



# *NCC News*

## October 29, 2017



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nuuanu 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”**

Neal will lead six sessions in a discussion of his book, published in 2008, called “*Church at a Crossroads: Being the Church after Christendom.*” If you would like to join this class, please see Neal. The class meets on Sundays in room 206 following the morning service.

“*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.

### **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](http://www.nuuanu.org).

## **Give Aloha - Please turn in your receipt!**



from Western Union).

A big MAHALO to all who participated in Foodland's Give Aloha program. We received \$13,463.00 in customer donations, along with a grant of \$2,779.15 (\$2,327.44 from Foodland and \$451.71

If you have not already done so, please turn in your receipts as soon as possible, so we can verify the list of donors. Foodland does not give us names 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'uano 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.

## **Chutney, Jams and Biscotti!**

Bring your checkbooks next Sunday, November 5, to purchase the delicious Ikeda chutney, jams and biscotti! Just in time for thanksgiving get togethers, UH football tailgating or just to keep for yourself! Proceeds from the sales will go to the College Summer Internship program.

## **Church Clean Up – Nov. 18 at 8:00 a.m.**

Bring your buckets, sponges and rags to the Fall Church Clean Up on Saturday, November 18, beginning at 8:00 a.m.



## **Public Talk:**

**“Why Palestine is Everyone’s Moral Issue,” by Steven Salaita**

**Friday, November 3, 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

**Parish of St. Clements, 1515 Wilder Avenue**

The Hawai‘i Chapter of Friends of Sabeel, St. Clement’s Global Ministry and other sponsoring organizations invite us to hear Steven Salaita speak the evening of November 3. Steven Salaita was born in Bluefield, West Virginia to immigrant parents; his mother was born in Nicaragua to Palestinian parents and his father’s ethnic background is Jordanian/Palestinian.

Salaita is an American author of 8 books and many articles on Arab-American studies and the depiction of the Middle East in American media. Indigenous people, dislocation, immigration, race, and multiculturalism are also favorite topics. He has held positions at several universities in the U.S. and recently served as the Edward W. Said Chair of American Studies at the American University of Beirut.

The Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights has recognized Salaita’s latest book as “one that extends our understanding of the root causes of bigotry and the range of options we as humans have in constructing alternative ways to share power.” In his talk, he will present an overview of modern Palestine-Israel history and why it is one of the most important issues in our time.

## **Reserved Parking**



Some time during late October or November, 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**.

## **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.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

### **Verse of the Week**

“Whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.”

(part of 1 Peter 4:11)

### **MONDAY:**

1 Peter 4:10 says that “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” Lord, thank you that as You have called us to serve others, You have not only equipped us, but You have given us the strength to serve as well.

### **TUESDAY:**

As Pastor Neal studies and prepares his sermons for each Sunday, ask God to encourage his heart with messages that will uplift the congregation with God’s words of truth and grace....causing each of us to be encouraged in our serving in Jesus’ name.

### **WEDNESDAY:**

As called leaders of NCC, the church Council has faithfully served our members. They have given of their time and energy...often going above and beyond in order to ensure that NCC continues to be God’s welcoming house of love and worship. Ask God to give them wisdom as they make decisions on behalf of the church family and the surrounding community.

### **THURSDAY:**

Lord, You have called many of our members to step forward to serve on the various Boards of NCC. Refresh and strengthen each person as they serve on the Board of Christian Nurture, the Diaconate Board, and the Board of Trustees. Give them fresh ideas and a new sense of purpose as they work together and serve others. Encourage their hearts as You remind them that You are using them for good of others and the glory of God.

**FRIDAY:**

God, in Your Sovereignty, You have blessed each one of us with gifts to serve You. While You give wisdom to the ones serving on Boards, You have also given others the ability to be the “hands and feet” to carry out the work to be done. Strengthen those who are serving through the ministries of Missions and the caring of our *ohana*. Let them know that they are beautiful reflections of Your love for Your children.

**SATURDAY:**

Thank you, Lord for the gift of music! What a joy it is to come before Your Presence with singing. And, as the choir prepares for the Christmas Cantata, instill in their hearts the message of the words they are singing. May it be a blessing to those who will hear. Last week the choir sang, “Sing to the Lord a New Song.” Oh Lord, may that be the song of each of our hearts as we serve in various ways. We give You our praise, O Lord!

