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All Saints Sunday 2021: Looking Back With Love, Gratitude, and Hope

By Pastor Jeannie Thompson

Recently, a visiting friend was wondering what to take as a special thank you treat for the office staff she had been working with during the week. I suggested one of my favorite treats: *dim sum*! So, off we went to one of the *dim sum* places I know: The Island Manapua Factory, in Manoa Marketplace.

While she was in the shop directing the counter man as he packed-up pork hash, half moons, charsi manapua, and the like, I went back out to the car and marveled at the fact that the place was still open, and that there was still a crack seed shop just a few doors down.

I could not stop myself from feelings of nostalgia as I remembered how, when I was growing up, there were crack seed shops on almost every corner. Mostly they were little mom-and-pop places, and if there was a little extra room in the shop, there would also have been a cold drink cooler with “Coke-a-Cola” logos all over it. However, when you slid the top open and reached down into the icy water, you were just as likely to fish-out a glass bottle of Pepsi or root beer, as you were a Coke.

Mostly, I try not to wander down memory lane too often, nor for too long. I tell myself that such excursions are, at best, time-eaters, and at worst, a source of loneliness, even a character flaw and attempt to hide from the new things that have muscled their way into my life that I do not feel ready to deal with or face.

Thus, indulging in nostalgia has been a secret and guilty pleasure, a weakness to be shunned and embarrassed about, rather than a strength to be proud of. Indeed, nostalgia was once considered a mental ailment in the 17th and 18th centuries. A common view has been that nostalgia keeps people stuck in the past, unable to live in the present or plan for the future.

However, new research has begun to tell a different story. Andrew Abeyta, PhD, and an assistant professor of psychology at Rutgers University Camden, describes nostalgia as an emotional experience that involves reminiscing about something about your past you find truly special or meaningful. In an article on nostalgia published in *ScienceDirect*, Abeyta says recalling idealized memories from past happy times is associated with feelings of warmth, yearning, longing, desire, and wistful affection. “We find that reflecting on nostalgic memories enriches people’s lives in several way,” he says.

“Images, sounds, smells, and memories from earlier chapters in our lives — particularly positive or meaningful ones from our youth — can provoke potent feelings that unlock underlying functional benefits, including positive self-esteem and self-understanding, social connectedness, optimism for the future, increased empathy, and psychological growth. (continued on page 3 - All Saints Day)

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Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

1st Sunday of the month:

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

All Saints Day

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These recollections can create good feelings and inspire us even on our darkest days. Nostalgia is more than just fun; it's a personal, powerful, and meaningful tool.

Best of all, nostalgia can give us hope, says Dr. Abeyta: "nostalgia is very much a future-oriented experience because it energizes and inspires people. It reminds them that even when life is uncertain, stressful, or unpleasant, there are reasons to be hopeful. Revisiting meaningful memories can give one hope that they can create new meaningful memories in the future."

On Sunday, November 7, we will be nostalgic together—in our Sanctuary—as we celebrate All Saints Sunday Day 2021. We will remember the saints who built and nurtured this congregation from the early years, and the ones who have died in the past year. We will remember and give thanks for their lives and work for justice and compassion. Our worship will be a celebration of remembering and re-dedication to the work and service which has always been a part of NCC history. Therefore, you are invited to bring pictures of your deceased loved ones. As we worship, we will give thanks for them, and for God's continuous presence in our lives. I look forward to seeing you there.

Grace and Peace,

Jeannie

The Festival of All Saints, November 7, 2021

by Lori Yamashiro

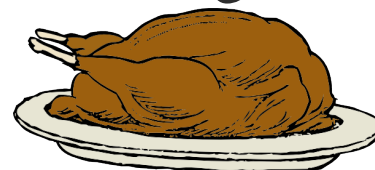
The Festival of All Saints is the church's memorial day, and again this year we will have a

special service on Sunday, November 7 at 9 a.m. to remember the saints. We will recall those who have made contributions to our world and also members of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church whom we have named as our "Nu‘uanu Saints." A special part of the service will recall those of our membership who have died since All Saints Sunday last year. Family members will be invited to come forward and light a candle as each name is called.

