



Ka Elele Aloha

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*Buddy Summers to retire as Pastor of Christ Church Uniting February 28
 Mahalo nui loa for your service! Aloha & Blessings in your retirement!*

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Pastor's Note

It's hard to believe that this will be my last ever CCU Pastor's Note. And while I don't know the exact number, I expect it will be the last in a series of more than 300 such notes in my pastoral career.

And now the weeks are flying by. Friday, I leave for the Saturday Presbytery meeting in Los Angeles. They will approve my "honorable retirement." It's a Presbyterian thing—don't ask. Sunday, Lauren Buck-Medeiros will be our Guest Preacher.

After I return, I will only have three sermons left. And again, so far I understand my calling, these will be the last of close to 750 career sermons. Not a record, but plenty for me—and, probably, plenty enough for at least a few of the faithful in the pew.

I could not have done this work without Estelle. Her partnering with me and her own ways of dancing with the CCU Vision has been integral to my experience of our time here. I have asked her to collaborate with me on these last three sermons in a dialogue sermon series (similar to the one we did after our Camino Santiago pilgrimage) under the heading of "On The Way, Again."

On February 8, we will reflect upon our callings in life and specifically upon my call to retire: how we heard it, held it, danced with it, supported each other in taking it to heart. As you can imagine, my sense of a call to retire affects our lives dramatically and differently.

The following week, February 15, we will reflect upon what is involved in saying good-bye, what our intentions and experiences have

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Sponsored by CCU

**Spiritual Journey
 Book Club
 Wed., Feb. 4, 2009
 7 pm
 at home of
 Estelle Codier**

discussing
The Shack
 by William P. Young

Facilitators:
 Dr. Leilani Madison,
 HPU English Professor
 Dr. Estelle Codier,
 UH Nursing School Professor

The Climate Project Slideshow Presentations

By Charlene Hosenfeld

Bright and early on the last two Sundays in January I presented the slideshow based on *An Inconvenient Truth*—with additional information specific to Hawai'i. Thank you to all who attended. You were a terrific audience, and I very much appreciate your interest in the topic of global warming. Education and information are important—but not enough. Action is vital. We have taken some important action steps here at CCU, thanks in no small part to Paul Belanger. As we continue to educate ourselves about the issue of climate change, we can move on to even more green actions.

A very short summary of the presentation:

- Global warming is occurring.
- It is primarily human-caused.



- We are already suffering consequences.
- Life on Earth is all connected.
- We are close to the tipping point where it is too late.
- We must take personal & collective actions.
- We must re-think old habits, change energy policies and practices, & re-build our economy **green.**

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been in the period between public announcement and last day. We hope this spiritual autobiographical approach speaks to your own experiences of calling and transition.

On our last Sunday, February 22, we will model a pattern that is relevant whenever any of us need to say good-bye, whether because someone is moving off island, leaving work or taking leave of this world. We will name what was good, what was difficult, and the many things for which we are grateful.

Finally, my last pastoral note in the CCU newsletter would not be complete if I failed to say a huge "Mahalo!" to Jane Muench for the creativity, skill and dedication she has brought not only to the CCU newsletter but to all of her work as CCU Church Administrator. Thank you Jane!



Blessings and more,
 Buddy

*Please see Page 6 for Covenant of Understanding between Rev. Summers and the CCU Church Council, adopted 1/14/09.

*Appreciation Celebration & Potluck
 for Buddy & Estelle
 February 22, immediately after worship*

*All are welcome to join in
 this special gathering after
 Buddy & Estelle's last worship service
 at CCU
 to express our appreciation for their 13 years
 of creative ministry with our congregation.*

Please bring a food item to share.

*For more information, please contact
 Elders Dianne Brookins, Beth Davidann or Temmie Shade.

