



# *NCC News*

## February 2, 2020



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uuanu Congregational Church*



### **Installation of Officers – Today**

We will be installing all church officers during worship today. Please be ready to come up when called.

### **Stewardship Update**

As of January 1, we received a total of 69 pledges totaling \$218,966. This is a significant decrease from 2019, wherein we had 85 pledges totaling \$237,186, a decrease of 17 pledges and \$18,220. A further breakdown of the figures show:

- Two of those were due to death
- 26 of the pledging units increased their pledges
- 6 of the pledging units decreased their pledge amounts.

We are grateful to those who have committed to continuing our ministry at NCC. If you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2020, it's not too late. Please ask an usher for a pledge card or stop by the church office for one.

### **Shingles Shot – Feb. 9**

The Shingrix clinic will be held after worship on February 9th. If you have not received two immunizations of Shingrix, the newer shingles vaccine, please consider signing up with **Judy Keith** to receive this immunization. If you have already signed up, please check in with Judy to provide additional information that will assist the Long's pharmacist in researching your co-pay. Flu shots are also available on request.

### **Scouts Sunday – February 9**

Being “reverent” is a year-round part of a Scout’s life, but there’s one time each year when the connection between Scouting and faith takes on even more significance. It’s Scout Sunday, held every February. The annual celebration gives Scouts a highly visible way to show their appreciation for their faith-based chartered organization.

## Family Promise

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the January Family Promise rotation a success. Our NCC overnight hosts were Art Goto, Judy Keith, and Cliff Lum. Our meal preparers were Becky Kanenaka, LaDonna and Stephanie Chung, Mabel Suzuki, Helen Pierce, Sybil Seto, and Joyce Uyehara. The folks doing laundry are un-named, but nonetheless appreciated. And of course we could not do it without the significant assistance of Scouts Troop 201, and volunteers from UCC Judd and the Unitarian church.

## Preparing and Saving for Green Day VII



Nu‘uanu Congregational Church’s Ulu Wai Ministry is gearing up for its GREEN DAY VII on **April 18, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** All proceeds will go to Ulu Wai’s Missions Ministry, which takes care of God’s creation through our overflowing love and care for the hungry and needy, for the earth, for our community, and for the next generation.

We need our faithful and resourceful members to start looking and saving the following items to donate **in April**:

1. Clean small plastic gallon size or smaller garden pots, or
2. Clean 1-5 gallon size containers to hold water for water garden plants.
3. Nearly new/gently used kitchen and household items. No clothing will be accepted.
4. Tillandsia type small air plants which we can attach to driftwood or put in small containers – let Velma know.
5. Potted Plants - to be delivered the week of April 15-17, **not before**, unless you have arranged it with Velma).
6. Water plants and grasses - to be delivered the week of April 15-17, **not before**, unless you have arranged it with Velma).
7. Red wiggler worms.
8. Clean gently used shopping bags for our customers.

You can look forward to Green Day’s traditional offerings of waterless carwashes, ono Spam sushi, a variety of musubi, Malasada Munchies by Bo Chu & Co., plants, the rummage sale, vermicomposting, recycling of “HI-5” cans and bottles. A new item will be delicious cool shave ice made by Kapahulu Moi‘ili‘ili Lions Club. There will be no eWaste or shredding this year.

Write the GREEN DAY VII date, “ARPRIL 18, 2020, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.” on your calendar right now!

--Mahalo! Uluwai Ministry

## Preparing for Ash Wednesday



This year, Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020. To prepare for Ash Wednesday, Nu‘uanu Congregational Church has the tradition of burning the palms from the previous Palm Sunday, on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. We will burn the 2019 palms after worship on Sunday, February 23, 2020. Reminder: Bring your palm crosses to place in the fire. If you cannot remember where you left your palm cross, don't worry, we will have a cross for you to place in the fire.

## 2020 Church Leaders Event

The 2020 Church Leaders Event will be held on **Saturday, February 22**, at NCC. The day will focus on the nuts and bolts of church leadership and will include workshops that are relevant and useful to church leaders. David Popham, Conference Minister, will be the keynote speaker. Workshops include legal issues around renting out church property, disaster preparedness, and the Art of Appreciating the Person You are Dealing with. Registration materials are available at the Church office or online at [hcucc.org](http://hcucc.org). Registration deadline is **February 10, 2020**. Make plans to attend—you won't want to miss it!

## Worship Practices for Flu Season

(Excerpts taken and revised from a United Methodist Church article)

With the flu season in full swing, churches here and across the nation are modifying worship practices to guard against spreading the disease.

Here are some tips to follow:

1. If you are well, do not fear germs more than you love Jesus, unless your immune system is seriously compromised.
2. Stay home, if you are sick with something you can easily spread to others. Take care of yourself, and get well. Then come to worship and thank God for helping you recover.
3. Common sense says do not cough or sneeze on others if you do come to church. Cover your mouth with a tissue and wash your hands. Airborne particles (from coughing and sneezing) and skin to skin contact are by far the most likely means to transmit flu and other infectious agents.
4. Before going to receive communion, use the hand sanitizer on the table near the front door.
5. Be not afraid! When we gather for worship, we are there to offer ourselves in praise, thanksgiving, and joy to our God, in songs, prayers, dance, art, music, drama, and with water, Scripture, bread and wine. The perfect love of God who meets us here casts out all fear.