

NU‘UANU CALLER

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Wally's Window

By Rev. Wallace Ryan Kuroiwa, Interim Pastor

On October 6, we mainline Christians celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day with many facets, the main one being the unity of the Church in the vision of Jesus. “That they may all be one” (John 17:22), our Lord prayed, and it has become the UCC mantra. It is a magnificent vision, one of which we have fallen woefully short.

But there is another aspect of this special day that it is important for us to lift up: oneness out of diversity. We celebrate and affirm the reality that Christianity has reached the uttermost reaches of our globe, and that Christ is lifted up as lord in diverse ways. When I represented the UCC at the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC) gathering in Ghana, Jayne and I had the privilege of worshipping in a Ghanaian new church start. The pastor apologized that the five-year old church “only” had 500 members! But what struck me most was the joyous nature of the worship. When it came to the time in the service to gather the offerings, accompanied by some lively, joy-filled music, worshippers literally danced down the aisle to place their offering in the bowl. It took nearly ten minutes to complete the ritual. These mostly poor people (economically poor) gave with a sense of joy. I thought, if God loves a cheerful giver, these people must receive an abundance of God’s love.

So, whether we worship in the quieter style of NCC, or in the raucous liveliness of an African church, we are one, serving one Lord, and worshipping that one God alone.



Bread display by Carol Hamada,
2017 World Communion
Sunday. Photo by Lori Ellen
Yokomoto.

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Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

1st Sunday of the month:

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Neighbors In Need Offering

By Wayne Kobayashi, Missions Committee

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is an annual missions special 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.

The NIN offering will be received on **October 6, 2019**. Checks may be written to Nuʻuanu Congregational Church with NIN on the memo line.

Give Aloha - Mahalo!

By Paula Yamamoto, Administrative Coordinator

Mahalo, to all who participated in Foodland's Give Aloha Program! We will receive the matching gift and customer donations sometime in October. We are so thankful to Foodland and Western



Union for their commitment to giving back to the community through this annual community matching gifts program!

Clearing Out Hale Ohana

By Paul Yamamoto, Board of Trustees Chair

Hale Ohana needs to be completely empty before the demolition crew can physically start demolishing the structure.

The vinyl floor tile and the mastic on the sub-floor have asbestos containing materials. Per the Department of Health regulations, all asbestos containing materials need to be abated prior to the demolition of the structure. Before the vinyl floor tiles can be removed, ALL ITEMS in Hale Ohana and the garage need to be removed. The demolition contractor will not remove/dispose of those items.

The Board of Trustees has rented a trash dumpster that is placed on the concrete walkway outside of Hale Ohana. All groups who have items in Hale Ohana need to start throwing things away. Hale Ohana and the garage need to be totally emptied by **October 12, 2019**.

NCC's Vision Statement

Nuʻuanu 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.)

Town Hall Meeting October 27, 2019

By Laurie Hamano, Moderator



On **October 27, 2019** we will be having our first Town Hall meeting to introduce "NEXT STEPS," since our New Beginnings process began. We will introduce you to Hokuiwa; Josh Hayashi will describe to us the "Next Steps"

process and how we will figure out what Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is "called" to do. It is a very exciting time, and we need all of you to be there to be a part of it. The Town Hall meeting will follow our morning worship service.

Stewardship Sunday

November 17, 2019

By Becky Kanenaka, Stewardship Chair

As your Stewardship chair, I'm announcing that Stewardship Sunday will be **November 17, 2019**. Just a heads-up, pledge cards will be sent two weeks prior to Stewardship Sunday.



This year's theme is "Generosity." My challenge to you is to write down forty words of generosity. Sharing, caring, joyful, happy,

purposeful, committed, dependable, engaged,
connected, content, action, growing, reliable,
sacrificial, attentive, welcoming, approachable,
loving, resources, creative, faithful, genuine,
visionary, warm.....

The next challenge, write down why do you give of your time and resources to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church?

I want to share with you why I give of my time and resources. I give because I trust that the members of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church are

doing their best to live and share God's love
through their daily walks of life.

Stewardship is more than money. We share our talents by serving on boards or singing in the choir. We have members dedicating their first and third Wednesday to spruce up our campus or to provide lunch for these hard working members. Sunday School teachers and nursery helpers volunteer their time during the Sunday School year, so our children can learn about God.

I hope your list of why you give is long! More importantly, as we prepare for Stewardship Sunday, be bold and give generously this year!

Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Save **Tuesday, November 26!** We will be hosting the 58th Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. here at NCC. Faith groups from all around Nu‘uanu Valley will come together for this annual gathering. More information forthcoming. Pastor Wally is part of the planning committee led by Rev. Darren Galindo from UCC Juana Street.



New Trash Bins

By Paul Yamamoto, Board of Trustees Chair

Have you noticed the two bright green trash bins in the lower parking lot? A BIG thank you to those that contributed toward the purchase of our two new bins! They are also much nicer-looking than the broken old rusted ones!



