



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 19th meeting. Before the 19th, 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 - NCC's Code: 78424

If you are planning on making any kind of a contribution to NCC, please make it through Foodland's Give Aloha Program! Foodland and their partner, Western Union, will match a portion of any contribution made to NCC through the store during the month of September. At any Foodland or Sack n' Save store, you may make a contribution to NCC 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 (pledge, special offering), 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!



“Beside Still Waters” - Benefit Dinner

The UCC Transition House, a safe house for women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence, is having their annual fundraising function.

Date/Time: **Thursday October 19, 2017**

Location: Central Union Church- Parish Hall

Cost: \$45.00/person (\$20.00 tax deductible}. Make checks payable to UCC Transition House. Deadline for purchase October 2, 2017.

Local entertainment, country store and silent auction. Homemade treats and handcraft donations are welcome for sale. Contact: **Joyce Uyehara** for tickets and donations.

Pastor's Vacation

From **September 4 until September 26**, **Neal** will be on vacation. In his absence, **Rev. Wally Ryan Kuroiwa**, our former pastor, 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.

UCC Emergency Aid Appeal - Hurricanes Harvey and Irma



The United Church of Christ has launched an emergency appeal to help with long term recovery following Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Hurricane Irma, which killed 37 people in the Caribbean and at least 22 people across three states, has left millions without power and inflicted catastrophic damage. Please continue to pray for all who have been affected by these disasters, 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 Relief” on the memo line. Thank you for your caring and compassion.

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 appreciated!

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

“If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked way, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

MONDAY:

Thank You Father that You love us. Thank you that you are a forgiving God who DOES hear our prayers as we humbly come to You and seek Your face. Hear our prayers this week.

TUESDAY:

Even as God forgives us for our sins, ask Him to help us forgive one another for the hurts of the past that have yet to be healed. Ask Him to help us be living examples of Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

WEDNESDAY:

Ask God to restore relationships that have been broken and give us His healing so that we can move forward with love, joy, and unity.

THURSDAY:

As we move forward with the New Beginnings process, ask God to keep us focused on HIS mission and not our own agendas.

FRIDAY:

Ask God to help us as individuals and as a church family to understand that HE is our firm foundation. Ask Him to help us build on that foundation with Him as our leader.

SATURDAY:

Father, You have called us to be Your light in this darkened world. As we humbly seek Your face and pray, reveal to us Your mission that will not only serve our community, but most importantly will draw people to You and Your love.