



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uaniu Congregational Church



Welcome

We welcome **The Rev. Lauren Buck Medeiros** to our pulpit this morning. Lauren is no stranger to NCC and has preached here several times in the past. Lauren was raised in the islands of Micronesia (the daughter and granddaughter of missionaries) and earned a master's of theology from Perkin's School of Theology (Southern Methodist Univ.) in Dallas, Texas and a master's of educational leadership from UH, Mānoa.

She served in the pastoral ministry at Central Union Church and Mililani Presbyterian Church before becoming Chaplain at Punahou School in 1995 where she enjoys the challenge and privilege of helping students develop “moral and spiritual values consistent with the Christian principles on which Punahou was founded, affirming the worth and dignity of each individual.” (from the Punahou Mission Statement)

Give Aloha – 78424 – Last day!

Today is the last day of September, and Foodland's Give Aloha Program will soon be ending. If you haven't already done so, run down to any Foodland or Sack n' Save store after the worship service to make your contribution to NCC, up to \$249 per Maika'i card. All contributions and matching funds will be returned to the church in October.



Please turn in a duplicate receipt to the church, so we may credit your giving account. Make sure your name is on the receipt and tell us if your contribution is your pledge or a special offering, i.e. memorial, birthday, thank offering. Also, please do not cut off the date, time, and store number on your receipt! This is needed to reconcile receipts and the spreadsheet that Foodland sends us. Foodland does not give us any donor names. If you have any questions, see **Paula Yamamoto**. Mahalo!

Blessing of the Animals



On **October 7**, there will be a *Blessing of the Animals* service immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service at the St. Francis statue (near the gazebo). Bring your pets or photos of your pets to worship. Chairs will be set up on the lanai for your convenience and your pet's comfort.

Neighbors in Need Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is an annual special missions offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering. We will receive the NIN offering **next Sunday, October 7, 2018**. Checks may be made payable to Nuʻuanu Congregational Church with NIN on the memo line.

Disaster Relief

Through generous donations from people like you, UCC Disaster Ministries is responding to the needs of people affected by 2018 hurricanes both within the United States and around the world. One hundred percent of UCC disaster relief funds are used for direct service to individuals and communities, and rehabilitation programming. Checks may be made payable to Nuʻuanu Congregational Church. Write "2018 Hurricane Relief" on the memo line.

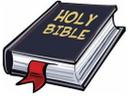
Hawai'i Sanctuary Network

The Hawai'i Sanctuary Network is seeking help for a woman from Honduras and her 12 year old son who are escaping violence. They are waiting for a Master Calendar Hearing in mid-September. Since this immigrant is not eligible for work authorization for months to come, the Hawai'i Sanctuary Network is raising funds to provide the mother and son with material support. Hearing dates will continue in the future, so contributions will gladly be accepted for the month of September. Thank you. Checks may be made payable to Nuʻuanu Congregational Church with HSNetwork on the memo line. -- Missions Committee

Insights from Vancouver

In July, our Interim Pastor Neal MacPherson participated as a tutor in the Summer School of the Indigenous Studies Program at the Vancouver School of Theology. While there, he sat in on two courses: the first, a course exploring Christian Theology from an Indigenous Perspective; and the second, a course called “De-colonizing the New Testament.” Following worship on **October 14, 21, and 28**, in room 206, he will share some of what he learned with all who are interested. All are invited to attend these sessions.

Lectionary Study – On Break



There will be **no Lectionary Bible Study from September 5, 2018 to October 3, 2018**. We will resume on **October 10, 2018** at 5:30 pm.

A light dinner will be served followed by the Bible study. Come and join us on October 10, 2018 to learn more about the contextual and literal meaning of the Bible. It’s a wonderful time of fellowship, heart-felt discussion on the lesson presented and great food! If you plan to attend, please email **Becky Kanenaka** at ken214@hawaii.rr.com

Calligraphy Books

Anyone who is interested in calligraphy and can read Japanese is welcome to have some books that were given to the church. See **Paula Yamamoto** for more details.

Help in the Office



Paula Yamamoto will be on vacation **November 2 – 16, 2018**. If you are willing and able to help out in the office during that period, see Paula or sign up in the church office. Shifts are 8 a.m.-12 p.m. or 12-4 p.m. Mahalo!

In Loving Memory



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the late **Jack Endo** who passed away on September 17, 2018 at the age of 102. Jack was our eldest member. He is survived by sons Herbert and David, daughter Kathleen Shimabukuro, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, November 10 at Mililani Memorial Park. Visitation will start at 5:00 p.m. followed by a service at 6:00 p.m. officiated by Pastor Neal MacPherson.