February CCU Event Schedule:

Key: K = Kitchen L = Lanai PS = Pastor's Study S = Sanctuary B3=upstairs classroom

2/1 Guest Preacher: Lauren Buck Medeiros

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| 2/1, 8:30am (S) | Adult Study (After viewing the Climate Project Slideshow Presentation: Discerning what to do next) |
| 2/1, 10am (S)
& succeeding Sundays | Worship |
| 2/4, 7pm | Spiritual Journey Book Club → |
| 2/5, 6:30 & 7:30 &
Succeeding Thursdays | Chancel Ringer & Chancel Choir rehearsals, respectively |
| 2/7, 8am | Men's Breakfast @ Honey's @ Koolau Golf Club |
| 2/7, 9am-noon | Council Workshop with Linda Culbertson |
| 2/8, following worship | Annual Meeting of the Congregation |
| 2/11, 7-9pm | Stated Council meeting |
| 2/14, 10:30am | Women's Aloha Fellowship Brunch @ Cinnamon's Restaurant in Kailua |
| 2/14, 7pm (S) | Taizé-style worship |
| 2/15, after worship | Choir committee meets |
| 2/22, 10am (S) | Pastor Summers final worship service as Pastor of CCU |
| 2/22, 11:15 am | Appreciation Celebration & Potluck for Buddy & Estelle |

Meeting of
 Spiritual Journey Book Club
 Wed., Feb. 4, 7 pm
 home of Estelle Codier
 discussing The Shack



Memories

By Rosemary Allen

Recently when I talked with the children (teenagers on that Sunday) about CCU's stained glass memorial window, I was reminded that we have not remembered CCU's many memorial gifts for a long time. They are an important part of our history and, I hope, worth reviewing. Also, some of our newer members may not know how the communion table & many other memorial gifts came to us.

Every Sunday I gaze across the sanctuary at the seven memorial bells in their cabinet, so I shall begin there. For many years we kept & carried the memorial bells in a wooden box, taking them out & displaying on our tables whenever the Chancel Ringers made music in worship. After my husband Jim's death we purchased the bell cabinet in his memory & now display all the memorial bells permanently on the glass shelves of the cabinet.

The first memorial bells came to CCU almost 30 years ago. They are in memory of Gregory Tchou (1959-1975), son of Peter & Cynthia, Carolyn Rex (1942-1978), an early member, and Christine Smith (1904-1979), mother of Pat Gilbert.

Years later bells were added to remember Camille Almy (1916-1996), CCU's music director for many years, Wm. (Bill) Little (1940-1998), a CCU elder & bell ringer himself, Jim Allen (1926-1999), a founding member of CPC and CCU, elder & originator of Diakonia groups, and Margie Shimer (1930-2003), member in her senior years.

The memorial bells have no clappers, so cannot be rung. They are of varying sizes, not by order but according to selection by the Shulmerich handbell company from whom all our handbells were purchased. Each memorial bell is inscribed with the name of the loved one remembered. On the wall nearby is a beautiful hanging upon which is inscribed all of those names.

(Memories of CCU's many gifts will continue in future newsletters.)



Mahalo Wendy Tajima, CCU guest preacher 1/4



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Slideshow Presentations

The Short List* of actions prioritized by amount of energy saved:

+Transportation:

Low/no cost:

- Carpool, get frequent tune-ups, cut highway speed, combine errands,
- maintain correct tire pressure (& of course drive less, walk, bike, ride The Bus)

Higher cost:

- Buy a fuel-efficient car

+ In the home:

Low/no cost:

- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents
- Use natural ventilation, shade, fans (or turn the A/C up to 78°)
- Wash clothes in cold water

Higher cost:

- Install solar attic fans
- Install a more efficient A/C unit
- Install a more efficient refrigerator
- Install a solar water heater

Every action matters...

