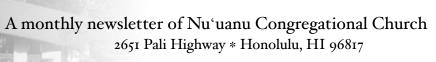
# NU'UANU CALLER





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# Wally's Window

Dear Members and Friends,

Aloha kakou. I recently read a moving article about an Italian angel, a woman by the name of Annalena Tonelli. Annalena spent most of her adult life working among people suffering from tuberculosis in remote areas in Kenya. Tuberculosis is the forgotten killer in Africa, and those who suffer from it were pariah, even from their own families. It is modern day leprosy. Annalena ministered to these woe begotten souls, often lying with them so they would not have to die alone. For her compassion, she was tragically murdered.

When I think of Annalena, and the myriad of others who serve God selflessly here and throughout the world, I am moved to give thanks and wonder, how can <u>I</u> serve God more faithfully?

Most of us will not be called by God to serve as Annalena, but we can serve God where we are. Here at Nu'uanu Congregational Church, this is a central question. We serve God by

- Participating in Family Promise, a ministry to homeless families.
- Intentionally working to preserve the integrity of creation, through programs of conservation and recycling.
- Seeking ways we can contribute to ministries to the aging.
- Working with River of Life.
- And more.

But we are also facing a challenging future as a church. We, like many other congregations, look to do more with less resources. But it is not sustainable if we do not all pull together to serve God through the stewardship of our financial resources. I want to ask you to consider a gift in this time of thanksgiving, to support the ministries of our congregation. In a time when are asked to give thanks for what we have been given by God, the many ways we have been blessed, I ask you to consider giving back through the ministry of God's church.

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9:00 a.m. Communion Service

# All-Church Fall Clean Up

By Paul Yamamoto, Board of Trustees Chair

Many hands are welcomed to help spruce up the church for the upcoming Advent season on Saturday, **November 9**, starting at 8:30 a.m. We



are always appreciative of Troop 201's support and participation in the clean up. Lunch will be served afterwards in Kosasa Hall.

# **Nu'uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 26**

We will be hosting the 58th Nu'uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. here at NCC on **November 26**. Faith groups from all around Nu'uanu Valley will come together for this annual gathering. The theme this year is "Weaving One Heart." Come and join this celebration!

All faith groups are asked to donate goodies for refreshments following the service. If you are able, you may bring it that evening or drop it off at the church office. Thank you, **Susan Iha**, for coordinating the refreshments!



# **Giving Thanks** - (Cont'd. from p. 1)

Thank you in advance for your gift and your faithful witness. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

In Christ's love, Wally Ryan Kuroiwa Interim Pastor

### Give Aloha

By Paula Yamamoto, Administrative Coordinator

Thank you for your participation in Foodland's Community Matching Give Aloha Program. Your generous donations of \$11,007.00 gave us a matching gift of \$2,585.00 from Foodland and Western Union Foundation.

If you haven't already done so, please turn in a duplicate receipt with your name on it, so we may credit your giving statement properly. Also indicate the account to be credited, i.e., pledge, special birthday,

thanks, memorial gift, repair & maintenance, etc. Mahalo for your support!



### **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.)

# Stewardship Sunday November 17, 2019

By Becky Kanenaka, Stewardship Chair

As your Stewardship chair, I'm announcing that Stewardship Commitment 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 "Forty Words of Generosity." Can I challenge you 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. How many can you think of?

As you think of these words, how many describe why and how you give?

### Our future depends on our faithfulness.

Let me share with you why I give my time and resources. It is my hope 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 and their stewardship of the money with which God has blessed them.\_

I realize 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. Through Family Promise, we minister to families who find themselves in need of temporary shelter. Through our giving we support ministries beyond our church, working and giving to the Hawai'i Conference and our United Church of Christ. Through your

gifts, we make concrete the love of God for our world

Forty Words of Generosity. How large is your vocabulary? Be bold. Be generous. Our future depends on our faithfulness.



### You're Invited

By Pastor Wally Ryan Kuroiwa

Advent is the time of the year wherein we prepare for the incarnation, when God appeared in human flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The church is blessed by some wonderful, beloved hymns that help us prepare. During Advent, we will be studying on Wednesday evenings four of these remarkable hymns. We will be guided by the study book *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* written by Mary Louise Bringle and Beverly Howard. Mel Bringle, by the way, is a friend from grad school at Emory.

The study will begin on **November 27** (yes, I know it's before Advent begins) and will be on consecutive Wednesdays thereafter for four weeks. We begin with supper at 5:30 and the study concludes at 7:30-ish. It's fun, good fellowship, and great learning. Let us know if you're interested in attending by contacting Paula at <a href="mailto:nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net">nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net</a> or 595-3935.



# **Blessing of the Animals**

Photos by Lance Goya

Dogs being blessed by Pastor Wally. Left to right: Lori with Dexter; Sybil with Mele (Mele's owner is Mary Ann), and Julie with Cooper and Oliver.









# **Ohana Ministry**

By Marge Honjiyo

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

<u>Ohana Ministry Coordinators</u>

Mae Au, 988-4802 Marge Honjiyo, 550-3075 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, Preston Iha, Howard Ishihara, Michael Kurokawa, Leslie Lum, Ethel Nitta, Amy Nogami, Mary Oshiro, Matthew Stucke, 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* 

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100:4-5

Dear God, open our eyes to the gifts we have received from you and help us to be grateful. Thank you for your loving care and constant presence in our lives. Thank you for the joy and support of family and the people around us who make our lives more meaningful. Help us never to take your love and blessings for granted. Enable us to be a blessing to others as we continue to follow the teachings of Jesus, always mindful of "What would Jesus do?" as we live each day. Amen

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



# **Special Gifts**

Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!

