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May 22nd.*

Pastor’s Note . . .

Beginning Pentecost Sunday, May 11th, I'm going to preach on what are called "the six great ends of the church." Found in the Presbyterian constitution, this enumeration of the church's reason for being dates from 1910. It is a quintessential statement of "the social gospel" which at that time was becoming a driving force among American Protestants. How have the "six great ends" been understood through the years, to what practical actions have they led the church, and how can the inform us today?

On Pentecost Sunday, May 11th, I will explore "proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind." The following week, May 18th when the Moderator of Pacific Presbytery is our guest in worship, I will consider "exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world." I look forward to sharing the discussion with you.

Blessings and more later,

Buddy

Great Ends of the Church

The six "great ends of the church" outlined in the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are:

1. The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
2. The shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
3. The maintenance of divine worship
4. The preservation of the truth
5. The promotion of social righteousness
6. The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world

Adult Study, new series beginning May 4th

Based on our recent study of the apostle Paul and Buddy's sermons on I Corinthians, we have decided to focus on Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth. We will explore the major themes of this letter looking for relevance within our personal lives of faith and within the life of Christ Church Uniting. Themes will include: the resurrection, worship, freedom, morality and divisiveness. The format: no "homework," we'll read selected verses and dig in.

Facilitator: John Heidel

Time and Place: 8:30am in the Sanctuary

Witness Commission Meeting
Sunday, May 4
11:30am—12:30 pm
in church sanctuary
(light pupus provided)

Your attendance is important.
Your input is valuable.

**CCU hosts
Family Promise guests
May 11-18.**

**CCU Coordinators:
Gay Tsukamaki
& Cheryl Renfroe**

Kitchen: Peggy Zeilinger

**May 25th, Pulpit Exchange
with Rev. Tim Weible,**

Pastor of Kailua Christian Church. Speaking from Genesis and Luke, Rev. Weible will touch upon the concept of "neighbor" in the context of cultural diversity. Meanwhile, Buddy will preach at Kailua Christian Church.

Also, the Bakersfield College Singers, directed by Dr. Ron Kean, will be the "musical highlight" of the worship service. They are on tour in Hawaii and Doc Wilson made sure CCU was on their guest appearance circuit.

A Memorial Day Family Picnic follows worship in the church courtyard (see pg. 3 for details)

**May 17th: Presbytery of the Pacific
meets in Hawaii at First Presbyterian
Church of Honolulu (at Koolau)
9 am start—concludes with lunch**

This meeting is open to all CCU members and friends. You may attend as a visitor and can register as such on meeting day. Only Elder Commissioners Dianne Brookins and Bob Grantham and Pastor Summers will have voting privilege.

How CCU is helping host: Pastor Summers & the Heidels are housing guests & Cynthia Tchou, Jane Muench & Susan Wilson will greet guests on meeting day with orchid leis paid for by Rennie Renfroe, Paul Haring, the Tchous & the Wymans. CCU choir members will augment the First Pres choir.

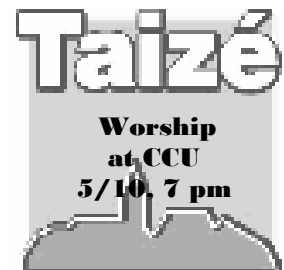
Extra Activities:

Saturday Dinner/Show "Creation" @ Sheraton
Princess Kaiulani Hotel—Adults \$41.70 & Children \$31.00
(talk to Cynthia Tchou if you would like to attend)

April Event Schedule:

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

- 5/1, 6:30 & 7:30pm (S) & succeeding Thursdays Chancel Ringers & Chancel Choir, respectively
- 5/3, 8am Men's Breakfast @ Honey's@ Koolau Golf Club
- 5/4, 8:30am(S) & succeeding Sundays Adult Study—1 Corinthians (for details, see Pg. 1)
- 5/4, 11:30am-12:30pm Witness Commission Meeting
- 5/10, 10:30am Women's Aloha Fellowship Brunch @ Cinnamon's in Kailua
- 5/10, 7pm (S) Taizé-style worship
- 5/11-17 CCU hosts Family Promise guests
- 5/17, 9am-noon Presbytery of Pacific meets at First Pres of Honolulu at Koolau
- 5/25, worship WCC Pulpit Exchange—Kailua Christian Church Pastor Tim Weible & Bakersfield College Singers are guests
- 5/25, following worship: Memorial Day Family Picnic in CCU courtyard (hamburgers, hotdogs & beverages provided)



Taizé postcards are available at the guest podium or in the church office that can be used to invite people to this special service of worship.

