



NCC News March 5, 2017



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church



Sunday Adult Education in Lent **The Theology of the Cross**

Following worship on five Sundays in Lent – **March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9** – our interim pastor Neal MacPherson will lead us in an exploration of the theology of the cross. Using Biblical and other sources, we will discuss the origins of this theology and how it has fared through the history of the church. We will look at insights of Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Dorothee Söelle, Jurgen Moltmann, Paul Tillich, Shusaku Endo, the Minjung Theologians, and Douglas John Hall who have represented this theology in their writings. We will also consider how the seasons of the church year and our worship practices can express the way of the cross in our life together as Christians. The sessions will last about an hour and all are welcome.

Wednesday Evening 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 meet at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai for a light soup supper, followed by the study at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

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.

An organizational meeting will take place following our Sunday worship **today, March 5**. The sessions will be organized depending upon the schedules and wishes of the participants.

Godly Play

The youth ministry interns would like to restart Godly play with the Keiki beginning **March 12** during service. We would love for the Keiki and their parents to join us in the sanctuary for the beginning of the worship service, and for the Keiki to follow Sarah and Sammie to the Godly play room (KK204) after the passing of the peace. For more information about what Godly Play is please contact Sarah or Sammie at sweible.ncc@gmail.com or scardona.ncc@gmail.com respectively. I hope to see all our Keiki there! Mahalo!



—Sarah Weible

Green Day - April 22

Save this date! The Ulu Wai Sustainability Ministry is holding its “Green Day” on Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to NCC’s Missions Ministry to help various non-profits take care of present and future generations who need our support now. We will have something for everyone ... waterless car wash, food, free cycling, craft items, shredding, e-waste and vermicomposting. Look for more details in our weekly e-news and on our website: www.nuuanu.org.

--Velma Akinaka

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

Imagination Workshop

Submitted by Kapono Kobylanski

Who: 🎉 You're Invited! 🎉

What: "Imagination Workshop" by Activational Alchemy

Where: Mid-Pacific Country Club - Lanikai Room

When: March 11, 2017 (Saturday)

Time: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: \$49.95 (light breakfast provided)

Why: Wake up your imagination to get you sustainable change and lasting results in all areas of your life.

If you know anyone who wants more in life or better results, let them know of the "Imagination Workshop." An up and coming expert, **Steve Rix**, in the self help industry will be heading the workshop. Limited seating available. For more information call Kapono at 808-497-9367.