All are invited to bring photographs of those you would like to remember to this service.

The photographs will be placed on tables at the front of the sanctuary. With all of these saints surrounding us, we will then celebrate communion. All of us are invited to participate in this special service.

Happy Thanksgiving



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.)

In Search of Rev. Masaichi's Wartime Banner

by Randy Obata

We need your help locating an old cloth banner—or any information related to the banner—which was once stored for many years, dating back to the 1970s, at Nuuanu Congregational Church but appears to be missing. The banner was created by Rev. Masaichi Goto and displayed at NCC's men's dormitory during World War II when the church was located at Kukui Street and Nuuanu Avenue. The banner lists the names of dormitory residents who volunteered to serve our country when the war began. Also listed are names of the young men, highlighted with a blue star, who were killed in action. One person recalls the banner having a colored border along its edges and measuring approximately 3.5 ft. wide x 5 ft. long. We are also interested in finding the names of anyone who lived in the dormitory during those wartime years.

Randy Obata, a member of the Kensaku and Tsuru Obata Endowment Committee, is seeking the banner for inclusion in the Endowment's current video and oral history project about NCC. If you may know anything about the banner, please contact Mairi Manley, NCC's administrative coordinator, at nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net or 595-3935. You may also contact Randy at randy.obata@gmail.com.

Great News ! The Mango Chutney & Jam Sale is Back!

By Donna Chung

Don Ikeda is once again donating the “fruits” of his labor of love for Nuuanu Congregational Church. And it's just in time for the holidays, so remember to think of your gifting needs.

It will be on the first Sunday of November at the church. Due to the pandemic, the sale will take place with pre-orders and pre-payment.

1. Please fill out the order form (or [handwrite your order](#)). The order form is on nuuanu.org.
2. Then send or bring to the church office with your payment
3. We have sold out of many items. Mairi's suggestion is to call the office with your order before mailing payment. We may not have what you are looking for by the time the order gets to the office!

If you are paying by check please make the check out to Nuuanu Congregational Church and please write “chutney sale” on the memo line of the check.

On November 7th (Sunday), your orders will be pre-packed and ready to go! This time, there is a generous offering of mango chutney, 259 jars to be exact. Don will be busy preparing Lilikoi jelly, smaller amounts of Guava Jam (Sold out) and Calamondin (citrus flavor) Marmalade. His jellies and jams are almost completely sold out! The updated Order form is attached. Mairi will attach the updated order form to the Order of Worship email and updating the form on nuuanu.org.

If you are wondering whether there will be biscotti, there will be 50 sacks of Cranberry Biscotti and a smaller amount of Chocolate Biscotti.

Day Winter Camp with the YMCA!

by Mairi Manley

During the Public Schools Christmas break, which is December 20 through December 30, Nu‘uanu Congregational Church and The YMCA have joined forces. The YMCA will have their Winter Camp, here at the church, while The Children's Center is not in session. The hours of operation will be 7a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

If you want to sign your family members up, register them at www.ymcahonolulu.org/ registration. Once on the YMCA site, go to Youth Programs, then Day Camps. Once there, it gives the break down of what you will need to know!



READY FOR REGISTRATION WINTER BREAK

8 LOCATIONS ACROSS OAHU
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE

\$196 PER WEEK

DECEMBER 20-23 & DECEMBER 27-30

7:00 AM TO 5:30 PM

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www.ymcahonolulu.org/registration

