credited for the 2016 tax year, they must be either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than December 31, 2016 or received by the church office before 4:00 p.m., December 30, 2016. Contributions received after that will be credited to 2017.

Adult Bible Studies

By Carol Hamada, Board of Christian Nurture



Oct. 16 - Nov. 20 “History of Christianity,”
 Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in room 206. Led by Pastor Neal.

Neal continues to lead the **Wednesday evening lectionary classes**. A light meal is served at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai with the class starting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Recycling

By Wayne Kobayashi

Bring your items on Sunday, Nov. 27

The pick up day is the first Thursday of the month. Please help our volunteers by removing caps from bottles, rinsing and separating all containers. Only HI-5¢ items are accepted.

Proceeds go toward Hui Malama.



2016 Refreshments

(Bring, Serve & Clean Up)

- January** - Church Council
 - February** - Missions Committee
 - March** - Board of Trustees
 - April** - Sew Fun
 - May** -
 - June** - Board of Christian Nurture
 - July** -
 - August** - Chancel Choir
 - September** - Diaconate Board
 - October** - Finance Committee
 - November** - Nichigobu Support Group
 - December** -
- Please dispose all trash into the dumpster. Mahalo!

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All-Church Halloween Party 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Church School 10:30 AM History of Christianity Class 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Tai Chi 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCC News Deadline 9:00 AM Hui Malama 6:30 PM Lectionary Study 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCC News Deadline 9:00 AM Hui Malama 6:30 PM Lectionary Study 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Steeple Repair 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Board of Trustees 9:00 AM Sew Fun
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM All Saints Worship Service 9:15 AM Church School 10:30 AM Youth Group 10:30 AM History of Christianity Class 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 11:30 AM Praise Band 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Tai Chi 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCC News Deadline 6:30 PM Lectionary Study 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCC News Deadline 6:30 PM Lectionary Study 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed-Veteran's Day 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office Closed-Veteran's Day 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Board of Christian Nurture
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<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Hanging of the Greens Service 9:15 AM Church School 10:30 AM Youth Group 10:30 AM Nichigobu Support Group 10:30 AM Advent Wreth-Making 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 11:30 AM Praise Band 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Tai Chi 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCC News Deadline 6:30 PM Lectionary Study 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCC News Deadline 6:30 PM Lectionary Study 	<p>1</p> <p>Planning Ahead..... Dec. 4-11 - Family Promise Dec. 18 - Boy Scouts Kadomatsu Sale Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m. Dec. 26 - Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Diaconate Board 8:30 AM Board of Trustees 9:00 AM Sew Fun



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Lectionary Readings for November

November 6 (Hold on to Faith): Hag 1:15b-2:9 • Ps 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps 98 or Job 19:23-27a • Ps 17:1-9 • **2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17** • Luke 20:27-38

November 13 (Infinite Possibilities): **Isa 65:17-25** • Isa 12 or Mal 4:1-2a • Ps 98 • 2 Thess 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19

November 20 (Together in Christ): Jer 23:1-6 • Luke 1:68-79 or Jer 23:1-6 • Ps 46 • **Col 1:11-20** • Luke 23:33-43

November 27 (Called to Gift): Isa 2:1-5 • Ps 122 • Rom 13:11-14 • **Matt 24:36-44**