Membership Commission . . .

Bob Grantham and Dianne Brookins, Co-chairs

4/26 Meeting Notes (from Bob Grantham) . . . Ten attended and the meeting began by all reviewing the main areas charged to our commission—worship, study, fellowship and member care.

Worship—

Length of Service: It was generally understood that the service will not be limited to one hour as it was noted that content was more important than the length. It was decided that we must start on time—10 a.m. sharp. People will be periodically advised that it is o.k. to get up and move around if you become uncomfortable.

Silence: Opinions varied and after discussion Pastor Summers agreed to keeping silence to three minutes on a trial basis.

What's Next: Was looked upon favorably as long as it is limited to 30 seconds and deals with activities in the life of the Church. Doc will help with this at the piano.

Further items considered:

Condition of the sanctuary arising out of the use by the Rock. It was agreed that Bob Grantham will write a letter to Pastor Jonathan Sanders. The letter will be signed by Bob and Paul Belanger. The letter will be on file in the church office for any one wishing to review it.

Adult Study: John Heidel is willing to continue coordinating the adult study. Plans are secure through June.

Fellowship: A need to be more active in our fellowship efforts was expressed. As a beginning, we are sponsoring a family picnic for Memorial Day. This is tied in with Doc's efforts to have the Bakersfield College Singers at our worship service that day. This will achieve feeding lunch to the singers and having a family fellowship event.

Exchange Parish—A plan for Advent 2008: Pastor Summers relayed that Rev. Fiona Lillie from the Stromness Parish in Scotland will be traveling to Australia and will be available for a parish exchange for four weeks of Advent. Buddy will pay his own travel expense and make his house available to Fiona. Likewise, Fiona will make her house available. Those in attendance approved the general idea and the Membership Commission will make a recommendation to Council.

Member care: This will be discussed at our next meeting to be held in August or September.



**CCU Memorial Day Family Picnic
May 25th — after Worship
in church courtyard**

**Hamburgers, hotdogs
& beverages provided!!!!**

**Bring a friend!
And, if you like,
something that compliments
hamburgers & hotdogs.**

**Special guests will be
the Bakersfield College Singers,
who will be guests in worship
that morning.**

**So a headcount can be made, if you
plan on attending, please sign on the
Memorial Day Picnic Sign-Up sheet
posted on the
Breezeway Bulletin Board.**

Witness Commission . . .

by Marian Heidel, Witness Commission Co-chair

With the congregation's approval of the 2008 Operating Budget at the March 16 Annual Meeting, **CCU's budget for Mission Giving to Others, locally and through our two denominations, will be \$19,316.** This does not include the Special Offerings taken three times during the year: One Great Hour of Sharing/Week of Compassion, Peace Making/Reconciliation, and the Christmas Offering. In addition, CCU members may give additional gifts which they may designate to missionaries and mission projects.

This past month we sent \$800 to the Institute for Human Services (which we understand will be doubled by an anonymous donor); \$500 of a \$1500 pledge to FACE; \$250 of a \$450 pledge to Kahumana; and a \$200 Earth Day gift to a local effort, Aloha Aina Health Center. Mark Stride, organic taro farmer up in Maunawili Valley, works with Windward elementary students, teaching Hawaiian history through stewardship of the land. He will use our gift this summer to start a new program of children re-planting koa trees where bulldozing of land had ripped them out.

In addition, we are sending \$500 to the Community of the Disciples of Christ in the Congo for infrastructure and medical needs of their six hospitals, in particular for solar panels to replace their old (fuel) generators providing electricity...our other Earth Day gift.

