



# *NCC News*

## **February 5, 2017**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

### **Lenten Study**

This year, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which we will observe on March 1, and ends with our celebration of the new life of Easter on Sunday, April 16. Traditionally, Lent is a time for prayer and reflection as we prepare for the journey of Jesus to the cross and then his resurrection. To help us do this, we will be having a Wednesday evening Lenten series based on a thoughtful book called Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen. Henri Nouwen was a student of Thomas Merton who has written extensively on the spiritual life and community formation.

The five-part series will begin on **Wednesday, March 8** and end on Wednesday, April 5. We will let you know of the meeting time and place in the near future. Everyone is invited to participate in these gatherings. If you would like to order a copy of the book (\$9.50), there will be a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We would like to order the books on Monday, February 20, so that they will arrive in plenty of time.

### **Affirmation of Ministry**

This morning, we will be affirming the ministry of our new officers during the worship service. Please come forward when your name is called.

### **Adult Studies**



The Wednesday evening lectionary class is held at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastor’s Foyer. A light supper is served at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

The 10:30 a.m. Sunday “History of Christianity” class has also resumed and meets in KK206. Both classes are led by Neal MacPherson.

### **2017 Offering Envelopes and End of Year Giving Statements**

The 2017 offering envelopes are ready for pick up, along with the end of year giving statements. Help us save on postage by picking yours up on the table near the front door. Mahalo.

## 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.

## Floral Offering



Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering! Reserve your Sunday on the Flower Chart found in the church office. Openings are: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, Mar. 19, 26, Apr. 23, 30, July 2, 16, Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 15, 22, Nov. 26, Dec. 17, 31.

## Office Help Requested



**Paula Yamamoto**, Administrative Coordinator, will be going on her annual ski vacation **February 16-26**. If you are able to help out in the office during that time, please see Paula. Thank you to those who have signed up! Your help is greatly appreciated! Help is needed on the following two days: Thu. 2/16 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12-4 p.m., and Fri. 2/17 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Palm Crosses

On Sunday, **February 26**, we will be burning the palm crosses from last Palm Sunday to make the ash for our Ash Wednesday Services on March 1. Please look for your palm cross and bring it to church with you. Extra crosses will be available to burn.

