



NCC News

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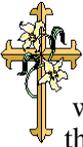


A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Welcome!

Today's preacher is **Mr. Yasuo Hatano** (Yasu). In March, Yasu graduated from Tokyo Union Theological Seminary in Japan, and he is currently serving as an intern at First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu at Ko'olau. Yasu and his wife **Akiko** (Aki) are from Hiratsuka, Japan, about one hour southwest of Tokyo. Yasu worked for the Yokohama Rubber Company for 35 years until he retired in 2009. Upon his retirement, he enrolled in seminary, and he's expected to be ordained and installed as a pastor in a congregation in Japan in April 2014. Yasu and Aki met in church where Aki's father was the pastor. They married in 1975 and have a daughter (Naoko) whose husband is attending Tokyo Union Theological Seminary and a son (Yoshikazu) who works at Nissan Motor Co., headquarters. We welcome you, Yasu and Aki.

Service of Remembrance



Note: The time for this year's Service of Remembrance on **May 27** has been changed to **3:00 p.m.** to coincide with the "National Moment of Silence," a time to pay tribute to those men and women who sacrificed their lives for our country. It has also been the tradition of Nu'uanu Congregational Church to remember and to give thanks to God for our loved ones who have gone from this life to life eternal.

The Interns are Here! The Interns are Here!

Today marks the start of the 2013 College Summer Internship Program. We are blessed this year to have four interns who will be gracing our campus and church life in their bright red shirts! Our interns are **James Kimo Akinaka**, who just completed his first year at Haverford College; **Alex Montiel**, a student at California State University Stanislaus; **Rebecca Weible**, member of Kailua Christian and **Kristen Young**, member of UCC Judd Street who both attend UH at Mānoa. We are excited to have the interns with us and look forward to doing ministry together at NCC! Lori Yamashiro, Internship Director

Celebrating Grads, Dads, and Sunday School Teachers



Sunday, **June 16** is Graduation Sunday! During worship, some of our graduating high school seniors will speak, as we recognize the accomplishments of all graduates. We will also give thanks for the dedication of our Sunday School teachers and honor all of our fathers.

After worship, we will have a grand celebration of BBQ goodies and water play! We have arranged for a “professional” water slide from “Most High Jump Inflatable Rentals” to be available for the keiki and the keiki-at-heart.



Of course, we’ll have an abundance of good food throughout the water play time. We have also invited the families from The Children’s Center, Inc. Let’s make them feel welcome! Board of Christian Nurture

NCC Summer Weekend Getaway

Our Family Camp at Mokuleia will be **July 5 to 7, 2013** (2 nights).

You will enjoy hotel-type accommodations furnished with beds, showers, bed and bath linens, buffets prepared by the Mokuleia Camp personnel and a BBQ by NCC coordinators. Fellowship and fun intergenerational activities are planned, or you can choose to simply unwind with a book/meditate in the cool breeze by the ocean. All of this for \$125 per adult, \$50 per student. If unable to "staycation" the weekend, come for the day for \$25. Sign up now, after Sunday worship services or e-mail **Ruth Gushiken** at ruth.gushiken@gmail.com or phone 343-1164. Head count is needed by **June 28, 2013**. Questions? Please ask any Board of Christian Nurture member.



Ruth Gushiken and Sandy Satogata

Chutney and Jam Sale



Mark your calendars! **Donald and June Ikeda's** delicious mango chutney and jams will go on sale Sunday, **June 30**. All proceeds will go toward the College Summer Internship Program.

Thank you, Don and June, for your continued support and generosity!

Last Day of Sunday School

Today is the last day for Sunday School. Classes will resume in September. We want to thank all of our dedicated teachers and **Julia Nakamura**, Sunday School Superintendent, for all of their hard work and commitment to this valuable ministry. Mahalo nui loa!

Oklahoma Disaster Response

The United Church of Christ joins with the people of Oklahoma as they mourn the deaths of loved ones and begin to comprehend the devastation left in the wake of tornados which struck the area on Sunday and Monday, May 19-20. Edith Guffey, UCC Kansas/Oklahoma Conference Minister reports UCC church buildings in the Oklahoma City area appear to have escaped damage, but at least one UCC member has lost her home and another her vehicle.

Dr. Guffey, Oklahoma City pastors, and UCC National Disaster Ministries' Florence Coppola are in communication and will coordinate the UCC response to these storms.

Ms. Coppola anticipates a broad ecumenical response pooling the particular disaster response competencies and resources of the UCC and our disaster response partners which include; clean up kits and personal protection equipment, pastoral counseling and support, funds to support immediate and long term recovery efforts and volunteers to help rebuild homes.

How YOU Can Help

1. Pray for the people and communities impacted by tornados and storms and all those who serve as first responder emergency personnel.
2. Make a gift payable to Nu'uuanu Congregational Church marked for **Tornados/Storms**. We will send the gift through Hawai'i Conference UCC on to the United Church of Christ. Please give generously.