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A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

Stewardship Sunday - August 16

It's never too early to start planning the budget for next year. **Today** is Stewardship Sunday. "Trust in the Promise" *For surely I know the plans I have for you...to give you a future with hope.* —Jeremiah 29:11 is the theme of our 2016 Stewardship. You are invited to bring forward your 2016 Stewardship pledge card during the stewardship hymn of response. If you need another card, please see one of the ushers.

Calling all Keiki!

School has started for some of our keiki. Likewise, we are starting Sunday School **today**. Our K-8 Sunday School curriculum will begin with Feasting on the Word, a lectionary-based curriculum that we have been using for the past several years. Then beginning with Advent, we will be using "Godly Play," a Montessori-based program which we experienced this summer. Throughout the year, we will use activities from both curricula to engage the keiki in helping them to describe their experiences of God.

We will follow a schedule similar to last year: First Sunday of the month is communion, so K-8 students will go to Sunday School first and then the students will be called to the Sanctuary for communion. On the rest of the Sundays, the K-8 students will go to church first, have a Children's Message and then be excused to attend Sunday School, unless otherwise directed. Let's make this a great year of learning and growing!
—Velma Akinaka

Forum on Hospice Care

The **Reverend Dr. JP Sabbithi** will present an adult forum on Hospice Care following the morning worship. Rev. Sabbithi is Director of Patient and Family Support Services at Hospice Hawaii. Previously, he served as a chaplain for nine years at Kaiser Permanente's Moanalua campus. Please come and join us in the sanctuary after refreshments at 10:30 a.m.

Youth and Families

Calling all Youth and their parents/grandparents: We will gather today, Sunday, **August 16** at 3:30 p.m. on the Friendship Lanai to get to know each other again and to begin planning for the year. Then at 5:00 p.m., we will cook for Family Promise together. All parents/grandparents are welcome to attend, along with the youth. Come and join us. If you have any questions, contact **Kristen Young**.

We Need Coupons!

If you happen to come across any coupons for Ben Franklin Crafts Hawaii, we would greatly appreciate it if you'd cut them out and bring them to church for the youth's photo card project. You may turn them in to **Sarah** or **Kristen**. Thank you!
—Kristen Young

Thursday at the Movies

The movie "Up" will be shown in the sanctuary this Thursday, **August 20**, at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to fellowship and watch the movie. "Up" is an animated Disney film about a retired balloon salesman, Carl. He marries his childhood friend, Ellie, and they grow old together. They both dream of traveling to Paradise Falls, but Ellie dies leaving Carl alone. As the years pass, Carl remains in their old house which is scheduled for demolition. The court orders Carl to a retirement home, but he refuses. He turns his house into an airship with thousands of helium balloons, and sails off to find Paradise Falls. Come and watch this adventurous and heart-warming film. —Joyce Uyehara

Lectionary Bible Study

The Wednesday evening Lectionary Bible Study will resume, beginning **September 9** at 6 p.m. in the choir room. **Dwight Morita** will lead the study. A light supper will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai.

Office Help

Paula will be taking a well-needed vacation next month - **September 19 - October 6**. If you are able to help watch the office, please sign up for a time slot. Hours are 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12-4 p.m. Your help is greatly appreciated! Mahalo in advance!
—Paula Yamamoto

Mid-Year Giving Statement

Help the church save postage by picking up your mid-year giving statement from **Howard Mau**. Please check your statement carefully, and if there are any discrepancies, please notify Howard. We thank you for your contributions and want to make sure you are credited properly. Mahalo.

Access Statement

(Revised 8/2/14 by the Diaconate Board)

As stated in our Vision Statement, “Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is a diverse, open congregation of faithful Christians who seek to affirm all persons as children of God.” Furthermore, our Policy on Non-discrimination clearly states that “we do not discriminate against any person, group or organization in hiring, promotion, membership, appointment, use of facility, provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, skin color, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, faith, nationality, marital status, or disability.”

As a part of living out our vision and commitment to an inclusive and diverse community, following accommodations are in place for worship:

- To provide communication access to worship, large print worship bulletins, assistive listening devices, Japanese Bibles and Japanese hymnals are available from the ushers.
- Members needing transportation to worship are invited to contact Ohana Ministry for access to taxi service.
- Those traveling by Handivan are requested to let the Church Office know at least 2 days in advance so that members of the Diaconate might meet the van on Sunday mornings.

Due to the age and construction of the buildings, not all areas are easily accessible to persons with mobility issues. Nu‘uanu Congregational Church will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities within these limitations.

For requesting other accommodations, please contact the Church Office.