### **Birthday Offering**

Jane Uyechi Micki Sasaki Virginia Takara Fred Takara

### **Thanks Offering**

Kimie Fujioka
Taichi and Katsuko Nomi

### **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 months of September, we collected 60 lbs. of assorted food items. Our next collection will be **November** 24, 2019.

Monetary donations accepted, too. Checks may be made to Nu'uanu Congregational Church with Hawai'i Food Bank on the memo line. Mahalo.

# Support Grant Lee

A trust fund entitled "Revocable Discretionary Supplemental Care Grant S.C. Lee" (R.D.S.C. Grant S.C. Lee), has been established. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with health care for Grant who lives with Parkinson's disease, please make checks payable to: R.D.S.C. Grant S.C. Lee Trust and mail to Pearl City Community Church, 933 Lehua Avenue, Pearl City, HI, 96782 (Attention: Geri Ihara). Grant served as NCC's Associate Pastor of Christian Education, 1971-1981.

# **Troop 201 Kadomatsu Sale - Dec. 22**

Pre-sale orders are currently being taken for Troop 201's Annual Kadomatsu Sale. See Paula in the church office, if you would like to pre-order a beautiful kadomatsu arrangement, specially hand-crafted by the hard-working Scouts of Troop 201. Pre-sale ends December 6. Please make checks payable to "BSA Troop 201." For questions, please contact **Patti Asato** at (808) 386-0690 or T201.Kadomatsu @gmail.com.

36" X-Large Fancy, \$100 36" X-Large, Standard \$75

26" Large Fancy\*, \$50 26" Large, Standard \$35

14" Small Fancy\*, \$40 14" Small Standard, \$25

\* Fancy plates will vary and be available on sale day on a first come, first served basis.

# Recycling

By Wayne Kobayashi

# Bring your items on Sunday, Nov. 24

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

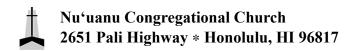
November - Open

December - Open

Please dispose all trash into the dumpster. Mahalo!

# November 2019

Saturday	2 8:30 AM Board of Trustees 9:30 AM Visitation 10:30 AM Memorial Service for Muriel Arakaki 11:30 AM Reception 12:30 PM Diaconate Board 3:00 PM Green Day Planning Meeting	6	- 8:30 AM All-Church Clean Up	16	53	30
Friday	1 201 201	8	6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201	15 = 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201	22 = 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201	29 = 8:30 AM Advent Set Up = 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 201
Thursday	Planning Ahead Dec. 1 Hanging of the Greens Dec. 22 - Cantata Sunday, Kadomatsu Sale Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service Dec. 25 - Office Closed	7	- 7:30 AM Tai Chi	14 7:30 AM Tai Chi	21	28 Office Closed-Thanksgiving 7:30 AM Tai Chi
Wednesday	NCC News Deadline 5:30 PM Lectionary Study	9	NCC News Deadline  9:00 AM Hui Malama  5:30 PM Lectionary Study	NCC News Deadline  5:30 PM Lectionary Study	Caller Deadline NCC News Deadline = 9:00 AM Hui Malama = 5:30 PM Advent Study	NCC News Deadline 5:30 PM Advent Study
Tuesday	29 T:00 AM Tai Chi	2	7:00 AM Tai Chi	12 = 7:00 AM Tai Chi = 6:00 PM Church Council	19 T:00 AM Tai Chi	26 7:00 AM Tai Chi 7:00 PM Nuuanu Valley In- tefaith Thanksgiving Ser- vice
Monday	28.00 AM Tai Chi	4	- 8:00 AM Tai Chi	11 Office Closed-Veteran's Day 8:00 AM Tai Chi	18 = 8:00 AM Tai Chi	<b>=</b> 8:00 AM Tai Chi
Sunday	27 = 9:00 AM Church School = 9:00 AM Worship Service = 10:15 AM Town Hall Meet- ing	S 3	= 9:00 AM Church School = 9:00 AM Worship Service = 10:30 AM Chancel Choir = 10:30 AM Nichigobu Support Group	Family Promise  9:00 AM Church School  9:00 AM Worship Service  10:30 AM Chancel Choir	17 = 9:00 AM Church School = 9:00 AM Stewardship Sunday = 10:30 AM Chancel Choir	24  = 9:00 AM Church School = 9:00 AM Worship Service = 10:30 AM Chancel Choir = 10:30 AM Nichigobu Support Group



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# **Lectionary Readings for November**

**November 3** (**Transforming Love**): Has 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Ps 119:137-144 or Isa 1:10-18 and Ps 32:1-7 • 2 These 1:1-4, 11-12 • **Luke 19:1-10** 

**November 10 (Hold on to Faith):** Hag 1:15b-1:9 and Ps 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps 98 or Job 19:23-27a and Ps 17:1-9 • 2 These 2:1-5, 13-17 • Luke 20:27-38

**November 17 (Infinite Possibilities): Isa 65:17-25** and Isa 12 or Mal 4:1-2a and Ps 98 • 2 Thess 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19

**November 24 (Together in Christ):** Jer 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79 or Jer 23:1-6 and Ps 46 • Col 1:11-20 • Luke 23:33-43