If you would like to add to this gift, make a check out to Division of Overseas Ministries and designate at the bottom: Congo(DRC)-Medical Infrastructure and give it to Jane in the CCU office. If you prefer to give through Christ Church Uniting, make a check out to Christ Church Uniting and designate at the bottom: Congo (DRC)-Medical Infrastructure and put in offering plate. It will be deposited in CCU's checking account & CCU will forward same to the Division of Overseas Ministries, etc. You can also go online to give: <http://www.globalministries.org/africa/projects/>, scroll down to projects by countries, select Democratic Republic of Congo and then Medical Infrastructure, and you will be directed how to give online. (And you will be able to read more about this particular mission.)

This year we plan to let CCU members help decide where our denominational mission dollars should go. You will have the opportunity to look through materials (online or in print) describing projects and missionaries around the world and in the USA and choose one that you think CCU should support; in a brief Moment for Mission during worship you can inform the congregation about this work and the gift (\$500) our church will be sending.

Our Easter offering for One Great Hour of Sharing and Week of Compassion was \$996.15. This helps support Presbyterian and Disciples disaster assistance, self-development of peoples, hunger projects, and work with refugees.



About Presbyterians by Rosemary Allen

The Presbyterian Yearbook of Prayer & Children's Yearbook of Prayer are familiar—and available—resources on CCU's library shelves & information table. For many years these "books" have not only offered daily prayers for mission efforts both national & worldwide but stories of those efforts. You can open to any date of the year & find a very readable short account of what our church is doing in the wider world—always intriguing & usually inspiring!

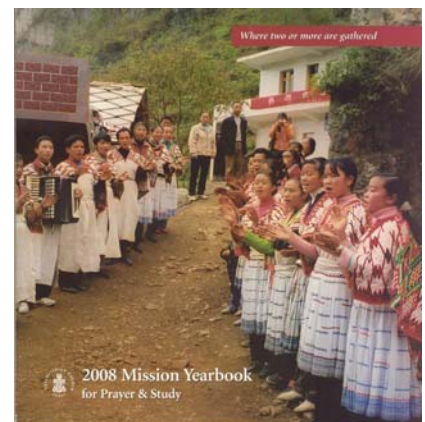
2008 is a 40-year anniversary of our Presbytery of the Pacific & a major project of the anniversary has been to produce a commemorative yearbook featuring churches of the presbytery & especially their involvement in mission

outreach. It is modeled on the national yearbook but features the stories (& pictures) of the 53 churches of our Presbytery of the Pacific.

CCU appears on page 34 for the date of Sunday, May 25th. This will be the Sunday when the "Flame of Unity" symbol appears in our sanctuary (this theme symbol rotates through all the churches is our Presbytery).

George Wyman was the major author of CCU's article which tells of the varied activities of our concerns. (It was written earlier in the year in order to meet publishing dates.) One thing I found especially interesting was the numerous kinds of concerns being evidenced in the Hawaii Presbyterian congregations—among just the five churches.

Our Witness (mission) Commission will be presenting reports of Presbyterian international & local outreach efforts in near future Sundays. In the meantime, get "updated" via any of the mission yearbooks—available in the CCU office.





Memories

By Rosemary Allen

The recent—and memorable—baptisms at CCU of baby Ella Barnhill & young lady Angyl Magbee by Buddy Summers & Paul Snipes made me think of the many baptisms through many years in the CCU sanctuary. Most were celebrated at the baptismal shell, but some were immersion baptisms (following our merger of Disciples & Presbyterians). And this led me to exploration of the good old church register—the book of records of membership (ins & outs), pastors & officers, marriages, etc., etc.—and baptisms!

In March of 1964, just months after Christ Presbyterian began meeting—at Kailua High School cafetorium—baby Nancy Moore was our first baptism. She was the new daughter of our choir director Lea Moore & husband Duane & was “sprinkled” by pastor Bill McClellan.