\$100 Y CREDIT FOR STAFF REFERRALS

\$250 New Hire Bonus for Youth Staff

\$50 New Hire Bonus for any YMCA position

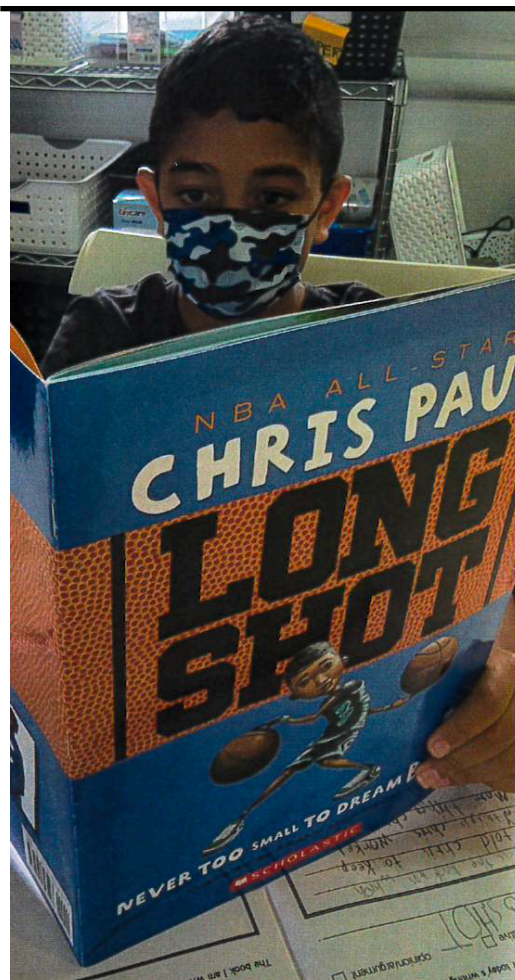
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Ages 18+ - Youth Leaders, Site Directors, Lifeguards, & Swim Instructors

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an hour





DAY CAMP

YOUTH GRADES K-5

The Y's intersession programs continue to be a familiar place where children can be safe, active, learn and keep engaged during their time out of school. Through a balanced approach to youth development, the Y offers a range of activities, mentorship, and literacy lessons to maintain learning. Leaders guide youth through activities that help to develop their interests, social skills, and confidence to thrive.

Location	Activity Name	Code
Kaimuki YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 1	32707
Kaimuki YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 2	32713
Kalihi YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 1	32708
Kalihi YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 2	32717
Leeward YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 1	32709
Leeward YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 2	32718
Mililani YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 1	32710
Mililani YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 2	32719
Nuʻuanu Congregational Church	Day Camp Winter Wk 1	32715
Nuʻuanu Congregational Church	Day Camp Winter Wk 2	32716
Nuʻuanu Elementary School	Day Camp Winter Wk 1	32712
Nuʻuanu Elementary School	Day Camp Winter Wk 2	32721
Nuʻuanu YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 1	32711
Nuʻuanu YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 2	32720
Windward YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 1	32732
Windward YMCA	Day Camp Winter Wk 2	32733

NĀ ALAKAʻI

YOUTH GRADES 6-8

Nā Alakaʻi addresses the immediate and future needs of middle-school teens and local communities across Oahu with a focus on the skills needed to thrive in school and in a post-COVID-19 world. In addition to physical activity, teambuilding, and character development through the YMCA's Five

Core Values of honesty, caring, responsibility, respect, and diversity, program activities will focus on: Community and Culture, Life Skills, College and Career Exploration, and Mental Health Awareness

Location	Activity Name	Code
Kaimuki YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 1	32724
Kaimuki YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 2	32725
Kalihi YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 1	32726
Kalihi YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 2	32727
Leeward YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 1	32728
Leeward YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 2	32729
Nuʻuanu YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 1	32722
Nuʻuanu YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 2	32723
Windward YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 1	32730
Windward YMCA	Nā Alakaʻi Winter Wk 2	32731



