



NCC News

December 11, 2016



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Kadomatsu Sale - December 18

Start the New Year off with a beautiful kadomatsu arrangement at your front door handcrafted by the hard-working Boy Scouts of Troop 201! Limited pre-sale tickets are available. Contact **Christine Urabe** at 277-5157 (cell) or chrisurabe@msn.com. If you would like to lend a hand in cutting bamboo, they will be cutting on **Friday, December 16**. Contact **Claire Nakatsuka**, ph. 595-7176 for details. If you want to learn how to make a kadomatsu or just lend a hand decorating them, the scouts will be working all day and night on **Saturday, December 17** in Kosasa Hall.



Christmas Cantata and All-Church Christmas Party



Next Sunday, **December 18**, the Chancel Choir will offer "*The Best Gift of All*," at the 9 a.m. worship service. Directed by **Russell Ishida**, soloist **Cheryl Chock**, and rehearsal accompanist **Lori Takeyama-Goshi**.

Following the service will be an All-Church Christmas Potluck Party on the Fellowship Lanai. Join us for some fun and good time!

Love to sing? The Chancel Choir has a place just for you! Rehearsals are Sundays at 10:30-11:30 a.m. If interested, see Russell Ishida or any choir member.

Annual Reports Due - Dec. 11



To all boards and committees, your annual reports are due by **December 11**. Email it to nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net in Word format (Century, 12 font), if possible. Please try to keep your report within 2 pages, including any photos (prefer photos sent separately in jpeg format). Mahalo.

Advent Godly Play for Sunday School!



Come and learn about the mystery of Christmas during Advent. Children will gather in worship. After the Passing of the Peace, children will be dismissed to attend Godly Play in room 204. They will return to worship for communion.

White Christmas Requested Items

River of Life Mission: Gift cards (for almost anywhere - Longs Drugs, Subway, other fast food outlets, local groceries, etc), diapers, laundry detergent, small toys or children's books, kids' clothing, adult clothing (all sizes, but especially women's plus size & men's 2x-3x), men's & women's underwear, men's white socks, sunglasses, food items.

Transition House: liquid soap/body wash, \$10 Longs Drugs gift cards, movie gift cards, children's sheets.

Transition House Kids' Presents: 14 yr. old boy & 10 yr. old boy each requested a specific book (Judy purchased the books on Amazon with intent that anyone could buy them from her), ~~8 yr. old girl wants a stuffed animal dog~~ (purchased), 5 yr. old girl requests a Barbie doll, and the mom of the 14 month old girl wants a potty chair that will sit on the floor.

Family Promise: Gift cards (Target, Walmart, Longs, Foodland, Macy's, etc.), air beds (low, twin sized), razors (men and women), deodorant (men and women), feminine napkins, diapers, baby wipes, canned goods (spam, vienna sausage, etc.) toilet paper, trash bags (kitchen and yard).

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.

Turn in Give Aloha Receipts

We still have about 5 outstanding receipts. Remember, Foodland does not give us the names of donors. If you would like credit for 2016, please turn in your Foodland receipt right away, so we may credit your giving statement. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Mahalo for your support!



--Paula Yamamoto

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, please see an usher. Through the ministries at NCC, let us share our love with the world in gratitude for all that God has given us.

Adult Study

The Wednesday evening lectionary class will take a short break and will resume on **January 4, 2017**. The Sunday “History of Christianity” class will resume on **January 8, 2017**. Both classes are led by Neal MacPherson.



Knitted Caps for Homebound and Care Facilities

Ayako Iwaoka and **June Nishimura** have knitted over 25 caps for residents at nursing facilities, care home, and homebound, in addition to caps knitted by **Katsuko Nomi**.

Notify any Nichigobu (Japanese speaking) members or supporters to request knitted caps. --Dorothy Kusumoto, tel. 230-7031

Outdoor Lanai Furniture Needed

The second floor lanai furniture has been used extensively after many long years and direly needs replacement. If anyone has any used ones that are still in good condition (or even new ones) and would like to donate it to the church, they will be put to good use and much appreciated. Please contact anyone on the Board of Trustees. Mahalo!

December Refreshments

Have you been enjoying the yummy refreshments each Sunday following the morning worship service? **December** is an open month (not assigned to a group), so if you would like to help out on one of the Sundays in December, sign up on the refreshment table or see **Joyce Ueyhara**. Your help with preparing the tea, setting up, and cleaning up is much appreciated, too! Mahalo!

Floral Offering



Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering! Reserve your Sunday on the Flower Chart found on the Fellowship Lanai or call the church office.