



# *NCC News* **December 3, 2017**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*



## **Advent Banner and Paraments**

### **“A Branch from the Root of Jesse”**

(Isaiah 11:1)

The theme of our new banner and paraments comes from the promise of the Messiah found in Isaiah Chapter 11. The early Christian community believed that this prophecy from the Hebrew scriptures was fulfilled in Jesus, the Christ, whose coming we again anticipate in the Season of Advent. These beautifully designed and crafted hangings are the result of the labor of many, and we thank them for their work and dedication.

The original concept and design was offered by Katherine MacPherson, the sister of our pastor.

The original design was modified and sewn by the following members of the Sew Fun group of our church:

Helen Pierce  
Gloria Gainsley  
Micki Sasaki  
Kimie Fujioka

Doreen Takaki  
Alice Ishihara  
Linda Kim  
Ethel Yamaguchi

We would also like to thank Wayne Kobayashi and Mel Uyehara of *Hui Malama* for their help in hanging the banner.

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

The Lectionary Bible Study will take a short break on **December 20 and 27**. It will resume on **January 3, 2018**.

## **Advent Activities**

Advent Season is the time we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birthday. The Board of Christian Nurture would like to invite you to participate in the following Advent activities that will be held on the Fellowship Lanai after worship.



December 3, 2017      Advent Wreath-Making

December 10, 2017      Christmas card-writing for the folks that are no longer able to come to worship

December 17, 2017      Gingerbread House-Making

Note: On December 17, 2017, we will make the Gingerbread Houses after the potluck luncheon on the Fellowship Lanai.

## **White Christmas**

With apologies for the late notice, the Missions Committee invites you to participate in supporting Family Promise, River of Life Mission, and UCC Transition House by bringing gift cards to church on the remaining Sundays of Advent. All three institutions have indicated that gift cards are a welcome way to assist them in their missions, and will also be considerably easier for collection & distribution of our gifts. A container will be available for you to place gift cards, which will be stored safely after worship service. Suggested sites include fast food restaurants, Jamba Juice, Walmart, Ross, Target, and movie theaters. Your continued generosity in support of the White Christmas drive is greatly appreciated.

## **Daily Prayers Change**

Beginning next Sunday, there will be a change in the Daily Prayers. The requests will be coming from YOU! Everyone has needs, as well as praises and it's important for the life of our church to be aware and pray for those needs. So, if you have a prayer request, please take the time to fill out the prayer card found in the bulletin and place it in the box at the back. Your requests will be compiled and included in the next week's daily prayers. If your request is personal, your name will NOT be used without your permission. We are told in scriptures that we are to encourage and pray for one another. So please be willing to share in this privilege of prayer. You WILL be blessed by it!

## Annual Reports Due

To all boards and committees, your annual reports are due by **December 15**. Email it to [nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net) in Word format (Century, 12 font), if possible. Please try to keep your report within 2 pages, including any photos. Do not attach photos to the text; send photos separately in jpeg format. Mahalo.

## Boy Scouts Troop 201 Kadomatsu Fundraiser

Start the New Year off with a beautiful kadomatsu arrangement hand-crafted by the hard-working Boy Scouts of Troop 201! Quantities are limited, so contact **Christine Urabe** at (808) 277-5157 or [chrisurabe@msn.com](mailto:chrisurabe@msn.com) for more information or to place an order. Pick up is December 17 at NCC in Kosasa Hall.



Small	\$25	Large	\$35
Small Fancy	\$40	Large Fancy	\$50
X-Large	\$50	X-Large Fancy	\$75

## Holiday Concert

The Honolulu Brass Choir at the Cathedral of St. Andrew, is having their Annual Holiday Concert; seasonal music for brass choir, organ and percussion. **Jieun Kim Newland**, our substitute organist, will be playing the organ, and **Russell Ishida**, our Chancel Choir Director, will be playing the trumpet. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, **December 4** at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

## 2018 Altar Floral Chart

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral arrangement for our Sunday worship services. Sign up on the flower chart and reserve your date. The chart is on the fellowship lanai.

## 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**.

## 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!

## 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.

## 2018 Offering Envelopes

Help us save postage by picking up your 2018 offering envelopes on the table by the sanctuary front door. If you would like a set, fill out a pledge card and return it to the church office or see **Howard Mau**. See an usher for a pledge card.