



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church



Give Aloha

A big MAHALO to all who participated in Foodland’s Give Aloha Program. Approximately fifty-one members and friends contributed \$11,007.00 through Give Aloha. We will receive the matching gift and final customer donations later this month. If you haven’t already done so, please turn in a duplicate receipt with your name on it, so we may credit your giving statement properly. Also indicate the account to be credited, i.e., pledge, special birthday, thanks, memorial gift, trash bins, etc.



Neighbors In Need Offering

The *Neighbors in Need* (NIN) offering will be received this morning. Checks may be written to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church with NIN on the memo line. A NIN envelope may be found in the pew racks for your convenience.

Neighbors in Need 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.

New Trash Bins

Have you noticed the two bright green trash bins in the lower parking lot? A BIG Thank You to all who contributed toward the purchase of our two new bins! The bins look so much nicer than the broken old rusted ones! Mahalo, too, to the person who donated to refinishing the communion table! We are so thankful to all of these generous donors!

--Board of Trustees

Blessing of the Animals

In honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals, our household pets (or pet photo) will be blessed following the worship service on **October 20**. The blessing will begin with a simple liturgy designed for this special event. All are invited to gather around the St. Francis statue on the stream-side of the sanctuary.



Town Hall Meeting – Oct. 27



On **October 27, 2019** we will be having our first Town Hall meeting to introduce "NEXT STEPS," since our New Beginnings process began. We will introduce you to Hokuwa; Josh Hayashi will describe to us the "Next Steps" process and how we will figure out what Nu'uanu Congregational Church is "called" to do. It is a very exciting time, and we need all of you to be there to be a part of it. The Town Hall meeting will follow our morning worship service.

Holiday Friendship Faire – Oct. 12

The Children's Center Inc. will be holding its 34th Annual Holiday Friendship Faire on Saturday, **October 12** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Kosasa Hall. Come and support this special fundraising event! Keiki games, ono food, farmer's market, white elephant, silent auction and more!

Fundraiser for Grant Lee

Friends of Rev. Grant Lee are having a Rummage and Bake Sale at Pearl City Community Church on **October 19** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The proceeds will go to help with health care needs for Grant who lives with Parkinson's disease. Grant has recently moved to a residential care home. For more details on how you can donate goods for the sale or make a monetary gift, see Wayne Kobayashi or anyone on the Missions Committee. Grant served as our Associate Pastor for Christian Education, 1971-1981.

You're Invited

Advent is the time of the year wherein we prepare for the incarnation, when God appeared in human flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The church is blessed by some wonderful, beloved hymns that help us prepare. During Advent, we will be studying on Wednesday evenings four of these remarkable hymns. We will be guided by the study book *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* written by Mary Louise Bringle and Beverly Howard. Mel Bringle, by the way, is a friend from grad school at Emory.

The study will begin on **Nov. 27** (yes, I know it's before Advent begins) and will be on consecutive Wednesdays thereafter for four weeks. We begin with supper at 5:30 and the study concludes at 7:30-ish. It's fun, good fellowship, and great learning. Let us know if you're interested in attending by contacting Paula at nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net or 595-3935.