Bill McClellan & his associate pastor Abe Dohi celebrated several baptisms in those early years, using our beautiful clamshell bowl which was a gift from Kaneohe churches when we were a brand new church in the mid-’60s. They were the first of a long line of pastors & interim pastors, all of whom have celebrated baptisms at CCU—most were infant baptisms, but several immersion baptisms were celebrated after 1984 when we installed the large baptistery just behind the pulpit & beneath the cross.

Many of us & our families were baptized before coming to Kailua & CCU. Only my youngest son, Jeremy, was baptized from the clamshell font—by Warren Studer in 1970. Among present members Kay Brewbaker & Bill & Jane Muench were part of ‘70s baptisms—Kay’s son Stephen in 1973 & the Muenches’ Ron in 1974 & Michelle in 1977.

Both Clancy & Cathy Lyman’s sons were baptized here—Jason in ‘79 & Christopher in ‘81. In 1986 CCU had installed the Disciples-style baptistry & a group of young people wanted to initiate its use. Among them was Dawn Zeilinger. A few years earlier, in 1982, her baby brother Adam was baptized from the shell font. Parents of both are Keith & Peggy Zeilinger (3rd child Kerri was baptized in Nebraska).

The youngest Renfroe (Rennie & Cheryl), Lacy, was baptized in 1986. And just last summer the Renfroes’ first grandchild, Milo Johnson, was baptized at CCU with all grandparents in attendance. Milo is the son of Erin Renfroe Johnson & husband Eric.

The grandparent “prize” however goes to the Granthams (Bob & June). Of their 11 grandchildren, 7 have been baptized at CCU in the ‘80s & ‘90s. These include Tyffany & Allyson O’Connell, Logan, Carleigh & Skylar Grantham, & Jarryd & Angyl Magbee. The Tchous (Peter & Cynthia) have celebrated all 3 grandsons’ baptisms here in the ‘90s also—Aaron, Alex & Austin Tom.

Ian Lansdown, son of Jeff & Rhonda, was baptized in 2004. Which brings us up to 2007 & 2008 with Milo, Ella & Angyl. Our tradition of singing as the newly christened were carried & walked through the sanctuary & introduced to the church family was a very welcome renewal for all of us that day.

CCU is a creative community that sees itself as making a difference in social justice, community development and spiritual development. We are currently engaged in a multi-year Revitalization Strategy. The 2008 goal is to engage in actions that can lead to an increase in average worship attendance. We are 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 (repairing the leaky roof, developing the landscaping and signage, creating inviting exhibits to encourage our many week-day campus visitors to return for faith community activities.)

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.



Earth Day and Native Plants

by Char Hosenfeld
of the CCU Green Team

Our Earth Day 2008 celebration was wonderful—with participation by many, as is often the case at CCU. From Bob Grantham's prayer to the choir's lovely rendition of "Heaven and Earth, And Sea and Air"; from Buddy's "As Long As Earth Endures" sermon to Connie and the Peters' kids performance; from Scott's slide show to the Earth Offering . . . the service was inspirational, educational, and fun. The proposed CCU "Environmental Stewardship Practices" were shared with all, and reasons for adopting them were solicited from the congregation. The thoughtful and informed answers from members of the congregation showed once again that we have an enlightened and green group here at CCU!

In addition to spearheading the Earth pledges and offering, Ann Bell brought native plants to give away. This is a step in bringing more attention to the value of using native plants in our landscapes at home and at the church. And in a nice confluence of circumstances, Ann had recently been given a copy of Seagull School's proposal new landscaping plan. She discussed it with Melody Heidel, Paul Belanger and me after the Earth Day service. No native plants were evident on the plan. Melody volunteered to talk with Chuck Larsen of Seagull about



revising the plan to substitute native plants for the ones on the plan. She met with him on Monday, and according to Melody, Chuck "jumped at the idea of using native plants." They are now in the process of selecting native plants to incorporate into the landscaping. Excellent and expeditious work!

Why use native plants?

