

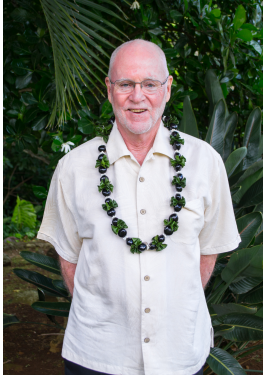
# NU‘UANU CALLER

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## A New Church Year

*By Neal MacPherson, Interim Pastor*

On Sunday, December 3, we begin a new church year, a sign that the church has its own unique calendar, which is not to be confused with the calendar kept by the larger society. As Christians, we cannot help but be grateful for the calendar we keep.

Our calendar begins with our anticipation of the birth of Jesus, and then continues with the celebration of his Nativity and our remembrance of the visit of the wise men on the Sunday of Epiphany. We next recall his Baptism and immediately follow him into the wilderness where he was tested. We then witness the beginning of his ministry of healing and teaching. Not long after, we journey with him to Jerusalem and the cross. On Easter Sunday we celebrate his Resurrection and fifty days later recall the beginning of the Early Church with the coming of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. We return to the tracing of his ministry for the remaining weeks of the church year until we come to the last Sunday when we give thanks for his eternal reign.

But the church year has become even more important to me with the passing of time. For in our remembrance of the life and ministry, the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are able to get in touch with our own human experience of new beginnings, our own seasons of both joy and suffering, despair, hope, and fulfillment that come to us in the midst of the chance and change of our lives, and also our experience of those ordinary days when we are thankful for the routines that give us order and stability in our lives. Truly, I would be at a loss for meaning in my life were it not for the keeping of the church year.

The church year offers us an anchor of meaning in a world that seems, for me at least, to become more and more confusing and chaotic with each passing day. For this and our life of worship at NCC, we give thanks to God. Grace and Peace.

*Merry Christmas*

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## Worship Schedule

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**1st Sunday of the month:**

**9:00 a.m. Communion Service**

## Special Advent Activities and Christmas Services

All Advent activities will be held on the Fellowship Lanai.

**Dec. 3** - Advent Wreath-Making

**Dec. 10** - Card Writing to the Homebound

**Dec. 17** - Gingerbread House-Making and All-Church Christmas Potluck

**Dec. 17** - Boy Scouts Kadomatsu Sale in Kosasa Hall

**Dec. 24** - Cantata Sunday, Chancel Choir, 9:00 a.m.

**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.



## Christmas Eve Services

**9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**



This year, we will have two services on Christmas Eve: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

According to the liturgical calendar, December 24 also

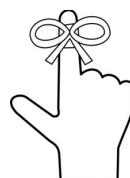
happens to be the 4th Sunday in Advent. Our Chancel Choir will be presenting their gift of music at the 9 a.m. service. They will share the Christmas cantata, “Silent Night! Holy Night!” by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith. It will be directed by Russell Ishida and narrated by Gail Wenos and Ezra.

Then, join us at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Candlelight Service. We will celebrate the birth

of the Christ Child with a service of lessons and carols, ending with the lighting of candles as we sing together “*Silent Night, Holy Night.*” *A Touch of Brass* and the Chancel Choir will provide special music.



## 2017 Contributions



Just a reminder....in order for contributions to be credited for the 2017 tax year, they must be either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than December 31, 2017 or received by the church office before 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2017. Contributions received after that will be credited to 2018.

## Wednesday Lectionary Study

Please note the dates of the Wednesday evening Lectionary Study for the remainder of the year.

December 6, 2017

December 13, 2017

December 20, 2017 No Lectionary Study

December 27, 2017 No Lectionary Study

January 3, 2018 First Lectionary Study for 2018

## 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.)

## Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda Items

By Laurie Hamano, Moderator

The annual meeting is scheduled on **January 28, 2018** after the church service on that date. To assure that we receive any new agenda items, we would like to request that all new agenda items be sent to the Moderator by or prior to **December 12, 2017**. The agenda must be sent out to the congregation no later than January 12, 2018 to abide by the by-laws. Please send all requests to **Laurie Hamano** either by written letter or by electronic mail to [Lauriehamano@gmail.com](mailto:Lauriehamano@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Dollars and Sense

By Laurie Hamano, Moderator



The Dollars and Sense informational session will be held on **January 21, 2018** right after church service on that date. Please come and hear the information about NCC's budget for 2018, so that you will be able to understand the budget when discussed at the Annual Congregational Meeting. Treasurer Garrett Iha and Vice Moderator Wayne Kodama will be there to field your questions.

