*****A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

***NCC News***

**November 6, 2022**



**Holidays with our Family Promise Guests**

* We will be doing a Thanksgiving Dinner for our guests on Wednesday, November 23 at 5:30pm. The meal will be catered by Zippy's with a few side dishes and desserts provided by church members. Zippy's has sold out of whole turkey meals, so we have ordered two half-turkey meals at a cost of $188.37.
* For the Christmas season, we have small artificial trees for each room. We are purchasing small ornaments for the families to trim their trees.
* If you would like to contribute a monetary gift or prepare a dish to support these projects, sign up with Judy Keith. We already have volunteers to serve the meal that evening.
* As in the past we will be collecting gift cards during Advent to be shared with several local charities. This year, we would like to give each of the families currently living on campus gift cards near the beginning of the month, so that the parents may shop for Christmas gifts for their own children. So if possible, please make your White Christmas donations early in the month.

**New Email Addresses**

*by Mairi Manley*

On Friday, November 4 - the office changed phone and internet service. Our phone number will remain the same! We will be using different email addresses to the following:

*Pastor email:* pastor.nuuanucongregational@gmail.com

*Office email:* nuuanucongregational@gmail.com

*Bookkeeper email:* bookkeeper@NuuanuCC.onmicrosoft.com

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Troop 201 will be assembling their kadomatsu on Friday, December 16 through Sunday, December 17 in our gym. It is a huge undertaking and is the troop's sole fundraiser for the year. In the past quite a number of NCC members have helped the scouts assemble their kadomatsu. They have been so supportive of our programs over the years & this is a great way for us to demonstrate our appreciation. This year, the troop has designed a T-shirt for people to wear on the work day. While it is in no way mandatory for anyone to purchase a shirt, if you would like to obtain one, they will be available for $10. The clip art shows the design. Please let Judy Keith know if you would like to buy a shirt.

**61st Nu’uanu Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

You are cordially invited to Ho’olauna Hou.

We come together to celebrate our unity and similarity in common space.Our diversity and richness call us to work together, again.

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

7:00 PM Hawaiian Time

Harris United Methodist Church

20 South Vinyard Blvd.

(808) 536-9602

Zoom options is available:

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84142021017#success>

Toll Free: (888) 788-0099

Meeting ID: 841 4202 1017

**2022 Contributions and Pledges**

Just a reminder....in order for contributions to be credited for the 2022 tax year, they must be either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than December 31, 2022, or received by the church office before 12:00 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2022. Contributions received after that will be credited to 2023.

Also, please remember that this is Stewardship month. You will receive your pledge cards in the mail. We hope you will be ble to bring them back by November 20 to be blessed and so we can give thanks for them.

**Sukkah on November 16, 2022**

The Mission Committee will be setting up the Sukkah on November 16, 2022, at 9:00am and is looking for volunteers to help with the set-up.

It’s been a while since we had one, so here’s a refresher: A sukkah is a booth or hut (the plural in Hebrew is “sukkot”) in which Jews are supposed to dwell during the week-long celebration of Sukkott. According to rabbinic tradition, these tent-like structures represent the huts in which the Israelites dwelt during their 40 years of wandering in the desert after escaping from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Sukkot is one of the three pilgrimage festivals of the Jewish year. The rabbis of the Talmud stipulated that a sukkah should have at least three walls and a covering. The walls can be of any material but should be sturdy enough to withstand an ordinary wind. The roof should be made from thatch or branches, which provides some shade and protection from the sun, but also allows the stars to be seen at night. (Reference: My Jewish Learning)

The Sukkah serves as Nu‘uanu Congregational Church’s dwelling where members, family and friends bring their non-perishable foods for the Hawai‘i Food Bank. Please bring your non-perishable foods on Sunday, November 20, 2022.

**Church Clean Up Day – November 19, 2022**

With COVID infections trending downwards, The Board of Trustees have decided to resume the All Church Clean Up Days.

The Clean Up Day is scheduled, **Saturday, November 19, 2022** from 8:30 to 11:30.  All those who are willing and able are welcome to come out and help clean our facilities to and make it ready for the Advent Season.  A clean up list is being put together and the list will be posted.  Lunch will be provided.

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**Week of November 13**:

Kahikuonalani UCC (O'ahu)
Makawao Union Church (Maui)

**Week of November 20**:
Kahuku Cong'l Church (Hawai'i Island)
Living Stones Church (Hawai'i Island)
[Kalapana Maunakea Cong'l Church](https://www.facebook.com/groups/kalapanamaunakea/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) (Hawai'i Island)

**Week of November 27**:
Kailua Christian Church (O'ahu)
Liliuokalani Protestant Church  (O'ahu)

**Covenant Ballet Theatre of Brooklyn**

Covenant Ballet Theatre of Brooklyn pays tribute to Japanese American veterans of World War II with free online viewing of *The Nisei Project*

BROOKLYN, NY – Covenant Ballet Theatre (CBT) will pay tribute to World War II Japanese-American veterans by hosting a two-week free online viewing of *The Nisei Project* in honor of Veterans’ Day. The screening begins on Friday, November 11, at 9am ET and continues through Friday, November 25, at 9pm ET at [www.niseiproject.com](http://www.niseiproject.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) and on [YouTube](https://youtu.be/LFgDVSaaNS8%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

*The Nisei Project (Nisei)* is a narrative ballet conceived and choreographed by CBT Artistic Director and Founder, Marla Hirokawa, in honor of her late father and his comrades in the World War II Japanese American segregated units of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Together they were the most highly decorated and suffered the greatest number of casualties of any unit in American military history. *Nisei*utilizes a variety of dance forms to tell a powerful story of discrimination, separation, battle, and honor. In the final scene, veterans are brought onstage to be thanked and honored as a way of extending Nisei's message of gratitude to all veterans of U.S. wars.

The ballet was first performed in Brooklyn, NY, in 2001. In 2003, *Nisei* was presented in Ms. Hirokawa’s home state of Hawai’i in a two-week tour spanning four islands. In 2014, the ballet was restaged for the New York International Fringe Festival. The score featured a six-piece band including traditional Japanese koto and shakuhachi instruments. A recording of that performance was first streamed online in 2021 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

“Bringing this story to the stage was extremely personal and emotional for me,” says Ms. Hirokawa. “I hope that all who view it experience and embrace the impact of this legacy. Being able to share this ballet is a way that I feel CBT can give back to the community.”

Since 1987, CBT has invested in the children and families of South Brooklyn, where cultural activities and resources are limited. Artistic Director Marla Hirokawa founded CBT on the conviction that a serious ballet education combined with maximum inclusion is needed to advance the art form, train youth, and improve the lives of those within its embrace. In an accepting yet rigorous environment, CBT fosters the love of dance through pre-professional training in its studios and educational programs in NYC schools, and through dozens of original ballet productions.

 For further information, please visit [www.covenantballet.org](http://www.covenantballet.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).