*adapted from "The Short List: The Most Effective Actions U.S. Households Can Take to Curb Climate Change", G. R. Gardener & P. C. Stern, Environment, Sept./Oct. 2008

Attn: CCU Members & Friends
Re: Picture Board Update

In our time of revitalization, it's time to refresh some of the pictures on the CCU Members & Friends Picture Board. If you have not already done so, please let Beth Davidann (371-5594) know if you would like to have a new picture taken, submit one of your own choosing, or keep the current one for the board by or before February 15. Individual and/or family group pictures are welcome.



**About Ed & Miriam Noyes—
CCU missionary contacts
in Lusekele, DR Congo . . .**

<http://noyescongo.blogspot.com/>

**CCU
to host
Family Promise guests
March 3-15**

Announcement: In late January CCU sent Ed & Miriam Noyes \$1,000 (from the 2008 Witness Budget) for their work.

from Noyes' blog . . . Monday, November 23

The first chapter of the ACDI truck saga ended this morning. On March 7th MIVA Suisse, a Catholic Christian mission devoted to solving transportation and communication problems for church projects around the world, approved ACDI's proposal to purchase a small transport truck. An unlikely coalition of American Baptist churches and individuals joined in the projet.



emptytomb, a Champaign, IL-based foundation promoting increased commitment to God's global mission, added another \$8,000 to the gifts of local congregations. And this morning, nearly eight months later, Timothée Kabila pulled up to the Lusekele depot, riding shotgun at the end the truck's maiden voyage, Kinshasa to Lusekele, carrying a load of supplies for the Vanga Evangelical Hospital.

For the past two weeks Timothée has been working feverishly to secure the final documents for the truck. Bureaucracy grinds slowly in the best of times. "Come back tomorrow" is the mantra of the licensing bureau clerk. A firm tone and persistent spirit win out in the end, but the trial tests one's patience.

So the Lusekele staff start off a new week with one tangible sign of God's accompanying presence. A new chapter, one of promise and challenge,

opens. The truck is nothing more than an instrument. It's immediate purpose is three-fold: provide a reliable and reasonably priced transport for hospital and health zone supplies; give farmers a better profit margin by offering regular farm-to-processor transportation



for manioc and oil palm fruit; provide ACDI Lusekele with a steady supply of agricultural raw materials for processing. The wholeness and well-being of people is the real objective though. If in four years hundreds of local families can say they are better off because of this truck we will be satisfied. It is simply a fruit of God's deep and abiding love for people.

Adult Study . . .

February 1 at 8:30am we will conclude our consideration of Charlene Hosenfeld's presentation about climate change. On the previous two Sundays she shared a power point program that she received from a national training under the direction of former Vice President Al Gore. We were overwhelmed by the enormity of the scientific documentation regarding climate change and need an additional session to digest the information and discern what we do now. Charlene has also written a book that will be released in April, "Eco-Faith: Creating and Sustaining Green Congregations." We are indeed fortunate to have Charlene as a member of our congregation and to have the leadership of other members of the "green team." Please join us on Sunday as we determine the next step toward becoming "the change we want to see."

**Beginning Sunday, February 8th
8:30 am in the Sanctuary**

The class will focus on Marcus Borg's book

The Heart of Christianity:
Rediscovering a Life of Faith.

Professor Borg* shows how we can live passionately as Christians in today's world by practicing the vital elements of Christian faith. No matter where we find ourselves on the spectrum of Christian belief, Borg shows why the Christian life can remain a transforming relationship with God. The class will be facilitated by John Heidel. Books are available.

*Dr. Borg is the Hundere Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University and the author of several bestselling books that include "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" and "The God We Never Knew". We have used these books as a focus for adult study in past years and found them to be readable and thought provoking.



About Presbyterians

by Rosemary Allen

This year is one of many celebrations for many people and in many places. For Presbyterians a significant observance is the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth. Our founder and a major Protestant reformer, Calvin brought changes to not only religious life but the everyday lives of people through the centuries.

I would like to quote some recent words about Calvin from writers in Presbyterian Today and The 2009 Mission Year-books.

