



# NU'UANU CALLER

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## *For All the Saints*

*By Pastor Jeannie Thompson*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The New Century Hymnal, No. 299

At this time of year, I am reminded of the lines quoted above. I am reminded of the saints of the church who lived and served in the past history of this church, and *you*, the ones I have the honor and pleasure of serving now. This is especially true right now as I reflect on what you, the saints of Nu'uanu Congregational Church, have accomplished in our Capital Campaign.

Perhaps the lines from the hymn, *For All the Saints* (printed above), will have even greater meaning for you now. Most of us who have been members of the church for just about any length of time will recognize them. I believe that this is not only true for our church but for many churches in the west because, as I found out, *For All the Saints* has been included in just about every English language hymnal since it first came out in 1864. (I know this for certain because I tried to count the number of hymnals it is in. I lost count at about number eighty...and there was still a substantial list left to count!) As for us: we sing it at least once every year on All Saints Day, but also on other occasions, too.

This well-beloved hymn was written by Fr. William W. How who served as priest and Bishop in the Anglican church in England. In his lifetime, Fr. How wrote over sixty hymns and a great many songs for children. Because of his great love for children, he was often called "the children's pastor." He was also known for his work with the poor and with industrial workers in Wales.

You may be interested (and relieved to know) that although Fr. How wrote *eleven* stanzas for this hymn, our hymnal only includes five, and we usually only sing three.

For those of us who have not sung (or read) all eleven verses of the original hymn, this is what *Hymnary.org*, a website that publishes the history of almost every hymn ever written, says about the hymn:

*There is considerable variance between hymnals as to which of the eleven original stanzas are included (typically six to eight are selected)...*

*There are also differences in wording between different hymnals. Some merely modernize the language (i.e., "Thou wast their rock" becomes "You were their rock"). Other changes, as well as the choice of which stanzas to include, appear to reflect a desire to slightly soften the theme of the Church militant, which is heavily present in the text.*

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## Capital Campaign Success

*Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.--Psalm 84:4*

And especially happy are those who celebrate a remarkable \$938,940 in total pledges in the *For Faith, Hope and Mission Capital Campaign* which concluded Sunday, September 24 with festive worship and fellowship.

This represents 115.92% of the campaign goal.

On Celebration Sunday the following guests represented our community partners: Rev. Dr. David Popham, Conference Minister, Hawaii Conference UCC; Jo Ann Bristow, Past Director of The Children Center; Lama Chang, Director of Operations Family Promise; Autumn Soda, Troop 201 Committee Chair; Jen Townsend, Vice President of Youth Development YMCA of Honolulu, Pastor Iese Opetaiia, Epenesa Fou.

Members of the Capital Campaign Team worked behind the scenes for many months. Their collective efforts paved the way for reaching our goal. Please thank Campaign Chairperson Laurie Hamano, Stan Chong, Carol Hamada, George Honjiyo, Garrett Iha, Susan Iha, Josie Ing, Russell Ishida, Ann Ito, Judy Keith, Wayne Kodama, Neal MacPherson, Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa, Lori Yamashiro, Mairi Manley and Rev. Jeannie Thompson. Mylee Manley aided the effort as our graphics designer.

We have reached the “finish line” of the asking phase of *For Faith, Hope and Mission*. Now begins the three-year period to submit our gifts and pledges. If you made a pledge, you will soon receive a letter to confirm that pledge amount with a special thank you gift.

To complete your pledge, write separate checks to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church with “Capital Campaign in the memo line. Do not add in this pledge amount to your regular offering checks, as

it will make accounting more complicated.

Contributions may also be made online at:

<https://www.nuuanu.org/>

Scroll down to the donate button, then find the box for Capital Campaign.

If your donation is coming from stocks, IRAs or similar accumulated assets, please confer with Howard Mau, Garrett Iha or the church office before making transfer.



## October

Iao UCC (Maui)  
 Moanalua Community Church (O‘ahu)  
 Imiola Congregational Church (Hawai‘i Island)  
 Maui Marshallese Ministry (Maui)  
 Kanaana Hou - Siloama UCC (Moloka‘i)  
 Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church (O‘ahu)  
 Maui Evangelical Church (Maui)  
 Kaahumanu Church (Maui)  
 Mānoa Valley Church (O‘ahu)  
 Kaluaaha Congregational Church (Moloka‘i)  
 Kahakuloa Hawaiian Congregational Church (Maui)  
 Malamalama Ole Alofa Tunoa CCC UCC (O‘ahu)

## 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.)

## World Communion/Blessings of the Animals

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that funds ministries of justice and compassion through a variety of peace and justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. The money we give to **NIN** will continue our church's work in communities throughout the country.

