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

***NCC News***

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## ****Another Scam Alert!****

## ***from 6/7/23 Coconut Wireless***

  Once again scammers are seeking to confuse our church members with false information appearing to come from the Conference Minister via email. Another similar scam email is circulating using Andrew Bunn's name—please be aware and akamai!  
     Always keep in mind that if David or any staff person should ever be in a position of needing emergency help, policies are in place within the office that guide such requests. Those polices prohibit all staff members from approaching our constituents for personal monetary assistance.

**Capital Campaign Calls**

We are getting ready to make capital campaign calls. Please let us know if you would rather receive a call on your cell phone numbers instead of the numbers listed in the annual report. Let Mairi know which number you would like listed by calling her at (808) 595-3935.

**Family Promise is looking for donations!**

Family promise is excited to announce that Family Promise of Hawaiʻi will be housing 4 families this month!! With their move-in quickly approaching, they are in urgent need of items to furnish their units. Please see the list below for items that are needed. If you or someone you know is interested in donating, please contact Judy Keith at [judykeith808@gmail.com](mailto:judykeith808@gmail.com).

Items needed:

* 2x Couches
* 2x Dining tables & chairs
* Plates, bowls, cutlery
* Pots & pans
* Bookshelves
* Artwork & decor

**Conversation & Tea with Pastor Jeannie**

 Starting Thursday, May 4, at 10:00A.M., you are invited to stop by for a cup of tea and some conversation. Pastor Jeannie will be on the lanai in front of her office (weather permitting) with a pot of tea, and a strong desire to talk about…*anything and everything!*

You may be asked if you would like her to pray for you, or someone else. You may be asked where you grew up (and what high school you went to, of course!). You may simply be asked how you like the weather on that day.

No need to make a reservation (although you may receive an invitation). Also, we will sit and visit on the lanai so that we will all feel safe about not wearing a mask as we chat, sip and nibble on senbei, etc.

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**Week of June 11**:  
Pray for the entire Conference

**Week of June 18**:  
Haili Cong'l Church (Hawai'i Island)  
Pu'ula UCC (Hawai'i Island)  
Kawaiaha'o Church (O'ahu)  
  
**Week of June 25**:  
Hanapepe Hawaiian Cong'l Church (Kaua'i)  
Puka'ana Cong'l Church (Hawai'i Island)

\*You may donate through our church to our national relief efforts by writing a check to NCC with the specific relief effort written in the memo line.

**Can You Bring a Can for the Food Pantry?**

**** The last Sunday of each month is Missions Sunday. Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable food on that day. Boxes will be available to collect them. All gifts will be taken to the Hawai‘i Foodbank.

**2023 Altar Flower Donations**

 The 2023 Altar Flower Donations chart is filling up! Please put your name next to the date that you want either in person on Sunday, by emailing [nuuanucongregational@gmail.com](mailto:nuuanucongregational@gmail.com), or by calling the office at (808) 595-3935.

*Please have Altar Flowers delivered on Fridays, between 8 am and 4 pm or Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. There will not be anyone working on Saturday’s until further notice.*

**From Lori Yamashiro**

We’ve been informed that individuals from our sister churches were recently scammed through email and have consequently lost financial resources.

It has become common for scammers to pose as pastors in attempts to take advantage of unsuspecting, generous church members by contacting them through email or even text message, asking for a favor.

* Read: **[New phishing scam uses church pastors' names as bait](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001idbS5gU1d4CkVhhNmkZOIv7L2xT19xpSNtavFVlR6LdBORTHnWqwM3E6XYAjvQKzaZaY-ZUDl01kpg5y5ZsblJD-MnAUFMI_Qw3G5zAdBeXMk8yVkaZh_nVulFPRs5beK9Zy6-sUqygbxd5l5IyXkSzZ8S4awWPqia9gaDfbaIjuSf-R2g1zpC8R8MgQ6jBKqst0l5Sj-fgGs6U7bsIkCga_PPaTwKE0mqk9wYxan_qHiNF4rLpdZg==&c=i7dVNhE8RY-gtvIjGQ7w5aOAe7oANYX7RA2fMYCz53Nqkl_xaOrRzw==&ch=f72qF9T5_vNYfHgWVGofUgRYnWFoPZ--w43dK0ANEn1p2NYClfUb7A==" \t "_blank)**

These email scams are not new but we want to remind you again so you can avoid being scammed.

A few signs that an email is likely a scam:

* Sender's email address is wrong (though correct name appears)
* Sender claims to be busy/in a meeting, tells you not to call them
* Sender asks for help purchasing a gift card
* Sender asks for personal information
* Sender makes request with little background or reason

If you receive any vague message, especially something out of the ordinary that appears to be from our pastor or church office, **check the sender's email address**. If it does NOT match our pastor’s email addresses, it is likely a scam, no matter how convincing it seems. Delete the message and don't respond!

If you are ever in doubt and questioning the legitimacy of a message or request that comes through email or text from someone claiming to be from the church, call the church office: 808-595-3935. **Do not act on any strange email messages.**

**Our current email addresses:**

* [pastor.nuuanucongregational@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.nuuanucongregational@gmail.com)
* [nuuanucongregational@gmail.com](mailto:nuuanucongregational@gmail.com)
* [Bookkeeper@NuuanuCC.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:Bookkeeper@NuuanuCC.onmicrosoft.com)