



# NCC News

## February 26, 2017



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### Palm Crosses



Following the worship service this morning, we will be burning the palm crosses from last Palm Sunday to make the ash for our Ash Wednesday Services on March 1. Thank you, Becky Kanenaka, for helping to prepare the ashes.

### Ash Wednesday Services

Two Ash Wednesday services, noon and 6 p.m., will be held on **March 1**. The imposition of ashes will be offered at both services.



### 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.

### 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: Feb. 5, Mar. 19, Apr. 30, July 16, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 15, 22, Nov. 26, Dec. 17, 31.

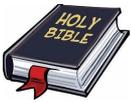
## New Members Class

We want to extend to you an invitation to participate in three meetings designed for those who may be interested in church membership or may just want to know more about our church and the United Church of Christ—the Protestant denomination to which we belong.

In these three meetings, we will explore the history of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church; the history, theology, and polity (governance) of the United Church of Christ; the ways we are organized for ministry and mission; and what it means to be a member of our church. Please know that we are received into the church through the sacrament of baptism or by an affirmation of our baptism if already baptized. Even if you are uncertain as to whether or not church membership is for you, we hope you will join us for these three sessions.

If at all possible, we hope that the first of the three sessions can take place following our Sunday worship on Sunday, **March 5**. The other two meetings will be organized depending upon the schedules and wishes of the participants.

## 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 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.