



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uaniu Congregational Church



Welcome, Jieun!

Let us welcome **Jieun Kim Newland** who is subbing as our organist. Jieun is an organist, and a harpsichordist. A native of Seoul, South Korea, Jieun holds a bachelor's degree from the Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, and a master's degree in Institute of Sacred Music from Yale University. She has worked as an organist, choir director, and director of music in Mercer Island, Washington and Fort Collins, Colorado. Jieun is married to Benjamin J. Newland, a U.S. Army Chaplain stationed at Fort Shafter, Hawai'i.

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. We will be cleaning and sprucing up our sanctuary, facilities and grounds in time for the holiday season. The major project will be cleaning the Hamako Hirota kitchen floor in Kibo Kan.



If you are able, please come and kokua, even if only for an hour or two. There will be something that most folks can do, such as cleaning and polishing the candle lighters and holders, dusting the louvers, weeding, etc. A light lunch will be served. Mahalo. --Board of Trustees

Annual Reports Due

To all boards and committees, your annual reports are due by **December 15**. Email it to nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net in Word format (Century, 12 font), if possible. Please try to keep your report within 2 pages, including any photos (send photos separately in jpeg format). Mahalo.

Sukkah

The sukkah symbolizes the huts in which the Israelites lived in during their years of exile in the wilderness. It is now a symbol for giving thanks for the fall harvest. It is our tradition of giving thanks by sharing our food with others in need. Please bring your non-perishable food (canned goods, rice, beans, etc.) to be placed in the sukkah during the first hymn. The goods will be given to the River of Life Mission.



—Missions Committee

Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration – Nov. 21

Join the many faith groups in Nu‘uanu for the 56th Annual Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration. It will be held on Tuesday, **November 21**, at Harris United Methodist Church, 20 S. Vineyard Blvd.

6:00 p.m. – Information tables of different non-profit organizations.

7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Celebration.

The Legal Clinic has been designated to receive the love offering that will be collected during the celebration. Refreshments to follow in Miyama Hall. All are welcome!

Reserved Parking



Cove Development has reserved 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 are building a memory care residence two doors from the church. Please do not park in this row during the work week. Mahalo.

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**.

Staff on Leave

Groundskeeper **Le Huynh** is on vacation November 3-16. He will continue to do the security checks.

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.

Give Aloha - Please turn in your receipt!

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. Please make sure your name, date of giving, and purpose of giving are on the receipt, so we may properly credit your giving statement. Mahalo!



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** or Vice-Moderator **Wayne Kodama**, if you would like to help. This includes bringing something homemade or store bought, 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 other groups who have contributed and helped throughout the year!



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Verse of the Week

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

--Romans 15:13

MONDAY:

Lord, thank you for Your gift of hope! Thank you that by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we CAN have joy and peace even in the midst of all that is happening in our world today.

TUESDAY:

Thank you for the promise of Your Presence in our daily lives. Open our eyes to see the blessings of Your gifts to us... Your care and protection... Your strength in the hard times... Your joy in the good times... Your forgiveness and grace... Your unending love, mercy, and faithfulness.

WEDNESDAY:

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, keep us mindful of those who need our help...of those who may be alone. Give us willing hands and open hearts. Thank you for Your provisions which enable us to share with others.

THURSDAY:

Our hearts are grateful Lord, as we gather with family and friends to celebrate this day of Thanksgiving. Connect our hearts with Your love and joy as we share together.

FRIDAY:

For the greatest gift of all, we thank you Holy God... Your gift of Grace through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

SATURDAY:

As we come to the end of Thanksgiving week, let us offer our praise to Him through Psalm 100

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”