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Now What?

By Pastor Jeannie Thompson

I recently had the pleasure of attending the annual Kamehameha Song Contest at the Blaisdell Arena. It was the first time I had ever been, the first time I knew someone who was attending school there. Having watched the contest for many years on television (Friday evening *and* Sunday afternoon) I had been looking forward to this since last summer when a young friend started at Kamehameha Schools as a junior.

I was *not* disappointed. The kids processed in by class. All wore white—white *muumuu* for the young women, white shirts, and slacks for the young men—with “a shocking bloom of color” of flower *lei* around their necks. Each wore their class color.

I was also not disappointed by the crowd: the Blaisdell arena looked like it was filled to capacity with family and friends. We greeted the young people, and each of their song offerings, with thunderous applause and enthusiasm. I was seated with my friend’s grandmother and godmother. Throughout the evening the old building rang with the sound of young voices singing Hawaiian *mele*.

Afterward, pandemonium, as family and friends met the singer they had come to support on the huge lanai outside of the arena. Those without a good pre-agreed upon place to meet were doomed to wander through the lanai looking for the right *lei* color amid the hundreds of similarly dressed young people. The girls *all* seemed to have long, dark hair, in addition to identical white *muumuu*.

I mention this event because I am still basking in the pleasure of having been able to attend the contest for the very first time. I am still savoring the experience of all of those young, strong voices raised in song; even more astonished at the hours of dedicated rehearsal of melody, and the attention to articulation and precise delivery of the Hawaiian language.

For the seniors who won every trophy that evening, it must have been “a dream come true,” and the best way in the world to finish their academic life at Kamehameha Schools. They got to do what we are told is rarely possible: *they got their cake and they get to eat it, too!*

As for the other classes, I dare say they were disappointed—but not too much. There is still next year.

I thought about all of this as I thought about our worship *after* Easter. We, too, have been moving toward a goal, and a prize of sorts. During Lent, we rehearsed our faith—which is to say we prepared and learned as we sang the psalms with a different song leader every Sunday. We also weathered the drama and the sorrow of Passion Sunday as we recalled Jesus’ arrest, the betrayal, the brutality, and the darkness that covered the earth when he died on the cross.

But then there was Easter.

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By the time you read this, we have been together as the organ has soared and thundered the great news that Christ Is Risen! By now we will have listened to the trumpets’ joyful music proclaiming the bright new light that has returned to the world. It has returned to you and me. Alleluias and Hosannas filled our hymns and our throats as we declared our thankfulness and faith in God’s love that will not let us go.

We have experienced all that excitement...but...now what? What do we do? What do we do with what we have learned? After we declare, *He Is Risen!*—what else are we supposed to say? What do we do with the feelings that have been aroused by the hope and gladness of Christ’s empty tomb?

In the Gospel of Luke, we are told that once he had looked into the empty tomb, Peter went away “amazed,” but also unsure of what was going to come next. Luke says he went home. However, when the Risen Christ came back to the disciples, he found them all in the upper room. They had not failed to spread the news and it was their wonder and anxious hope that gathered them together.

Being together, they were able to receive Christ *even in the face of all that had been.*

Friends, in the face of all the world is, and is not, we may not know what to do next. We may feel “at lose ends” after the “special” day has passed. That is okay. What we can (and will) do next is perhaps the most mundane, and the most subversive, and important, and hopeful act we can accomplish: we can gather and remember. We can gather and “tell the story.” We can gather and in the face of all the world is, and is not, we can proclaim the love of God that will not die, but will always break out of the tombs that empire and hatred attempt to bury it in. We can gather to sing and pray and share God’s faith, hope, and love with each other proclaiming to the world: *Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!*

Grace and Peace,

Jeannie

William & Jean Wood Scholarship

As we are nearing the end of the college Spring Semester, we have the updated Instructions and Application for the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 up on the website so you can start to prepare early.

The application deadline is June 14, 2024. Please notice the dates In the section “Due Dates and Methods of Delivery” on the second page.

To get the instructions and application, go to nuuanu.org, click on the word “Resources” under Nu‘uanu Congregational Church, then Nu‘uanu Scholarships.

Uses for Mango Chutney

1. Glazing sauce for chicken, pork, and shrimp
2. A sandwich spread.
3. Topping condiment for grilling.
4. Accompaniment for curry.
5. Serve Mango chutney with cheese, cold cuts, and crackers.
6. Stir fry sauce or crockpot sauce for pulled pork.
7. Use as a dipping sauce for appetizers like spring rolls, egg rolls, chicken fingers and shrimp.
8. Mix with sour cream for a dip.
9. Add to barbecue sauce.
10. Add to mayo and use with sandwiches.
11. Spread on bread in grilled cheese sandwiches.
12. Add to Stuffing for turkey.

NCC’s Vision Statement

Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is a diverse, open congregation of faithful Christians who seek to:

- *affirm all persons as children of God;*
- *respond to the needs of the community and congregation;*
- *respect all views and ideas;*
- *make and nurture disciples; and*
- *spread God’s word using our talents and resources.*

(Approved September 16, 2007 at the Special Congregational Meeting.)



Celebrate the 10th Annual Green Day
Nu‘uanu Congregational Church
2651 Pali Highway
April 20, 2024
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

The mission of the Ulu Wai Ministry is to care for God’s creation through our overflowing love. We do God’s work through an overflow of love and care for the hungry and needy, for the earth, for our community, and for the next generation. We host a Green Day event annually to promote sustainability through worm composting, recycling and educational programs on how to live green.