## Advent Activities

By Becky Kanenaka, Board of Christian Nurture

During the Christmas season, many of us say, “time flies” during this time of year. The translation in an older Latin phrase “*tempus fugit*”, a poetic expression that captures the inevitable passing of time and the need to enjoy the time that humanity has. The Board of Christian Nurture would like to help you to enjoy this Advent Season by inviting you to participate in the December Advent activities:

December 3, 2017      Make your Advent Wreath

December 10, 2017      Christmas cards for the folks that are no longer able to come to worship  
December 17, 2017      Make a Gingerbread House

All activities will be on the friendship lanai after worship. Note: on December 17, 2017, we will make the Gingerbread Houses after the potluck luncheon on the friendship lanai.

## Elves Deliver Crocheted Caps

Christmas came early as Santa’s elves delivered fifty crocheted caps to the families at the Judd Hillside Ronald McDonald house. The warm caps were crocheted by **Katsuko Nomi** and **June Nishimura**, and delivered by **Claire Loo Nakatsuka** and **June Nishimura**.

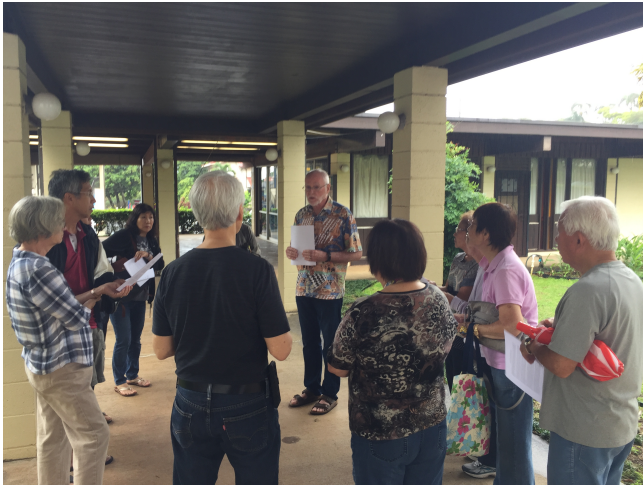


Above left: “Elves” Claire and June at the Ronald MacDonal House. Above right: Receiving the caps is Nia Huakau, Judd Hillside House Manager.  
Bagging the caps - Below front row: Fran Miyamoto, June Nishimura, Dorothy Kusumoto; Back row: Claire Loo Nakasuka, Julia Nakamura.  
Photos courtesy of Claire Loo Nakatsuka.



## Tolling of the Bells

November 11, 2017 marked the 100th Anniversary of the passing of Queen Liliuokalani. In her honor, 200 plus churches tolled their bells 100 times at 8:30 a.m., the time when the Queen died. Queen Liliuokalani was a member of St. Andrews



Photos courtesy of Lori Yamashiro.





## Ohana Ministry

*By Marge Honjiyo*

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

### **Ohana Ministry Coordinators**

***Mae Au, 988-4802***

***Dawn Hayashi, 595-7289***

***Marge Honjiyo, 550-3075***

***Alice Ishihara, 550-3187***

***Mary Ann Saito, 839-0895***

***Sets Takahashi, 550-3062***

***Joyce Uyehara, 523-3483***

***Lori Yamashiro, 292-5249***

When you pray, remember the following and their caregivers: **Ann Akama, Kimiko Bristow-Canfield, Carol Hamada, Charlene Hasegawa, Fumiko Kamita, Yuriko Konno, Minnie Kosasa, Elvie Kheradpey (Josie Ing’s sister), Janet Kurokawa, Michael Kurokawa, Leslie Lum, Mary Montiel, Ethel Nitta, Amy and Chikao Nogami, Mary Oshiro, Michi Takeyama, Terry Stone, Matthew Stucke, Glenn Yamada, and Marie Yoneshige.**

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

### **Prayer Corner**

*By Alice Ishihara*

*And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.*

**Luke 2:7**

*They returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth and the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.*

**Luke 2:39-40**

Dear God, we thank you for the many blessings we enjoy. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving. Be our strength and healing...be our joy and peace. We give praises for the hope that comes with your constant presence. Help us to find you where you want to be found in our ordinary daily life. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! **Amen.**



## Special Gifts

*Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!*

### **Memorial Offerings**

Dorothy Kusumoto - IMO Mae Murabayashi

Howard and Alice Ishihara - IMO Ruth

Matsumoto

Gainor Tomokiyo - IMO Bertha Tomokiyo

Dorothy Kusumoto - IMO Bill Kusumoto

### **Birthday Offerings**

Shirley Yamamoto

### **Thanks Offerings**

Muriel Arakaki

Taichi Nomi

Paula Yamamoto

Claire Furukawa

Betty Morikawa

Shigeo Inouye

## 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.

## Food Drive

In keeping with Missions Sunday, the Hawai‘i Food Bank collection is held on the last

Sunday of every month. For the month of October, we collected 98 lbs. of assorted food items. Our next collection will be **December 31, 2017**. Monetary donations accepted, too. Checks may be made to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church with Hawai‘i Food Bank on the memo line. Mahalo.



