



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uaniu Congregational Church



Welcome Pastor Jeannie!

Our new settled pastor, **Jeannie Thompson**, has started her ministry with us in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. We thank her for her calming presence and flexibility during this time of uncertainty. As shared with you earlier, Pastor Jeannie comes to us, most recently, from Kapaa United Church in Kapaa, Kauai. She had also served, earlier, as pastor of Baker Community Church (UCC) in Baker, Montana.

Pastor Jeannie grew up in Honolulu, in the Kaimuki area. She is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, Manoa (B.A.) and the Pacific School of Religion (M.Div.).

NCC Plan in Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Adopted by the Council on March 17, 2020

1. Sunday services at NCC are temporarily suspended effective March 22, 2020.
2. An ad hoc team will explore ways to have an online “virtual” church service. In the meantime, homilies will be posted on the Church’s website (www.nuuanu.org).
3. Special services such as wedding, and memorials will be handled on a case-by-case basis and will be decided in collaboration with the family, church staff, and the Executive Committee.
4. Regular users of church facilities (e.g., Kosasa Hall, Choir Room, Library, etc.) will be suspended until further notice. This includes Boards, Committees and special interest groups (Sew Fun, Hui Malama, etc.).
5. The church office will be operational, but will not be open to the public.
6. Pastor Jeannie will continue to provide pastoral care upon request.

7. Members are asked to leave a message with the church office (595-3935) if a need arises.

8. In an effort to maintain contact with our church members, the Diaconate will be contacting members from time to time.

9. Updates, news and other information will be sent via email with hard copies sent to those without email addresses. If you have an email address and are not yet receiving NCC's weekly e-News, please be sure to email Paula at nccadmin@hawaiiintel.net

10. You may mail your pledges/offerings to the Church at 2651 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96817 or contact your bank to set up a direct deposit.

“Twenty Prayers to Pray During This Pandemic”

In a time of uncertainty, like this Covid-19 pandemic, an array of emotions arise in many of us, i.e., fear, anxiousness, anger, helplessness, etc. Prayer is a way to help deal with these feelings. Check out this article from *Christianity Today*. Here's the link to the article - <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march-web-only/covid-19-coronavirus-20-prayers-to-pray-during-pandemic.html> --Judy Keith

Connecting on Facebook

If you are looking for an informal way to keep in touch with your church ohana and are on Facebook, think about communicating that way. We have had a Facebook page for many years, but the last post was way back in April of 2017. Search for "Nuuanu Congregational Church" and like that page. For sure we will all be missing communicating with each other; this can help. --Judy Keith

One Great Hour Of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of five UCC Special Missions Offerings. Together, we can make a difference in the world during disasters, helping refugees and undeveloped places in the world. When disaster strikes or people are displaced, you are part of the immediate response and recovery. Through OGHS, you are providing development programs, including health care, education, agriculture and food sustainability. Write your check to Nu'uanu Congregational Church with OGHS on the memo line and mail it to the church office.

In Loving Memory



We are greatly saddened by the passing of **Edith Matsumoto** who passed away on March 17, 2020. Edith is survived by husband Albert, son Keith, daughter Carol (Mike) Chung, and grandchildren Lianne and Brian Chung, Keshia and Mikaela Matsumoto. Services are pending. Please keep the Matsumoto family in your prayers.

Postponed Events and Activities



Due to the fluid Coronavirus community transmission situation on Oahu, the Missions Committee announced that Green Day 2020 will be postponed until this communicable respiratory disease is under control.

For those of you that purchased Green Day's Dri Carwash tickets, please DO not through them away. The Missions Committee will announce when Green Day will be held, and we will honor your tickets.

These are unusual times; please stay home, wash your hands, and keep your social distance to at least six feet. Be safe, stay healthy, and look forward to another Green Day date!

The All-Church Clean Up has also been postponed until further notice.



William and Jean Wood 2020 Scholarship Applications – Deadline Date Changed to May 31, 2020

Undergraduate applications for the 2020 William and Jean Wood Scholarship are being accepted for those who will be attending a university, college, and/or institution of higher learning. Applicants must be a member, a relative, or friend of a member of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church. Applications may be obtained from the Nuʻuanu Congregational Church web site (www.nuuanu.org) or office.

***Note:** All applications and supporting documents (references, official transcripts, etc.) must be received together in **one packet** by **Sun., May 31, 2020 (postmarked)** or **(hand delivered to church office by 4 p.m. on May 29)** as specified in the instructions. **Incomplete application packets received will not be considered.**

Hand Sanitizer Recipe

Having a hard time finding hand sanitizer on the shelf? Try this recipe to make some at home. This will make one cup and can be doubled or tripled. Combine 2/3 cup rubbing alcohol (60% or more), 1/3 cup aloe (find it in the sun screen aisle), and if fragrance is desired, 6-8 drops of an essential oil of your choice (find at places like Whole Foods). Put into a pump or squeeze bottle & use frequently. I found that using a wire whisk did the best job of mixing the ingredients. It felt very thin the first night, but the next day it felt thicker and remained emulsified. It was not drying on the skin. --Judy Keith

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