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Blessings to all in Year 2012!!!

Features

from the Pastor . . . 1

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The
February Newsletter
information deadline is
January 26.
Please have information into
the office by that date.

from the Pastor . . .

It’s hard to believe that I will have been at CCU for one year this January! The time has gone by so quickly, and yet I feel so very at home in Hawaii and as your pastor. It has been a year of blessings, of new experiences, of building relationships, of learning more about CCU and exploring life on Oahu.

January is a time of new beginnings, the start of a new year. It’s a time when we often take stock of our lives and make resolutions of things we would like to change, or try or do in the coming year. This January I will be exploring through sermons some themes that I think will be vital for CCU in the next year, and even looking at the next 3-5 years.

We will begin by looking at where we are. What’s the “state of the church” as we begin 2012? Do we have a clear sense of the purpose of the Church? Does CCU have a clear sense of what God is calling us to do? If so how can we live that out this year? If not, how can we gain clarity on the purpose of the Church and CCU’s specific mission/purpose in Kailua, HI 2012?

We will be asking “Where do you sense God’s presence in the life of CCU today?” “Where do you sense God is calling us to go in the future?” “Where do you see God already at work in our community and how can we join in that work?”

Some of you may be reading this and thinking “we just went through this a few years ago.” Or some may feel this wastes time that could be spent “doing things.”

Without an important time of discerning, listening for Holy Spirit and to one another it is difficult to make major decisions concerning things such as building use, budget and finance priorities, ministry programs and structure.

In the next few months we will be doing some things differently on Sunday mornings so that we can gather as a community to focus on prayer, listening, and dialogue. I encourage you to keep an open mind, heart and spirit.

Elton Trueblood was an influential minister in the early 20th century. He was a Quaker theologian and served as chaplain to both Harvard and Stanford Universities. He likened many modern churches to cut flowers. Pointing out that while cut flowers may be beautiful and showy; with no root system they have no future. He called for churches to be more like perennials that take root, bloom and grow year after year. Perennials take time and patience.

There’s an English gardening adage about perennials that says “first year sleeps, second year creeps, third year leaps.” We’re not looking for quick fixes or shortcuts. Over the next few months we’ll be looking at how we can deepen our roots, planting ourselves firmly in the rich soil of God’s garden.

Yours for Growing in God,

Kerry

January 2012

CCU Event Schedule:

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

- 1/1-6 Pastor Kerry on vacation
- 1/1,
8:30-11:30am HI-5 container pick-up
@ CCU parking lot
- 1/7, 8am Men's Breakfast
- 1/13, 6-9pm Council Retreat (part 1)
1/14,
10am—3pm Council Retreat (part 2)
- 1/14,
10:30 am Women's Aloha Fellowship
Brunch @ Honey's @ Koolau
- 1/15, 22, 29 Adult Church at Study
8:30am (O) (see page 5 for details)
- 1/15, 10am Ordination/installation of
worship Jon Davidann as Elder



Your 2012 Council plans
for a Retreat,
as follows:

Part 1:

Friday, 1/13, 6-9 pm
COUNCIL TRAINING

Part 2:

Saturday, 1/14, 9—3 pm
MOVING CCU FORWARD
(exploring structure &
ministry planning
for the new year)



The CCU Chancel Ringers *rang a story*—"Mary, Joseph & the Baby"
by Tammy Waldrop at the 12/11 worship service . . .

The presentation sees the special birth of Jesus through the eyes of the donkey who carried Mary to Bethlehem and the sheep that were grazing on the hillside when the angels appeared to the shepherds! Fun experience!!!





With everyone's help CCU begins "greener" practice 1/1/12

Some may have noticed that "\$0" is budgeted for 2012 "Administration—copier lease rent," which last year had a figure of "\$3,448." CCU's five-year lease of a black & white copier machine, is "pau"—finished! The machine was taken back to the manufacturer last week. It has been replaced with a color printer/copier/scanner/fax machine and the 2012 budget figure for this machine is \$2,000, which includes purchase price & toner cartridges. The new machine also replaces an old desktop printer, saving approximately \$1,000 in machine related costs there (mostly toner cartridges).

