



# NCC News

## October 7, 2018



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uaniu Congregational Church*



### Blessing of the Animals



**This morning**, following the worship service, in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals, our household pets will be blessed. The blessing will begin with a simple liturgy designed for this special event. All are invited to gather around the St. Francis statue on the stream side of the sanctuary.

### Give Aloha

Mahalo to everyone who participated in Foodland's Give Aloha Program. All contributions and matching funds will be returned to the church in mid-October. At that time, we will announce our matching gift from Foodland and Western Union.



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!

### Lectionary Study Resumes – Oct. 10



The Lectionary Bible Study 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](mailto:ken214@hawaii.rr.com)

## Adult Education Opportunities

On Sundays, **October 14, 21, and 28th**, following worship, **Neal** will share some insights he received from the courses taught this past summer as part of the Summer Session of the Indigenous Studies Program of the Vancouver School of Theology. Neal participated in the Summer Session as a tutor and also as a student. Everyone is invited to gather in room 206 for these Adult Education sessions.

On Sundays, **November 11 and 18** following worship, Kokua Mau, an organization devoted to the care of Seniors and their families, will conduct a two-part presentation on the issues surrounding Advance Care Planning. These sessions are being designed not only for our older members but also their children. Therefore, all are encouraged to participate.

## 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 **today**. 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.

## 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 deepest condolences go out to the family of the late **Gloria Yamabe** who passed away on September 26, 2018. She is survived by sons Miles (Michiyo) and Mark, and granddaughters Chelsea Yamabe Madsen and Ashley Yamabe. Services pending. Please keep the Yamabe family in your prayers.

## First Aid and CPR Classes

Classes in adult, child, & infant CPR, use of an AED (automatic electronic defibrillator), and first aid will be offered through the Central YMCA. The classroom portion will be completed on your own using computer learning modules. The hands on portion will be at the Central YMCA, and should last approximately four hours. There will be a modest charge for the classes (approximately \$20). Dates to be determined. There is a maximum of 12 participants per class. If there is sufficient interest, we can schedule more than one set of classes. Please let **Judy Keith** know if you are interested.

## Organ Concert – *Organists 1♦2♦3*

For the first time in Hawai‘i, concertgoers will have the rare opportunity to experience music for one, two, and three pipe organs by Italian and German composers from the 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Join organists Katherine Crosier, our own Jieun Kim Newland, and Sachi P. Hirakouji in a delightful evening of organ solos, duets, and even trios **Saturday, October 13**, 7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Honolulu, 1730 Punahou Street. Suggested donation: \$20. Proceeds will benefit the American Guild of Organists Scholarship Fund and the Lutheran Church of Honolulu Music Fund.

## 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.