Because we will celebrate **NIN** on World Communion Sunday we are inviting everyone to bring a loaf of bread—any kind—to church on that day, October 1. Please make sure it is unopened and in its original wrapper. After worship we will donate all of the bread to a non-profit organization that will help feed our sisters and brothers in the community.

**Blessing of the Animals** will also take place on October 1 *after* worship, on the streamside of the Sanctuary. So, bring Fluffy, Fido, or a photo, and bread, on Sunday, October 1, 2023.

## Give Aloha

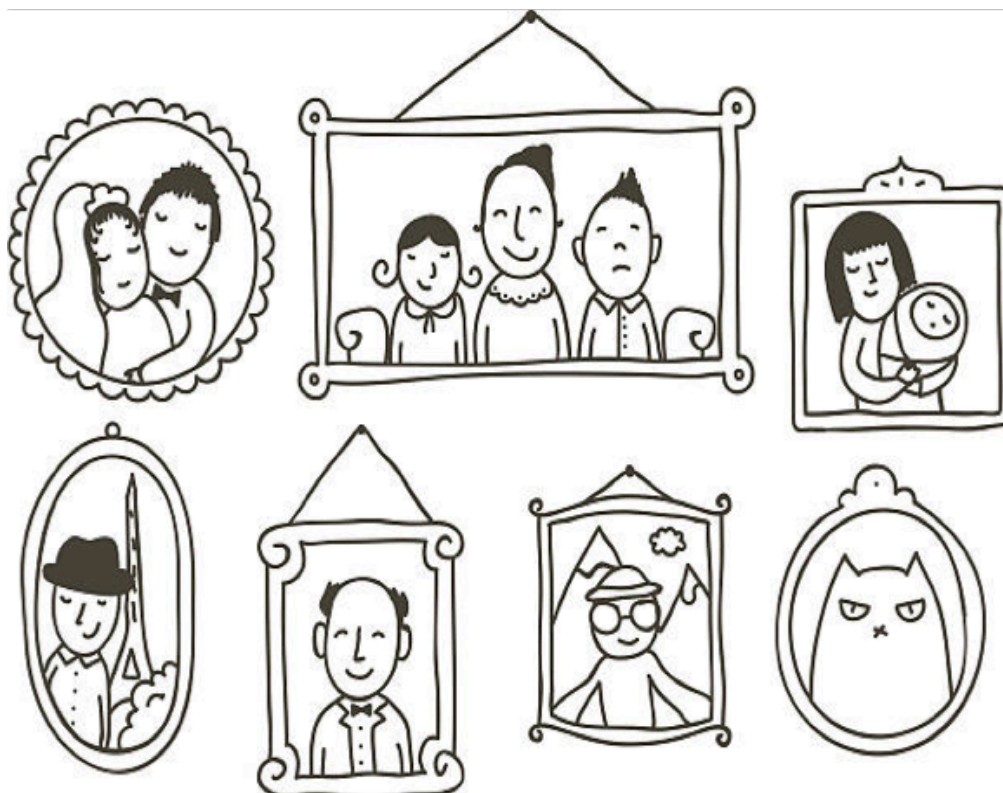


We participated in this year's Give Aloha program again. Give Aloha ran from September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Please make sure that you send us your receipt, either in the mail with your donation, or email a picture of it to [nuuanucongregational@gmail.com](mailto:nuuanucongregational@gmail.com). The receipt must be received by December 22, 2023 and have your name, amount, store number, and time of your transaction so that we can credit the donation to the right person/family!

## Photographs for All Saints' Day—

Please bring a photograph of a loved one for our annual observance of **All Saints' Day** on Sunday, November 5. This is a special time to remember all our loved ones who have died, especially those who have died in the past year. What we acknowledge and celebrate is that through Christ death does *not* have the last word. Together, on **All Saints Day** we remember them with love, and thank God and them for their life and faithfulness



## Saints

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Our hymnal, thank goodness, does “soften” the language. However, knowing the conditions of the people Bishop How lived among, and his deep dedication to the poor (especially in Wales), I cannot help but believe that the language he used was also directed toward the real and important struggle he and others pursued on behalf of the poor and destitute; and for justice and compassion for those in need. Perhaps he was “militant” in that regard and expected the Church to also be likewise committed.

