



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uaniu Congregational Church



Sunday School Resumes – Today!



Sunday School and nursery care resumes today! Our Sunday School curriculum is Godly Play. Why Godly Play? Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language, and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through early, middle and late childhood and beyond. Come join us!

Give Aloha – 78424 (NCC's code) – 2 More Days!

As of Thursday, Sept. 18, twenty-five folks participated in Foodland's Give Aloha Program, totaling \$4,607 in contributions. Mahalo! Last year, we received \$11,938 in customer donations and received a total of \$2,505.29 from Foodland and Western Union Foundation. Let's see if we can beat last year's donations and shoot for \$13,000 in customer donations!

If you are planning on making a contribution to NCC this month, I invite you to make it at any Foodland store. For the entire month of September, Foodland and Western Union Foundation will match a portion of any contribution made to NCC up to \$249 per Maika'i card. Only donations made with a Maika'i card will receive a partial matching gift.

Don't forget to turn in your receipt to the church office promptly or place it in the offering plate with your name printed on it. Also, let us know how to credit your account, i.e. pledge, birthday, memorial, thank offering, or other, so we may credit your giving account properly. If you have any questions about this wonderful program, see **Paula Yamamoto**. Thank you for your participation!

In Loving Memory



We are deeply saddened by the passing of **Muriel Arakaki** on September 16, 2019. Muriel was predeceased by her husband Wayne Arakaki. She is survived by sons Scott (Leilani) and Dwight (Joanne) and grandchildren Ryder, Ethan, and Claire. Services pending.

Neighbors In Need Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is an annual special missions offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). *Neighbors in Need* grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the *Neighbors in Need* offering.

The NIN offering will be received on **October 6, 2017**. Checks may be written to Nu'uuanu Congregational Church with NIN on the memo line. A NIN envelope is enclosed in the worship bulletin for your convenience.

Disability in the Movies – 9/23 and 9/30

Disabilities of any type can make life more challenging, and many films have been made about individuals with physical or mental limitations who have coped with these difficulties to lead full and productive lives. Movies can be a powerful medium for raising public awareness and understanding. TCM (Turner Classic Movies) takes a look at *Disability in the Movies* with two nights that exemplify how Hollywood has treated the topic in the first three decades of filmmaking, plus the documentary, **CinemAbility: The Art of Inclusion (2018)**. This overview of the subject and both nights are co-hosted by Jenni Gold, the writer/producer/director of the documentary.

Gold, who has muscular dystrophy and has used a wheelchair since the age of seven, has two BA degrees from University of Central Florida's film school and has been creating shorts, movies and TV shows for more than 25 years. With **CinemAbility**, Gold offers a perceptive and sometimes humorous look at movie portrayals of disability over the years.

8:00 p.m. **CinemAbility**, Part 1

11:00 p.m. **CinemAbility**, Part 2

Transition House Benefit Dinner

Transition House annual benefit dinner event “Besides Still Waters” will be held on **October 17, 2019** at 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Central Union Church. Transition House is a safe haven for women and children who are survivors of domestic violence.

Join us for an evening of good food, local entertainment, a country store and silent auction. Donations of homemade treats, handicraft for sale, and items for the silent auction are welcome. Cost per person is \$45.00 (\$20.00 tax deductible). Tickets are still available. Contact **Joyce Uyehara**.