Background: Your Church Council, when preparing the church's 2012 operating budget, made an intentional commitment to put into operation the practice of

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making many less paper copies of documents/materials using a copy machine and, instead, disseminating and/or displaying many documents/materials electronically. It definitely is a "greener" practice and will also save CCU money. So now when Council meets, it will view CCU's monthly financials, minutes, policies, etc. on screen in the Ohana room and not read hard copies.

The office, too, will attempt to do more electronic filing of documents, eliminating many hard copy files.

Council is hopeful that all persons/commissions/committees that have regularly made "many copies" respect its intention to be "more green" by not being so quick to make copies. Limited copies can still be made on the new machine . . . but it will take longer to

do so and will cost a bit more per copy.

Council respectfully requests that everyone give this intentional new practice their best effort. MAHALO NUI LOA!

from Jane Muench, Clerk of Council & Office Administrator



About Presbyterians By Rosemary Allen

Some recent articles in Presbyterians Today magazine featured reports from surveys about today's Presbyterian clergy and candidates for ministry. You may find changes from "old days"—and some factors that remain familiar, no matter your age!

Among candidates for ministerial careers 44% are 40 or younger, only 23% over 50. But among active pastors only 16% are 40 or younger while

44% are over 55. Most are married—74% of candidates, 86% of active pastors. Most have 1 or more children—62% candidates and 85% of pastors.

More women than men are candidates (students) 60% to 50%, while among active ministers 68% men to 32% women. It would seem that in future years more local churches will be served by women pastors, as is CCU (both past & present!). As to racial background an overwhelming 85% of candidates & 86% of pastors are white. Only 11% are Asian or African-American in both groups.

Many ministerial candidates had earlier "outside" careers—from 9 to 17 years on average. Most then earned Master of Divinity degrees and attended Presbyterian (PC USA) seminaries (82% to 100%). However, not all grew up attending Presbyterian congregations—53% of the candidates and 60% of active pastors.

The report of these surveys did not single out united congregations which include Presbyterian (or Disciples) trained pastors. That might make another interesting report someday.

January Adult Study Classes . . .

Adult study will resume on Sunday, January 15 with a DVD about the Taizé Community. "Taizé: That Little Springtime" shot on location in the Burgundy region of France, presents a glimpse of the 80 men—from different cultures and different Christian traditions—who comprise the ecumenical community of Taizé, founded in 1940. It will remind us of the inspiration behind CCU's taizé worship services.

On January 22 and 29 we will watch a DVD about the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor and pacifist who was also a Nazi resister. It will help us explore the role religion could/should play in politics. Archival footage and interviews with family and friends bring to life this amazing story of moral courage.

The classes will be held in the Ohana Room and will begin at 8:30, facilitated by John Heidel.

Family Promise comes to CCU January 15-22, 2012 . . .

It may seem like we just finished hosting F. P. families, but **THIS** is when we are needed. Please note what **WE** need help with and contact Marian Heidel, coordinator, at 261-4585, or reply by email: mheidel@hawaii.rr.com.

Set up on Sunday, Jan. 15th, after church service:

- 1) Upstairs: hang curtains, fill air mattresses, make beds, arrange supplies
- 2) Kitchen: arrange tables & chairs, mop floors

Evenings, Jan. 15 through 21st: Two people are needed to prepare and host an evening meal for 16 (including yourselves), or supply part of the meal, at 6 pm. Clean up afterwards and stay until overnight hosts arrive at 8 pm.

Overnight hosts: two persons, preferably one man, one woman, to relieve the dinner hosts at 8 pm and sleep upstairs in room(s) provided; rouse the families at 6 am and put supplies out for breakfast between 6:15 and 6:45 am. After families leave at 7 am, finish cleaning up kitchen, check rest rooms, and check rooms upstairs to see that fans and lights are off, windows and doors on walkway locked.