"As the Reformed world celebrates the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, Presbyterians have reason to celebrate and reclaim education as a major hallmark of our mission heritage around the world. We owe that heritage to Calvin's legacy of establishing public education as the key to responsible citizenship in society and in the kingdom of God.

"In Calvin's time only aristocrats' children were tutored in the Roman Catholic bishop's house, so Calvin started the first public school, the Academy, which evolved into the present-day University of Geneva. Appropriately, the Ministry of Public Instruction now stands on the site where Calvin's house once stood in the old city.

"Calvin also insisted that for the church to be an effective witness in the world to God's mighty acts of salvation, it must have an educated clergy and an educated laity. He considered the education of pastors to be of primary importance. Learning not only to read but to read Scripture in the original languages was essential in order to accurately interpret God's Word. It was through preaching that the hearer's ears were opened to the assurance of faith. Theological education was therefore a high priority for the early mission enterprise.

"Today it's quite possible in any number of countries to meet persons, both prominent and humble, who are proud to tell you they went to Presbyterian-founded schools. Most of those "mission schools" are now under the governance and administration of national partner churches or international autonomous boards.

"We give thanks for John Calvin's vision, for our mission legacy of education, and for partner churches that have picked up the bright torch to enlighten minds."

As we enter a time of "searching" for a pastor we will encounter the Presbyterian insistence on an educated clergy. Recently we encountered updating on some of the schools & colleges supported by our annual Christmas Joy offering. Such parts of our Presbyterianism are among those directly attributable to Calvin's beliefs & life work.

From time to time in this anniversary year we'll learn more of John Calvin. Let me close with another interesting quote:

"DID YOU KNOW? Calvin's parents never called him John. He was born in France with the name Jean Cauvin. Because his major works were written in Latin (thus the printed name Johannes Calvinus), English-speaking readers have known him as John Calvin."

Notice of Annual Meeting of the CCU Congregation

2/8/09, following worship
in the church sanctuary

Business:

- Elect 2008 Treasurer
- Elect congregational members to 2009 Nominating Committee
- Elect 2008 Treasurer
- Elect 2008 Audit Committee
- Receive 2008 Annual Report
- Time of Remembrance

*Christ Church Uniting . . .
providing practical support for
social justice actions,
community building
& spiritual growth.*

Child Safety Policy: It is the intention of CCU to provide a safe space for children. Staff and lay leaders are screened and educated about child abuse in general and both Hawaii Law and CCU policies in particular regarding prevention and reporting of suspected abuse. A copy of the CCU Child Abuse Policy is available from the church office upon request.

*The following Covenant was adopted by
Rev. Summers and the Council—*

Covenant of Understanding and Agreement between CCU Pastor Rev. Buddy Summers and the Council of CCU Concerning his Retirement

Although it engenders mixed emotions on all sides, our goal is to honor our personal and denominational wisdom concerning changes in pastoral leadership and to end well the current pastoral relationship of thirteen years so that Rev. Summers and CCU can be free to enter into the future to which God is calling all of us.

We will share this Covenant throughout the congregation so members and friends can cooperate and collaborate as congregation and former pastor move into new phases of their respective lives.

1. Rev. Summers' retirement is effective February 28, 2009. All pastoral and administrative duties in this congregation cease as of that date.
2. All financial transactions, payroll, business expenses reimbursements, and benefit adjustments will be processed and completed by February 28, 2009.
3. Rev. Summers will remove from the church all of his equipment books and possessions (except books he is donating to the church) not later than Sunday, February 22, 2009.
4. He will return his key to the church clerk of council as part of Sunday morning worship service on February 22, 2009.
5. Rev. Summers agrees that subsequent to his retirement he will not officiate or assist in any baptism, wedding, or funeral in this congregation and that he will not participate in any CCU ministry.
6. Since Former Pastor Rev. Summers will continue to live in the community, he pledges to neither solicit, listen to, nor offer criticism to any CCU member of any future CCU pastoral leadership.
7. If after a suitable period of time, there is a desire on the part of the next or subsequent pastor to review any of the above items, he or she may instigate that review with the consent of Council provided that Rev. Summers is willing for such review and renegotiation to occur.