Global Preservation Initiative a nonprofit organization who focuses on removing litter from our environment and empowering volunteers to become stewards of their communities will be at our Green Day event to share about their work. Please stop by their table to learn more about current environmental challenges and how we can build awareness around the proactive solutions to these issues.

We will also have **eWaste Recycling pickup from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.**

Acceptable Items:

- Computers, printers, scanner
- TVs
- HI-5 beverage containers
- Batteries-auto & lead acid only
- Canned good
- Gently used clothing ONLY
- Used eye glasses and hearing aids
- Diapers and wipes for kupuna
- For pets- towels, blankets, food
- Free towing of unwanted cars, call 808.291.6151

Do not accept:

Metal, Tires, Paint, Cooking oil, Motor Oil, Ink cartridges, Toners, Hazardous fluids, and Wood.



Don’t forgot our eco-friendly, waterless car wash will be available for \$10, with manpower provided by the boy scouts of Troop 201. Waterless carwash is from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. on Green Day.

In addition to the waterless carwash, we will have worm composting demonstrations and worms/ compost for sale. Lots of plants such as Apple banana, Hawaiian chili pepper and herbs, orchids and succulents for sale. Craft items such as Koa plant holders, beautiful custom made notecards, and Nuuanu Cookbooks. We will also have a rummage sale of household items.

Start collecting items that can be donated to the Rummage Sale. Bring any gently used donated items to Kosasa Hall the week of April 14, 2024. Some suggested Rummage Sale items include: collectibles, jewelry, small appliances, kitchen ware, cushions, lamps, fans, small mechanical items, garden items, plants, linen, toys, board games, cell phones, books, CD’s, art work, digital /video cameras, batteries (only auto, boat, lead acid), laser disk player etc. No clothing or shoes. Also, clean HI-5 containers.

Come early to purchase sushi and/or spam musubi; lemonade or jujube tea!



Ohana Ministry

By Mae Au

If there are needs that Ohana Ministry can help you with, call one of the coordinators:

Ohana Ministry Coordinators

Mae Au, 988-4802

Marge Honjiyo, 550-3075

Mary Ann Saito, 839-0895

Joyce Uyehara, 523-3483

Sybil Seto, 550-3068

Lori Yamashiro, 292-5249

We have received two new requests for prayers for health reasons. Please pray for Mike Chung and Susan Hirano.

When you pray, remember the following and their caregivers: Linda Mau, Kimiko Bristow-Canfield, Marcia Grimsley, Carol Hamada, Preston Iha, Craig Oshiro, Matthew Stucke, Lurline Matsumoto (sister of Masa Taba), Rick Au, Stephen Crosier, Fay Matsuura (Friend of Clifford Lum), Barbara Pierce, Ray Miyamoto, Cindy Taketa.

Reminder: Names are added or deleted in the Prayer Corner by individuals, family members or friends. Please inform the Ohana Ministry coordinators if you want your name included or deleted in the Prayer Corner.

Prayer Corner

By Mae Au

For God loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

Almighty, loving and everlasting God, we thank you so much for Christ's glorious resurrection.

We pray you will guide us to walk in the way of the cross so that we, also, may be granted Eternal life in your holy presence.

This we humbly ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Special Gifts

Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!

In Memory of

Carol Chung IMO Edith & Albert Matsumoto

Birthday

Fran Yano

Kimie Fujioka

Deadline for Articles

Nu‘uanu Caller (monthly)
20th of each month.

NCC News (weekly)
Wednesday noon.
Articles will be edited on a
space available basis.



Hawaii Foodbank

The collection date is the for
April 28, 2024.
*We collected 150 pounds of
food in February.*

2024 Altar Flower Donations



2024 Altar Flower Sign-up sheet is up. If there any
dates you want to sign up for ahead of time. Please email
the office nuuanucongregational@gmail.com

*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.*

The following are dates in April and May that need donations if
you are willing and able:

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| April 7 | May 5 |
| April 21 | May 12 |
| April 28 | |

Can You Bring A Can - For The Hawaii Foodbank?

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.



*The Hawai‘i Foodbank will not accept homemade or
what looks like homemade items without the
ingredients listed. If they don't have the ingredients*

listed, they items will be discarded.

*There's a Donations Guideline in the office if you need
a copy!*



Conversation and Tea

This event on Thursday mornings are on hold until
Further notice. Updates will be in the weekly news and
the next Caller issue.

Recycling

By Wayne Kobayashi

Please bring your HI-5
items any day in April.

Leave them outside the
recycling shed behind
Kibo Kan. Please help the
scouts by removing caps
from bottles, rinsing and
making sure the containers
are clean and empty. Keep
labels on. Only HI-5 items
are accepted.



Invitation to Bible Study

Anyone who is wanting to
join the bible study group is
more than welcome to.

Pastor Jeannie will be having
the Bible Study via zoom.

Please let Pastor Jeannie
know if you would like to
join the group.

The In-Person Bible Study
is back on:
Wednesday's at 10 a.m.



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Lectionary Readings for April

April 7 (Marks of Faith): Acts 4:32-35 • Ps 133 • 1 John 1:1-2:2 • **John 20:19-31**

April 14 (Christ Among Us): Acts 3:12-19 • Ps 4 • 1 John 3:1-7 • **Luke 24:36b-48**

April 21 (Enfolded by Love): Acts 4:5-12 • Ps 23 • 1 John 3:16-24 • **John 10:11-18**

April 28 (Abiding in Love): Acts 8:26-40 • Ps 22:25-31 • 1 John 4:7-21 • **John 15:1-8**