



NCC News **October 8, 2017**



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church



Worship Time - 9:00 a.m.

Summer is over, and our worship time is back to 9:00 a.m.

Nursery School Volunteers Needed

The Board of Christian Nurture is asking for volunteers to help out in the nursery on Sunday mornings during the 9:00 am service. Two volunteers are needed each Sunday from October 2017 to August 2018. Volunteers are asked to sign-up for four Sundays a year which need not be consecutive Sundays. One of the volunteers is asked to teach a short kindergarten level Bible lesson which will be provided. If you can help out please sign-up with **Carol Hamada or Josie Ing**.

Adult Education - “Church at a Crossroads”

Beginning Sunday, **October 22**, and continuing through the Sundays in November, Neal will lead six sessions in a discussion of his book, published in 2008, called “*Church at a Crossroads: Being the Church after Christendom.*”

“*Church at a Crossroads*” reflects the life of Church of the Crossroads during the twenty years Neal was the pastor of the church. Although the book is about Church of the Crossroads, it is intended to foster discussion and reflection in any congregational setting. In leading these sessions, Neal will encourage participants to reflect upon the history, the present life and the ministry and mission of Nu'uanu Congregational Church.

Books may be ordered by signing your name to a sign-up sheet, which will be available on Sunday mornings or at the office. The deadline for book orders will be Sunday, October 15, and the cost will be around \$17.00.

Obata Fund Requests

The deadline for this year's Obata Endowment Fund requests is **October 31, 2017**. Please refer to the Obata Endowment Fund information and application on the NCC website: www.nuuanu.org.

Give Aloha - Please turn in your receipt!

Thank you to all who participated in Foodland's Give Aloha program. Please turn in your receipts as soon as possible, so we can verify the list of donors. Make sure your name, date of giving, and purpose of giving are on the receipt, so we may properly credit your giving statement. Mahalo!

The Festival of All Saints - Sunday, November 5, 2017

Again, for a second time, we will celebrate the Festival of All Saints during morning worship on Sunday, November 5. We will not only remember and give thanks for the Nu'uaniu saints whom we continue to honor and who have had rooms named for them, but we will also honor all the everyday saints we remember— members of the congregation who have died this past year and others, including members of our families, who have gone before us and whose lives have shaped our understanding of who we are.

We ask you to bring photographs of those you would like to remember to this service. These photographs will be placed on tables at the front of the sanctuary. As part of the service, you will be given an opportunity to name those you would like to remember. And then, as we share bread and wine at the Lord's Table, it will be as if they are present with us.

It has been said that the Festival of All Saints is the Christian Church's Memorial Day. We look forward to this special service in our life together.

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.

NCC News for October 15 and 22

All worship material (order of worship, NCC News and PowerPoints) were pre-formatted prior to Paula going on vacation. Please make any new announcements orally during the service.

Reserved Parking

Some time during late October, Cove Development will be using 15 parking spaces in the upper parking lot (row closest to Pali Highway) for their construction crew, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for about a year. They will be building a memory care residence two doors from the church. Please do not park in this row during the work week. Mahalo.

Are You Interested In Learning Tai Chi?

The tai chi group which meets every Monday from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in Kibo Kan is looking for anyone interested in joining us. You do not have to already know tai chi (folks are at different levels). Tai Chi has many health benefits, and we feel that tai chi at NCC would be a great service to the community. There is no charge. Anyone interested or have questions, may talk to **Barbara Mau** or **Paula Yamamoto**.



Staff Leave

Bookkeeper **Stacey Edralin** is on leave until October 18, and Administrative Coordinator **Paula Yamamoto** is on vacation until October 24. Mahalo to all who volunteered to work in the office.

Volunteers for Sunday Refreshments Needed

The months of November and December are open for anyone who would like to help out with Sunday refreshments. Please see Moderator **Laurie Hamano**, if you would like to help. This would include bringing something homemade or store bought, in addition to setting up (making the tea, pitchers of water, bringing out the goodies before the end of service) and cleaning up (wiping the tables, washing/drying any dishes, laundering the dish towels, etc. Thank you to all the boards, committees, Council, and others who have contributed and helped throughout the year!

Prayers for the Church

Verse of the Week

“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.” --Philippians 1:6

MONDAY:

Thank you, Lord, that the work You began in our NCC family so many years ago is continuing today. Thank you that You will show us how to move forward even more as we spread Your Word using the talents and resources You have given us.

TUESDAY:

Thank you, Lord, for the willingness of Cheryl Chock, Stan Chong, Carol Hamada, Laurie Hamano, Donald Ikeda, Josie Ing, Ann Ito, and Shirley Miyamoto to serve NCC as the Pastoral Search Committee. It is a huge commitment of time and energy. Remind us to pray for them daily.

WEDNESDAY:

As the Search Committee begin their work, ask God to give them His wisdom and to keep their hearts open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

THURSDAY:

Lord, even as the Search Committee begins the process, we would ask that You would go before them and be preparing the heart of the one You are calling to be our pastor...one who will lead and unify us with Your passion and purpose.

FRIDAY:

2 Timothy 2:15 says, *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the Word of truth.”* Lord, help each one of us to be that kind of “worker” as You call us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. In this hurting world, may we be people who live and share Your love.

SATURDAY:

Remind us, Lord, of Your vision for us in 2007... “to affirm all persons as children of God; to respond to the needs of the community and the congregation; to respect all views and ideas; to make and nurture disciples; to spread God’s Word using our talents and resources.” And now as we move forward, Lord, we ask that You would increase and enhance our vision even more...for the good of our NCC family, for the good of our community, and for Your glory.