## Advent Banner and Paraments

**“A Branch from the Root of Jesse” (Isaiah 11:1)**

The theme of our new banner and paraments comes from the promise of the Messiah found in Isaiah Chapter 11. The early Christian community believed that this prophecy from the Hebrew scriptures was fulfilled in Jesus, the Christ, whose coming we again anticipate in the Season of Advent. These beautifully designed and crafted hangings are the result of the labor of many, and we thank them for their work and dedication.

The original concept and design was offered by **Katherine MacPherson**, the sister of our pastor.

The original design was modified and sewn by the following members of the Sew Fun group of our church:

**Helen Pierce**  
**Gloria Gainsley**  
**Micki Sasaki**  
**Kimie Fujioka**  
**Doreen Takaki**  
**Alice Ishihara**  
**Linda Kim**  
**Ethel Yamaguchi**

We would also like to thank **Wayne Kobayashi** and **Mel Uychara** of *Hui Malama* for their help in hanging the banner.

## Recycling

*By Wayne Kobayashi*

**Bring your items on Sunday, Dec. 31**

Please help our volunteers by removing caps from bottles, rinsing and separating all containers. Only HI-5¢ items are accepted.

Proceeds go toward Hui Malama.



## 2017 Refreshments (Bring, Serve & Clean Up)

**January** - Church Council  
**February** - Missions Committee  
**March** - Board of Trustees  
**April** - Sew Fun  
**May** - Nichigobu Support Group  
**June** - Board of Christian Nurture  
**July** - Board of Christian Nurture  
**August** - Chancel Choir  
**September** - Diaconate Board  
**October** - Finance Committee  
**November** - Open  
**December** - Open

Please dispose all trash into the dumpster. Mahalo!



# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 ■ 9:00 AM Worship Service ■ 9:15 AM Church School ■ 10:30 AM Chancel Choir ■ 10:30 AM Adult Education ■ 10:30 AM Youth Group ■ 10:30 AM Nichigobu Support Group	27 ■ 8:00 AM Tai Chi	28 <b>Planning Ahead.....</b> Jan 1 - Office Closed Jan 15 - Office Closed Jan 21 - Dollars and Sense Jan 21-28 - Family Promise Jan 28 - Annual Congregational Meeting	29 NCC News Deadline ■ 6:30 PM Lectionary Study	30	1 ■ 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201	2 ■ 8:00 AM Diaconate Board ■ 8:30 AM Board of Trustees ■ 9:00 AM Sew Fun
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17 ■ 9:00 AM Worship Service ■ 9:15 AM Church School ■ 10:30 AM Chancel Choir ■ 11:00 AM Troop 201 Kado-matsu Sale	18 ■ 8:00 AM Tai Chi	19	20 Caller Deadline NCC News Deadline	21	22 ■ 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201	23
24 ■ 9:00 AM Worship Service ■ 9:15 AM Church School ■ 10:30 AM Nichigobu Support Group ■ 7:00 PM Candlelight Service	25 Office Closed-MerryChristmas!	26	27 NCC News Deadline	28	29	30
31 ■ 9:00 AM Worship Service ■ 9:15 AM Church School	1	2	3 NCC News Deadline ■ 9:00 AM Hui Malama ■ 6:30 PM Lectionary Study	4	5 ■ 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201	6 ■ 8:00 AM Diaconate Board ■ 8:30 AM Board of Trustees ■ 9:00 AM Sew Fun



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### **Lectionary Readings for December**

**December 3 (Where Are You, God?):** Isa 64:1-9 • **Ps 80:1-7, 17-19** • 1 For 1:3-9 • Mark 13:24-37

**December 10 (Messengers of Hope):** Isa 40:1-11 • Ps 85:1-2, 8-13 • 2 Pet 3:8-15a • Mark 1:1-8

**December 17 (Shouts of Joy):** Isa 61:1-4, 8-11 • **Ps 126** or Luke 1:46b-55 • 1 Thess 5:16-24 • John 1:6-8, 19-28

**December 24 (Birthing a Promise):** 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16 • Luke 1:46b-55 or Ps 89:1-4, 19-26 • Rom 16:25-27 • **Luke 1:26-38**

**December 31 (Long-Awaited Gift):** Isa 61:10-62:3 • Ps 148 • Gal 4:4-7 • **Luke 2:22-40**