Ohana Ministry

By Mae Au

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

Mary Ann Saito, 839-0895

Joyce Uyehara, 523-3483

Sybil Seto, 550-3068

Lori Yamashiro, 292-5249

When you pray, remember the following and their caregivers: **Kimiko Bristow-Canfield, Marcia Grimsley, Carol Hamada, Preston Iha, Howard Ishihara, Leslie Lum, Craig Oshiro, Matthew Stucke, Lurline Matsumoto (sister of Masa Tabe), Rick Au, Stephen Crosier, Fay Matsuura (Friend of Clifford Lum), Barbara Pierce, Nelson Fujinaga, Ethel Yamaguchi.**

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; his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118:1

Dear God, we are thankful for all the blessings we have received and especially for your unconditional, steadfast love. We are grateful that the numbers of our COVID-19 infections have steadily decreased, resulting in more restrictions being lifted. We rejoice that NCC will start in-person worship this month and thank all those who made it possible for us to worship online.

Help us to continue to diligently follow recommended practices that will stifle the spread of COVID-19. As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day we thank you for the love and support of family and friends. Enable us to share your love and caring with others. Amen

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Special Gifts

Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!

Memorial Offering

Patricia Katayama IMO Mary Oshiro

Helen Pierce IMO Hatsuko Kino

Laura Kino IMO Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kino

Alice Kimoto IMO Alice Ishihara, Mary

Oshiro, Fred Pascua

Chester Naka IMO Marie Yoneshige

Sybil Seto IMO Mary Oshiro

Birthday Offering

Ray Miyamoto

Thanks Offering

Frances Miyamoto

Howard Mau

Virginia Takara

Frederick Takara

Deadline for Articles

Nuʻuanu Caller (monthly)
20th of each month.

NCC News (weekly)
Wednesday noon.

Articles will be edited on a space
available basis.



**November 7, 2021 Is the
next collection date!**

Recycling

By Wayne Kobayashi

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

Please help our
volunteers by removing
caps from bottles, rinsing
and separating all
containers. Keep labels
on. Only HI-5¢ items are
accepted. Proceeds go
toward Hui Malama.



October 25, 2021

Moderator's Desk

You can feel October in the air now. It is a bit cooler (Thank goodness!) and we are beginning to see movement in the tide of the pandemic. We are grateful to our Medical Team who have advised us through this and is recommending that we begin in-person worship once again in November. Holidays are certainly around the corner.

How we move forward clearly is different because of how the pandemic has changed us, but the feelings and the joy the holidays bring can certainly be expressed through our missions and programs here at NCC. So, we look forward to seeing each other and though differently moving toward a more vibrant NCC.

As for the NCC Transition Team, they have been hard at work actuating our hopes and dreams that were approved through the Strategic Plan. We are still in discussion with Hawaii Conference Foundation about whether they will be able to move up to the NCC campus and we recently approved Nuʻuanu YMCA to utilize our campus for this coming December Intersession for children aged 5-12. We hope this relationship with the YMCA of Honolulu can grow and they hope that this first-time event can act as a “stepping stone” toward bigger and better things. We thank Greg Waibel, CEO of YMCA of Honolulu and Jen Townsend, Director of Leeward YMCA for their openness to partner with NCC in this new event! Looking forward to seeing you all soon in November!

Forever thankful,

Laurie Hamano, Moderator

Wear a mask!

Cover your nose and mouth



Wait 6 feet apart!

Avoid close contact



Wash your hands!

Or use hand sanitizer





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Lectionary Readings for November

November 7 (Risk and Restoration): Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Ps 127 •
1 Kings 17:8-16 and Ps 146 • Heb 9:24-28 • Mk 12:38-44

November 14 (Praise the Holy One): 1 Sam 1:4-20 and 1 Sam 2:1-10 •
Daniel 12:1-3 and Ps 16 • Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25 • Mark 13:1-8

November 21 (A Wise Reign): 2 Sam 23:1-7 and Ps 132:1-12, (13-18) •
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Ps 93 • Rev 1:4b-8 • **Jn 18:33-37**

November 28 (Sign of Things to Come): Jer 33:14-16 • Ps 25:1-10 •
1 Thess 3:9-13 • **Luke 21:25-36**