



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church



Welcome

We are privileged to have **The Rev. Dr. David Popham**, Conference Minister for the Hawai‘i Conference UCC preaching at NCC this morning. Rev. Popham was ordained by the American Baptist Church in 1992 and was granted Privilege of Call in the UCC in 1995. After pastoring two local churches for 11 years, Rev. Popham then served as Associate Conference Minister with the Rocky Mountain and Central Atlantic Conferences for the past 14 years. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Rev. Popham’s experience working with culturally and theologically diverse churches in the New Jersey Association has prepared him to serve the many cultures in our Hawai‘i Conference. He has worked with a number of immigrant churches and understands that they face particular challenges. He is very aware that there are many cultural practices, values and issues that he must come to understand in Hawai‘i, and he is eager to learn. Rev. Popham is married to Kerrie Shahan and they have two adult daughters.

Burning of Palms 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 **next 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 extra crosses available.

Recycling Reminder

Just a reminder that we recycle only containers that has the HI-5 label on it. We are unable to recycle other plastic or glass containers. Mahalo!

Green Day VII



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 all of God's creations.

Buy a waterless car wash ticket today from your Missions Committee friends: Becky K., Joyce U., Judy K., Sandy S., Sybil S., Wayne K., Velma A., and the Scouts.

To our faithful resourceful members we ask for your help to keep saving the following items to donate **in April**:

1. Clean small plastic gallon size or smaller garden pots
2. Clean 1-5 gallon size containers which can hold water for water garden plants.
3. Almost new/gently used kitchen, personal items 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)

-Uluwai Ministry

Altar Flower Chart

Want to celebrate a special occasion or honor a loved one? Why not do it with a floral arrangement for the sanctuary. Sign up on the flower chart or call the church office. The following dates are open:

March 1, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 26, May 3, 17, 31, June 14 July 12, 19, October 4, 18, November 15, 22, December 13.

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.

2020 Church Leaders Event

The 2020 Church Leaders Event will be held **this 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. Rev. 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. You can still attend this event. Registration materials are available at the Church office or online at hcucc.org. The early registration deadline has passed, so a \$25 late fee will apply. 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.

Donation of Yarn for Knitted Caps

Katsuko Nomi continues to knit caps for residents at Palolo Nursing Home and individuals who are home bound. Knitted caps initiated by Nichigobu Support Group members were previously distributed to Avalon Care Center, Hilo Hospital, Ka'u Hospital (Big Island), Pearl City Nursing Home, Palolo Nursing Home, VA hospital, and several residential care homes in Hilo and Wailuku.

-Dorothy Kusumoto