



NCC News

December 4, 2016



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Advent Godly Play for Sunday School!



Come and learn about the mystery of Christmas during Advent. Children will gather in worship. After the Passing of the Peace, children will be dismissed to attend Godly Play in room 204. They will return to worship for communion.

Remembering Pearl Harbor - The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

Sunday, **December 4**, is the Second Sunday of Advent, and in our service we will commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Specifically, we will recall how Pearl Harbor shaped not only the life and identity of the Japanese American community in Hawai'i but also the life of the community as a whole. We will do this from the perspective of our Christian faith.

We recall how many families of Japanese ancestry destroyed, hid, or buried their treasured cultural artifacts during the days following the bombing. On Sunday the 4th, we are asking you to bring to church any of the objects that your family may have saved and that are now in your possession. A table will be set up in the sanctuary upon which these objects may be placed before the service begins. In this way, we will have before us a visual reminder of those dark and difficult days, which we should never forget. This will lead us to also give thanks for the way in which suffering and despair gave way to hope and new life for all people who call Hawai'i their home.

--Neal MacPherson

Family Promise - Dec. 4-11

Much help is needed this week with this important ministry. If you are able to help prepare a dinner, showing our support church around our kitchen, sleeping over as a host, setting up/cleaning up the classrooms, or doing laundry, see Judy Keith (overall coordinator), George Honjiyo (overnight hosts), Clifford Lum (classroom set up/clean up), or Sybil Seto (meals). Our youth will be preparing Sunday night's dinner.

Christmas Cantata and All-Church Christmas Party



On Sunday, **December 18**, the Chancel Choir will offer "*The Best Gift of All*," at the 9 a.m. worship service. Directed by Russell Ishida, soloist Cheryl Chock, and rehearsal accompanist Lori Takeyama-Goshi. Following the service will be an All-Church Christmas Potluck Party on the Fellowship Lanai. Join us for some fun and good time!

Love to sing? The Chancel Choir has a place just for you! Rehearsals are Sundays at 10:30-11:30 a.m. If interested, see Russell Ishida or any choir member.

Advent Box

We have many opportunities to help our community over the next few weeks. During the season of Advent, we are collecting items to be shared with Family Promise, River of Life, and the UCC Transition House. Consider a new family tradition. In addition to the Advent wreath with candles to be lit every Sunday, and an Advent calendar to mark the days until Christmas, consider having an Advent box, where an item can be placed each day, to be shared under our tree. We can be a blessing to others by our generosity. --Judy Keith

White Christmas Requested Items

River of Life Mission: Gift cards (for almost anywhere - Longs Drugs, Subway, other fast food outlets, local groceries, etc), diapers, laundry detergent, small toys or children's books, kids' clothing, adult clothing (all sizes, but especially women's plus size & men's 2x-3x), men's & women's underwear, men's white socks, sunglasses, food items.

Transition House: liquid soap/body wash, \$10 Longs Drugs gift cards, movie gift cards, children's sheets.

Transition House Kids' Presents: 14 yr. old boy & 10 yr. old boy each requested a specific book (Judy purchased the books on Amazon with intent that anyone could buy them from her), 8 yr. old girl wants a stuffed animal dog, 5 yr. old girl requests a Barbie doll, and the mom of the 14 month old girl wants a potty chair that will sit on the floor.

Waiting on Family Promise.

--Missions Committee

Annual Reports Due - Dec. 11



To all boards and committees, your annual reports are due by **December 11**. Email it to nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net in Word format (Century, 12 font), if possible. Please try to keep your report within 2 pages, including any photos (prefer photos sent separately in jpeg format). Mahalo.

Mahalo

Our church was very generous in donating antibiotic gels and Vaseline for the Malama Out Homeless Drive. Joyce Uyehara took the supplies to the IHS clinics for the homeless, where they will be used to take care of skin wounds and prevent complications of skin infections. Thank you for your generosity. --LaDonna Chung

Knitted Caps for Homebound and Care Facilities

Ayako Iwaoka and June Nishimura have knitted over 25 caps for residents at nursing facilities, care home, and homebound, in addition to caps knitted by Katsuko Nomi.

Notify any Nichigobu (Japanese speaking) members or supporters to request knitted caps. --Dorothy Kusumoto, tel. 230-7031

Adult Study

The “History of Christianity” class led by Neal MacPherson on Sundays is on hiatus until **January 8, 2017**.



Pastor Neal continues to lead the **Wednesday night lectionary classes**, beginning with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and class at 6:30 p.m.

--Carol Hamada

Outdoor Lanai Furniture Needed

The second floor lanai furniture has been used extensively after many long years and direly needs replacement. If anyone has any used ones that are still in good condition (or even new ones) and would like to donate it to the church, they will be put to good use and much appreciated. Please contact anyone on the Board of Trustees. Mahalo!

December Refreshments

Have you been enjoying the yummy refreshments each Sunday following the morning worship service? **December** is an open month (not assigned to a group), so if you would like to help out on one of the Sundays in December, sign up on the refreshment table. Your help with preparing the tea, setting up, and cleaning up is much appreciated, too! Mahalo!

Floral Offering

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering! Reserve your Sunday on the Flower Chart found on the Fellowship Lanai or call the church office.



2016 Contributions

Just a reminder....in order for contributions to be credited for the 2016 tax year, they must be either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than December 31, 2016 or received by the church office before 4:00 p.m., December 30, 2016. Contributions received after that will be credited to 2017.

2017 Stewardship Pledges - “Go and do the same.” Luke 10:37

If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2017, please place it in the Sunday offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you need another one, please see an usher. Through the ministries at NCC, let us share our love with the world in gratitude for all that God has given us.



Turn in Give Aloha Receipts

We have about 5 outstanding receipts. Remember, Foodland does not give us the names of donors. Please turn in your Foodland receipt right away, so we may credit your giving statement properly. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Mahalo for your support!



--Paula Yamamoto