



# *NCC News*

## **March 12, 2017**



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### **Sunday Adult Education in Lent**

#### **The Theology of the Cross**

Following worship on five Sundays in Lent – **March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9** – our interim pastor Neal MacPherson will lead us in an exploration of the theology of the cross. Using Biblical and other sources, we will discuss the origins of this theology and how it has fared through the history of the church. We will look at insights of Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Dorothee Söelle, Jürgen Moltmann, Paul Tillich, Shusaku Endo, the Minjung Theologians, and Douglas John Hall who have represented this theology in their writings. We will also consider how the seasons of the church year and our worship practices can express the way of the cross in our life together as Christians. The sessions will last about an hour and all are welcome.

### **Wednesday Evening Lenten Study**

This year, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which we will observe on March 1, and ends with our celebration of the new life of Easter on Sunday, April 16. Traditionally, Lent is a time for prayer and reflection as we prepare for the journey of Jesus to the cross and then his resurrection. To help us do this, we will be having a Wednesday evening Lenten series based on a thoughtful book called Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen. Henri Nouwen was a student of Thomas Merton who has written extensively on the spiritual life and community formation.

The five-part series will begin on **Wednesday, March 8** and end on Wednesday, April 5. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai for a light soup supper, followed by the study at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

### **Lilies for Easter Sunday**

The Diaconate is selling Asiatic lilies for Easter Sunday, April 16 in assorted colors. After the Easter service, the lilies will be available for pick up. To reserve a potted plant, please see a Diaconate member on the lanai. The cost is \$12 each. Supply is limited, so please sign up early.



—Mabel Suzuki

## Godly Play

The youth ministry interns is restarting Godly Play with the Keiki beginning **today** during service. We would love for the Keiki and their parents to join us in the sanctuary for the beginning of the worship service, and for the Keiki to follow Sarah and Sammie to the Godly Play room (KK204) after the passing of the peace. For more information about what Godly Play is please contact Sarah or Sammie at [sweible.ncc@gmail.com](mailto:sweible.ncc@gmail.com) or [scardona.ncc@gmail.com](mailto:scardona.ncc@gmail.com) respectively. I hope to see all our Keiki there! Mahalo!



—Sarah Weible

## One Great Hour of Sharing

“I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.” Matthew 25:35. One Great Hour of Sharing enables the United Church of Christ to reach people and communities affected by disaster, displacement or poverty. Through OGHs, we provide assistance to families and communities around the world, helping them to become stronger, healthier and better equipped to address hardships and catastrophes.

The theme for the 2017 offering is “You are Here.” It shows that we are uniting to respond to the many critical needs present in the world today. This offering will be taken on **March 26**.

## Green Day - April 22



Save this date! The Ulu Wai Sustainability Ministry is holding its “Green Day” on Saturday, **April 22, 2017**, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to NCC’s Missions Ministry to help various non-profits take care of present and future generations who need our support now. We will have something for everyone ... waterless car wash, food, free cycling, craft items, shredding, e-waste and vermicomposting. Look for more details in our weekly e-news and on our website: [www.nuuanu.org](http://www.nuuanu.org).

--Velma Akinaka

## Floral Offering



Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering! Reserve your Sunday on the Flower Chart found in the church office. Openings are: Feb. 5, Mar. 19, Apr. 30, July 16, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 15, 22, Nov. 26, Dec. 17, 31.