



# *NCC News*

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*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uaniu Congregational Church*

### **Summer Worship Time - 9:30 a.m. through September**

Just a reminder that our summer worship time is at 9:30 a.m.

The 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship hour will stay in place through the month of September. This will give the Church Council time to act on a proposal by the Diaconate to keep the 9:30 a.m. worship hour on a permanent basis.

The reasons behind the proposal are two:

- 1) 9:30 a.m. may be more convenient for families with young children. Often, Sunday is the only day of the week when families with small children can enjoy a more relaxed beginning of the day, and it perhaps might be easier for them to consider participation in worship if we were to begin the service a little later.
- 2) If the beginning time of worship is 9:30 a.m., the choir practice can take place prior to worship, beginning at 8:15 a.m. instead of the usual warm-up at 8:30 a.m.  
If choir practice can take place before worship, adult education classes can be held after morning worship and free up choir members who might want to take advantage of educational opportunities. The Diaconate believes that adult education for adults is a top priority for the church in these days of religious change.

The Church Council will act on this proposal at its September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Before the 19<sup>th</sup>, anyone who has strong feelings about this proposal to make the 9:30 a.m. worship time permanent are invited to express their feelings in writing or by phone to **Laurie Hamano**, our Moderator, or **Mabel Suzuki**, the chair of the Diaconate. Your prayerful consideration of this proposal is encouraged.



## Give Aloha - Month of September

During the month of September, Foodland and their partner, Western Union, will match a portion of any contribution made to NCC through the store. At any Foodland or Sack n' Save store, you may make a contribution to NCC (pledge, special offering) up to \$249 per Maika'i card. Foodland does not provide us with the names of donors, so please place your receipt in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Be sure the receipt has your name and type of giving, so we may credit your giving account properly.

All contributions and matching grants will be returned to NCC in October. Be good stewards and help us raise money for our ministries. The more you give through this program, the more Foodland and Western Union will give back to the community....and to our church! Mahalo for participating!



## UCC Emergency Aid Appeal - Hurricane Harvey



The United Church of Christ has launched an emergency appeal to help with long term recovery following Hurricane Harvey — a catastrophic storm that has already displaced thousands of Texans and left more than forty people dead.

The needs of our sisters and brothers in Texas are great, and they face a long road to recovery. Please continue to pray for all who have been affected by this disaster, as well as for all who are assisting with the relief and recovery efforts.

In times like this and through our generous gifts we show not only our care for one another, but also the healing and helping hand of God who is *“our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”* (Psalm 46:1). Join in the response to help by making a contribution. Checks may be written to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church with “Hurricane Harvey” on the memo line. Thank you for your caring and compassion.

## Pastor's Vacation

From **September 4 until September 26**, **Neal** will be on vacation. In his absence, we welcome **Rev. Wally Ryan Kuroiwa**, our former pastor who will be preaching, leading the Wednesday evening Lectionary Study, and offering pastoral assistance if needed.

## Lectionary Bible Study

The Wednesday evening Lectionary Bible Study begins with a simple supper at 5:30 p.m. on the Fellowship lanai. Following supper, participants gather to study the scripture readings for each forthcoming Sunday. All are welcome.

## Office Help Needed



**Paula** will be on vacation **October 6 through October 23.**

If you are able to volunteer in the office, please see her. Mahalo to those who have already signed up. Your help is much appreciated!

## Pastor Neal's Sermons

Pastor Neal's sermons may be downloaded from our website at [www.nuuanu.org](http://www.nuuanu.org). Click on the "Worship" tab. Printed copies are still available for those who prefer a hard copy.

## **New Beginnings Prayers**

The New Beginnings small group led by Laurie Hamano and Gail Wenos offer these prayers for each day of this coming week. You are invited to use them as a guide for your daily prayers.

Verse of the week

*May He equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him.*

Hebrews 13.21

**MONDAY:**

Thank You, Father, that you have promised to equip us for your work. You have made many resources available to us already, and for that we thank you! Show us how to be good stewards of what you have given us.

**TUESDAY:**

Ask God to raise up leaders through this New Beginnings process whose hearts are filled with passion for His work here at NCC. Ask Him to equip them with wisdom, insight, discernment, and joy in their service.

**WEDNESDAY:**

As the Home Group leaders meet together to compare their notes from their individual groups, ask God to help them communicate the input of their groups clearly. Help them to see and understand the “common threads,” concerns, and ideas.

**THURSDAY:**

Remind us Father, as new ideas come forward, that we are careful not to be thinking about what we are going to do for God as a church, but to instead be listening to what YOU are calling us to do.

**FRIDAY:**

Because the New Beginnings process takes time, ask God to enable us as a church family to be a source of uplifting and loving encouragement to each other even as we wait.

**SATURDAY:**

“When God calls, He also equips. When God calls, He enables. When God calls, He provides. When God calls you, He qualifies You.” Ask God to make this real in our lives.