- Native plants have evolved regionally over thousands of years and so are suited to specific geographical areas in terms of soil, sun and water needs and pest resistance.
- Most U.S. native ecosystems (forests, wetlands, prairies) are long gone—replaced by urban and suburban developments, industrial complexes, and agriculture. Using native plants in landscaping is a small step in restoring plant diversity and our native plant heritage.
- Native plants:
 1. provide habitat for naïve birds, butterflies and wildlife
 2. are low maintenance
 3. require no or little fertilizer or pesticides
 4. require little or no irrigation
 5. are drought-resistance
 6. do not need to be mowed as do lawns, and so greatly reduce the need for air-polluting gasoline-using lawn maintenance tools

According to Kerin E. Lilleeng-Rosenberger in her beautiful book, *Growing Hawai'i's Native Plants* (Mutual Publishing, 2005), 15,000 to 20,000 new plants have been introduced to the islands since the arrival of humans. With these came many insects and animals. Many of the plants, insects and animals are aggressive, and the result has been (and continues to be) the endangerment or extinction of Hawai'i's endemic species. She says "habitat destruction by humans and animals alike is on an enormous scale; its impact on the native plants has been devastating and almost incalculable." Native plants in the islands have spent hundreds of thousands of years evolving to this particular environment. Her book focuses on saving our native plants – "Hawai'i's priceless biological heritage". We are now making small steps toward doing that here at CCU, and will continue steps in this direction when we plant the side of the fence closest to the sanctuary.

Every action matters

E Ko'oko'olau (*Bidens amplexans*; *B. menziesii*; *B. torta*)
Herbaceous shrubs; close relatives of the daisy or sunflower family; 19 different species endemic to Hawaii; great accent plants; most striking feature are vibrant yellow to orange flowers; fresh and/or dried leaves make a relaxing herbal tea

Lay & elder worship assignments for May

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

Date	Name	Duty
5/4	Estelle Codier & Paul Haring	Ushers/Greeters
	Leilani Madison	Morning Prayer
	Rosemary Allen	Good News and the Younger Church
	Cathy Lyman	Scripture Reader
	Temmie Shade	People Prayers & Communion Server
	Bob Grantham	Communion Server w/ Table Prayer
5/11	Wendy Teixeira & Loren Wilson	Ushers/Greeters
	Corky Sorensen	Morning Prayer
	Beth Davidann	Good News and the Younger Church
	Bill Muench	Scripture Reader
	Paul Belanger	People Prayers
	Marian Heidel	Communion Server w/Table Prayer
5/18	Cathy Lyman & Leilani Madison	Usher/Greeters
	Estelle Codier	Morning Prayer
	Ann Bell & Stephanie Hudgins	Good News and the Younger Church
	Jane Muench	Scripture Reader
	Dianne Brookins	People Prayers & Communion Server
	Bob Grantham	Communion Server w/Table Prayer
5/25	Jon & Eli Davidann	Usher/Greeters
	Beth Davidann	Morning Prayer
	Connie Mitchell	Good News and the Younger Church
	Wendy Teixeira	Scripture Reading
	Connie Mitchell	People Prayers & Communion Server
	Marian Heidel	Communion Server w/Table Prayer

May Birthdays

Noe McAfee	1
Mary Lee Stone.....	3
Kasey Wilson.....	3
Pat Bolian.....	5
Paul Belanger.....	7
John Heidel.....	7
Eli Davidann.....	12
Leilani Madison	12
Temmie Shade.....	16
Kalua Tataipu.....	18
Heather Barnhill	19
Tyffany O'Connell	19
Dianne Brookins.....	20
Rhonda Perry.....	20
Karina Wilson.....	25
Mary Ann Wyman.....	30

Anniversaries

Susan & Loren Wilson	2
Cheryl & Rennie Renfroe	19

May Flower Calendar

May 4	Heidel
May 11	Susan Wilson
May 18	Codier/Summers
May 25	Wyman

Children in Worship: Bible Stories

Children love stories! Our series titled: **"Who is Jesus? Let me tell you a story!"** continues. May story selections follow:

May 4	Matthew 13:3-9
May 11	Matthew 13:31-32
May 18	Matthew 13:44
May 25	Matthew 13:45



Support the
Kailua Food Bank
every Sunday
by bringing your
food donations!

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