Photo by Paula Yamamoto



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

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, Marcia Grimsley** (Sheila Knutson’s sister), **Carol Hamada, Charlene Hasegawa, Howard Ishihara, Michael Kurokawa, Leslie Lum, Ethel Nitta, Amy Nogami, Mary Oshiro, Matthew Stucke, Glenn Yamada, and Marie Yoneshige.**

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

Prayer Corner

By Mary Ann Saito

“O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 136:1

Dear God, we celebrated the end of summer during our recent outdoor worship service. Though the seasons change and we face many changes in our lives, we thank you that your love for us, which is often beyond our understanding, is unchanging and enduring. Help us to accept your unconditional love and to share your love with each other as Jesus taught us. We pray for your healing and comfort for those listed on our prayer list. Watch over their caregivers and grant them strength and stamina as they continue to provide care and support. Amen.



Special Gifts

Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!

Thanks Offering

Taichi & Katsuko Nomi

Shirley Yamamoto

Stanley Chong

Kimie Fujioka

Birthday Offering

Jane Parker

Memorial Offering

Wendy Tsurumaki - IMO Janet Kurokawa

Tom & Jan Nakai - IMO Michiko Takeyama

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>29</div> <div> <div>9:00 AM Church School</div> <div>9:00 AM Worship Service</div> <div>10:30 AM Chancel Choir</div> <div>10:30 AM Nichigobu Support Group</div> </div>	<div>30</div> <div> <div>8:00 AM Tai Chi</div> </div>	<div>1</div> <div> <div>7:00 AM Tai Chi</div> </div>	<div>2</div> <div> <div>NCC News Deadline</div> <div>9:00 AM Hui Malama</div> <div>5:30 PM Book Study</div> </div>	<div>3</div> <div> <div>7:30 AM Tai Chi</div> </div>	<div>4</div> <div> <div>6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201</div> </div>	<div>5</div> <div> <div>8:30 AM Board of Trustees</div> <div>9:00 AM Sew Fun</div> </div>
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Deadline for Articles

Nuʻuanu Caller (monthly)
20th of each month.
NCC News (weekly)
Wednesday noon.
Articles will be edited on a
space available basis.

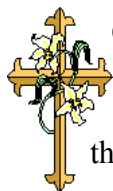
Food Drive

In keeping with Missions
Sunday, the Hawaiʻi Food Bank
collection is held on the last
Sunday of every month. For the

months of July and
August, we collected
183 lbs. of assorted
food items. Our
next collection will
be **October 27,**
2019. Monetary
donations accepted, too. Checks
may be made to Nuʻuanu
Congregational Church with
Hawaiʻi Food Bank on the memo
line. Mahalo.



In Loving Memory



Our deepest condolences go out to the family of NCC member
Janet Kurokawa who passed away peacefully at the age of
98 on August 26, 2019. Janet is survived by a daughter and
three sons. Private service held.

We are also deeply saddened by the passing of **Muriel Arakaki** on
September 16, 2019. Muriel was predeceased by her husband Wayne
Arakaki. She is survived by sons Scott (Leilani) and Dwight (Joanne)
and grandchildren Ryder, Ethan, and Claire. Services pending.

Prayerful Living

(Excerpts from 9/22/19 worship cover)

This week, we are invited to pray for leaders.....Some few people are
born leaders, but most people need to grow into leadership....praying
for our leaders is one of the ways we can help guide them...This
week, try adding the leaders in your life to your prayer time, and see
how it changes them, and you.

Monday: Pray for leaders of your congregation.
Tuesday: Pray for leaders of your community.
Wednesday: Pray for leaders of the nation.
Thursday: Pray for leaders of the world.
Friday: Pray for the future leaders being formed now.
Saturday: Pray for yourself as a leader.
Sunday: Pray for adequate rest for all leaders.

Recycling

By Wayne Kobayashi

Bring your items on Sunday, Oct. 27

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.



2019 Refreshments (Bring, Serve & Clean Up)

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

Please dispose all trash into the
dumpster. Mahalo!



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Lectionary Readings for October

October 6 (Free to Grieve): Lam 1:1-6 and Lam 3:19-26 or **Ps 137** or Had 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and Ps 37:1-9 • 2 Tim 1:1-14 • Luke 17:5-10

October 13 (Planting Life): Jer 29:1, 4-7 and Ps 66:1-12 or 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Ps 111 • 2 Tim 2:8-15 • Luke 17:11-19

October 20 (Ask Boldly; Live Justly): Jer 31:27-34 and Ps 119:97-104 or Gen 32:22-31 and Ps 121 • 2 Tim 3:14-4:5 • **Luke 18:1-8**

October 27 (Just Worship): Joel 2:23-32 and Ps 65 or Sirach 35:12-17 or Jer 14:7-10, 19-22 and Ps 84:1-7 • 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 • **Luke 18:9-14**