What I am certain of is that the same Spirit of compassion, and the desire that the Christian message that the good news of Christ shall be for all people is the same message, the same ideal, that has been real and strong in our church for close to one hundred and forty years. What is more, we proved to ourselves that our desire to carry the message of Christ on into the future was just made joyfully obvious in the out-pouring of support we have given to the Capital Campaign we brought to a close this past Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Indeed, our support of the Capital Campaign that is going to repair and refresh our Sanctuary is something we are doing for more than ourselves.

We are doing this so that we may fully and abundantly welcome the wider community in many more ways. We are dedicated to making our Sanctuary a place to gather and support community initiatives and programs—things that make for community healing and thriving. In short, we are forging a path into the future with God as our foundation, Christ as our inspiration, and the Holy Spirit as our guide.

Congratulations to us all! I would like to especially congratulate and thank Laurie Hamano, Susan Iha, and Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa, along with the rest of the team: Stan Chong, Carol Hamada, Josie Ing, Russell Ishida, Neal MacPherson, Lori Yamashiro, Wayne Kodama, Becky Kanenaka, Ann Ito, Garrett Iha, Judy Keith, Howard Mau, George Honjiyo,

and Mairi Manley (our office administrator). They all worked very hard and very well together.

I hope you are excited and as eager as I am for our future to unfold!

Grace and Peace,  
Jeannie

## Changes with Family Promise Meals

*By Judy Keith*

Family Promise has changed the way they are providing dinners. Instead of having meals delivered to the families to eat on their own here, they have switched to Ohana Meals. These are congregant meals, served at the Family Promise offices at Kukui Center at 245 North Kukui Street. Sign up to provide a meal is being done online at their website: [www.familypromisehawaii.org](http://www.familypromisehawaii.org) Scroll down to the section titled 'Ohana Nights to sign up to provide a meal or contact [elliot@familypromisehawaii.org](mailto:elliot@familypromisehawaii.org) for more information. Please consider providing a meal with this new system.

## @ neighboring churches

### *Beautiful and Terrible Things*

Join us for the book launch of “Beautiful and Terrible Things.” Dialogue with the author, Rev. Amy Butler, and book signing, October 3, 2023, 6-8 pm, Community Church of Honolulu, 2345 Nu'uanu Ave. [www.cchonolulu.org](http://www.cchonolulu.org)

### UCC Judd Street Invitation

UCC Judd Street Church has a pickleball ministry. Their Pickleball Ministry Team would like to invite any of our church members for a pickleball tournament on Friday, October 13, from 4-8 p.m. at Judd Street Church.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - Church School 9am - Worship Service 12pm - Epenesa Fou 2pm - Freeplay Mens	2 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 4:30pm - Jammers	3 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 4:30pm - Jammers	4 NCC News Deadline 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 8am - Changing of light 10am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Jammers 6pm - Lectionary Study @	5 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 8am - Changing of light 10am - Conversation & 4:30pm - Jammers	6 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 6pm - Epenesa Fou Choir 6pm - Scouts Troop 201	8:30am - Board of 9am - Diaconate Boar
8 9am - Church School 9am - Worship Service 12pm - Epenesa Fou 2pm - Freeplay Mens	9 6:30am - YMCA Fall 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 4:30pm - Jammers	10 6:30am - YMCA Fall 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 4:30pm - Jammers	11 NCC News Deadline 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 10am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Jammers 6pm - Lectionary Study @	12 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 10am - Conversation & 4:30pm - Jammers	13 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 6pm - Epenesa Fou Choir 6pm - Scouts Troop 201	10am - Kelsey Haman
15 9am - Church School 9am - Worship Service 12pm - Epenesa Fou 2pm - Freeplay Mens	16 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 4:30pm - Jammers	17 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 4:30pm - Jammers 6pm - Church Council @ 7pm - Board of Christian	18 NCC News Deadline 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 10am - Bible Study @ 4:30pm - Jammers 6pm - Lectionary Study @	19 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 10am - Conversation & 4:30pm - Jammers	20 Caller Deadline 7:30am - YMCA Nuuanu 6pm - Epenesa Fou Choir 6pm - Scouts Troop 201	4pm - Vindicated -
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## 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*

We have received two new requests for prayers for health reasons. Please pray for Mike Chung and Susan Hirano.

When you pray, remember the following and their caregivers: Ljnda Mau, Kimiko Bristow-Canfield, Marcia Grimsley, Carol Hamada, Preston Iha, Howard Ishihara, Craig Oshiro, Matthew Stucke, Lurline Matsumoto (sister of Masa Taba), Rick Au, Stephen Crosier, Fay Matsuura (Friend of Clifford Lum), Barbara Pierce, Ray Miyamoto, Cindy Taketa.