Rev. Buddy Summers, Pastor
Connie Mitchell, Clerk of Council
January 14, 2009

PULPIT SUPPLY FOLLOWING BUDDY'S RETIREMENT—

The CCU Church Council has engaged the services of Arthur E. Sundstrom as pulpit supply for the Sundays of Lent through Easter, March 1– April 12, 2009.

Reverend Sundstrom, who currently resides in Kapolei, HI, is an ordained Presbyterian Minister and a member of the Presbytery of the Pacific, Presbyterian Church (USA).

Art's work history includes being pastor & head of staff at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC (1994-2007) and prior to that at Collegiate Presbyterian Church, Ames, IA (1984-1994).

Reverend Sundstrom received his Doctor of Ministry in 1980 from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Lay & elder worship assignments for February 2009

If you are not able to fill your assignment, please try trading with someone and/or notify the church office.

Date	Name	Duty
2/1	Loren Wilson & Wendy Teixeira Lauren Buck Medeiros Paul Belanger Melissa Belanger Claire Schrader Dianne Brookins Beth Davidann Dianne Brookins	Ushers/Greeters Guest Preacher Morning Prayer Good News and the Younger Church Scripture Reader People Prayers & Communion Server Communion Server w/ Table Prayer Securing building after Sunday worship
2/8	Bob Grantham & Dianne Brookins Rosemary Allen Susan Wilson Wanda Nichols Rennie Renfroe Marian Heidel Rennie Renfroe	Ushers/Greeters Morning Prayer Good News and the Younger Church Scripture Reader People Prayers & Communion Server Communion Server w/ Table Prayer Securing building after Sunday worship
2/15	John & Jan Stiles Connie Mitchell Heather Barnhill Joyce McGuire Beth Davidann Connie Mitchell Connie Mitchell	Ushers/Greeters Morning Prayer Good News and the Younger Church Scripture Reader People Prayers & Communion Server Communion Server w/ Table Prayer Securing building after Sunday worship
2/22	Buddy Summers & Estelle Codier Corky Sorensen TBA Lauren Buck Medeiros Temmie Shade Dianne Brookins Dianne Brookins	Ushers/Greeters Morning Prayer Good News and the Younger Church Scripture Reader People Prayers & Communion Server Communion Server w/ Table Prayer Securing building after Sunday worship

February Birthdays

Emma Peters	1
Lauren Buck Medeiros	8
Clancy Lyman	10
Susan Wilson	10
Scott Peters	13
Cari Stiles	18
Jarryd Magbee	19
Jan Stiles	21
Paul Snipes	25
Ardie Aucoin	26
Stephanie Hudgins	28

February Anniversaries

Charlene Hosenfeld & Rollo Scheurenbrand	23
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February Flower Calendar

2/1	Rosemary Allen
2/8	Lyman
2/15	Paul Snipes
2/22	Cynthia Tchou

CCU is a creative community making a difference in social justice, community development and spiritual development.

We are currently engaged in a multi-year Revitalization Strategy. We are in the second year of doing new work in three areas: Developing a culture of Personal Invitation (developing skills and tools in support of personal sharing of the way we experience and practice the Christian faith), Putting our Lamp on a Hill (creating a highly interactive web presence and developing a comprehensive public relations program), and Developing an Intriguing and Inviting Campus (developing the landscaping and signage and creating inviting exhibits to encourage our many weekday campus visitors to return for faith community activities.)

Missing . . . The church's videotape "Hear Their Cries: Religious Responses to Child Abuse." If anyone knows the whereabouts of this tape, please return it to the church office.



-Buddy & Estelle-

*They stayed with us awhile . . .
They'll remain in our hearts forever.*

