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

***NCC News***

**April 10, 2022**



**Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 15, 6 p.m. at Nu'uanu Congregational Church**

2651 Pali Hwy.

The Community Church of Honolulu& United Church of Christ Judd Street will join us in our sanctuary for Good Friday Tenebrae Service.  Tenebrae means "darkness" or "shadows" and as Scripture is read candles will be extinguished symbolizing Christ's death on the cross.  Masks and social distancing, please.

**Townhall Meeting**

Dear Members and Friends of NCC,

There is so much happening that we can't tell you about all of it in a note in the Caller. So we scheduled our next Town Hall meeting on April 24, 2022 right after church service.  So please be there so you can hear what is happening and be a part of the exciting happenings at NCC!!

**NCC Scholarship Applications**

 It’s that time of year. NCC Scholarships can be found [here](https://www.nuuanu.org/nuuanu-scholarships), or at nuuanu.org, Resources, then Scholarships.

These are the dates to get them in by:

* Postmarked by Friday, May 27, 2022.
* Monday, May 30, 2022 is Memorial Day Holiday, office will be closed.
* Walked into the NCC office by Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

If you have any questions, please call Mairi at (808) 595-3935 or email her at nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net.

**Mask Mandate**

The State's mask mandate ended on March 25 however, it is strongly recommended that mask wearing continue when attending worship service, and a must for those who are planning to sing.

The main reason is even if you are vaccinated and boosted, you can still get COVID. With the new Omicron BA.2 variant that is even more contagious, the risk for people who are 65+ years of age and those with underlying health conditions is extremely high. Regarding singing, singing is like spraying a swath of saliva in the air. While that is kind of graphic, that's the reason for masking when singing. While we understand it is a choice, we also need to remember that we gather as a community to worship on Sundays and as a community of believers, it is our responsibility to take care of our sisters and brothers who are worshiping with us. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

**Altar Flowers**

****We have the altar Flower sign up chart up when we worship on Sunday’s If you Can’t come to service and would like to sign up, please call or email Mairi in the church office. The phone number is (808) 595-3935 and email is nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net.

The dates available for May are the following:

* May 1
* May 15

If you need any future dates past May, please call the office and I will let you know what is available.

**Sanctuary Repairs Starting on April 19, 2022**

The Sanctuary Repairs will finally start! The building permit was issued in early February 2022. Makainai Construction will be from April 19, 2022 through the end of May 2022, pending any unforeseen conditions and inclement weather. The scope of work is replacing the termite eaten fascia, T&G decking, and painting. For safety reasons, the Sanctuary will not be accessible during the repair work. Therefore, we will worship in the gym.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.