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

## Prayer Corner

*By Mary Ann Saito*

*Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you. Psalm 84:4-5a*

Dear God, thank you for all the blessings you have given us. As we bless animals this month we thank you for all that we receive from our pets-unconditional love, companionship, protection and improved physical and emotional health, to name a few. We remember the importance of celebrating World Communion Sunday together with Christians worldwide in recognizing our unity in Jesus Christ. Sponsoring a trolley with UCC Judd Street and Central Union to ride in the Honolulu Pride Parade on October 21 is an act of our support for the LGBTQ+ community. Help us to continue our love and support for them. Our Capital Campaign ended on Celebration Sunday with the happy news that we exceeded our goal of \$810,000. Thank you, Lord. We appreciate the work and leadership of the Capital Campaign committee and pray that you will continue to bless their endeavors as they complete final tasks. Amen.



## Special Gifts

*Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!*

### In Memory of

Paula Yamamoto IMO Ethel Sasaki

Ann Ito IMO Owen & Betty Miyamoto

Hawaii 3R's IMO Owen Miyamoto

Howard Mau IMO Taro Goya &

Owen Miyamoto

Albert Matsumoto IMO Roy Fujimori &

Seiji Obata

### Birthday

Ruth Gushiken

Ethel Yamaguchi

## 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.



## Hawaii Foodbank

The collection date is the for  
October 29, 2023.

*We collected 71 pounds of food  
in August.*

## 2023 Altar Flower Donations



The chart for the 2023 Altar Flower Donations is  
ready to fill up! Please fill out the date that you want, either  
in person at service, by email at

[nuuanucongregational@gmail.com](mailto:nuuanucongregational@gmail.com), or by calling the office

at (808) 595-3935.

*Please have Altar Flowers delivered on Fridays, between 8 am  
and 4 pm or Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. There will not be anyone  
working on Saturday's until further notice.*

The following dates are available:

- October 15
- November 12
- December 3
- October 22
- November 26
- December 31
- October 29

## Can You Bring A Can - For The Hawaii Foodbank?



The last Sunday of each month is Missions  
Sunday. Please bring a canned good or other non-  
perishable food on that day. Boxes will be available  
to collect them. All gifts will be taken to the Hawai‘i  
Foodbank.

## Invitation to Bible Study



Anyone who is wanting to join the bible study group  
is more than welcome to. There are 2 different ways you  
can join.

The first is meeting Pastor Jeannie on the Lanai right  
outside of her office on Wednesdays, starting at 10 am.

The second is by zoom on Wednesday nights, starting at 6:30 pm.  
Please let Mairi or Pastor Jeannie know if you would like to join so we  
can get you the zoom link.

## Recycling

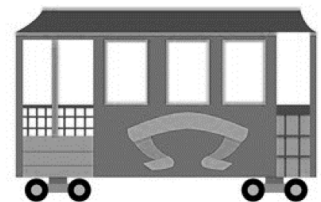
*By Wayne Kobayashi*

Please bring your HI-5  
items any day in August.

Leave them outside the  
recycling shed behind  
Kibo Kan. Please help the  
scouts by removing caps  
from bottles, rinsing and  
making sure the containers  
are clean and empty. Keep  
labels on. Only HI-5 items  
are accepted.



## All Aboard the Pride Parade Trolley!



There is room for ten riders  
and walkers on a trolley that  
will be in the GLBTQ+ parade  
on October 21.

We will be partnering with  
UCC Judd Street and Central  
Union churches.

Please let Pastor Jeannie  
know if you would like to join  
us!



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### Lectionary Readings for October

**October 1 (God’s Sustaining Presence):** Ex 17:1-7 and Ps 78:1-4, 12-16 **or** Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32 and Ps 25:1-9 • Phil 2:1-13 • Matt 21:23-32

**October 8 (Wisdom for the Way):** Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Ps 19 **or** Isa 5:1-7 and Ps 80:7-15 • Phil 3:4b-14 • Matt 12:1-33-46

**October 15 (Praiseworthy Living):** Ex 32:1-14 and Ps 106:1-6, 19-23 **or** Isa 25:1-9 and Ps 23 • Phil 4:1-9 • Matt 22:1-14

**October 22 (Living Messages):** Ex 33:12-23 and Ps 99 **or** Isa 45:1-7 and Ps 96:1-9, (10-13) • 1 Thess 1:1-10 • Matt 22:15-22

**October 29 (The Compassionate Life):** Deut 34:1-12 and Ps 90:1-6, 13-17 **or** Lev 19:1-2, 15-18 and Ps 1 • 1 Thess 2:1-8 • **Matt 22:34-46**