Donate supplies: Breakfast food, lunch makings, frozen cans of juice, butter, etc. Check with Marian.

Clean up Sunday, Jan. 22nd:

7 to 8 am, call Beth Davidann, 371-5594, to see if she wants help.

After church service, finish putting away both upstairs and in kitchen, or take linens home to launder.

Also helpful, would be a volunteer to open up the kitchen and rooms upstairs **some days** at 5 pm and stay until the dinner

Memories

by Rosemary Allen

At this time of year, memories for me involve SNOW—lots of it in Wisconsin where I grew up with sledding, skating, building snow forts & having snowball fights. Boots and snow pants, heavy jackets or coats, hoods or stocking hats & mittens kept us warm outside. I wonder how many CCUers have such memories—maybe I should take a survey!

A few years back Jeff Lansdown arranged to have a hillside of "snow" moved to CCU's yard and a big crowd of families brought children to slide & have cold weather fun in that unusual snow! (This is the same innovative Jeff who "honcho"ed CCU's entries of floats in the Kailua July 4th parade when summer came 'round. George Wyman reminds me that we even won a trophy.)

A very recent holiday memory was the Thanksgiving dinner shared at CCU—potluck style with turkey & trimmings—by Family Promise guests and a group of CCUers just last month. It was so nice to have children of various ages and even two babies in highchairs sharing the festivities!

Our recent craft fair, organized by Jan Stiles, stirred memories too. I was particularly impressed by the skills & interests of CCUers. Ginney Bail & Jan herself had beautiful jewelry displays, the Granthams their miniature collectibles, Loren Wilson's handsome Hawaiian wood pieces, healthy green plants organized by Claire Schrader and Donna Bean, retired pastor Buddy Summers' impressive photos, shave ice by the Tchous & Toms, CCU information table by the Grogans, and of course the sale of goodies by CCU bakers organized by Susan Wilson. Many other CCUers helped man the booths, set-up, clean-up, etc.!

Please feel free to share your CCU memories with me for this column—and look forward to creating more in the 2012 New Year!

hosts get there (sometimes not until 5:45 pm), or to recheck sometime between 8 & 9:30 am the rooms upstairs to see that lights and fans are off, the *makai* windows and doors are locked.

We are looking for a member or friend of CCU to train to be a coordinator. This would be a good time to learn the ropes, working alongside Marian.

Please sign up with Marian for any of these ways you can help.

CCU Craft Fair 12/3 . . . a fun venture . . . nurtured community . . . raised funds, too!
Thanks, Jan Stiles for leading this event.
Thanks to all who participated & all who helped!!!!
From your CCU Council



Heidi of Heidi Bee Designs



Hey, Jan, how were your sales? I think pretty good!



Kerry "sells" CCU!!!



Ah so nice!
Virginia's jewelry!

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Buddy displays his photos!



Jane sells!

Dianne buys!



How did books, plants & what-nots get into a craft fair?



Loren, the jolly woodcrafter!



Susan's bake sale extraordinaire!



Lay & Elder Worship Assignments for January

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

* **T Prayer = Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Date	Name	Duty
1/1	Mary Stone	Usher/Greeter
	Lola Mae McAvoy	Usher/Greeter
	Paul Snipes	Morning Prayer
	Claire Schrader	Scripture Reader
	Melissa Belanger	Assisting Elder/Bldg Lock-up
1/8	Cathy Lyman & Loren Wilson	Usher/Greeter
	Beth Davidann	Morning Prayer
	Jon Davidann	Scripture Reader
	John Stiles	T Prayer/Serve Comm./Bldg Lock-up
1/15	Susan & Loren Wilson	Ushers/Greeters
	Connie Mitchell	Morning Prayer
	Cathy Lyman	Scripture Reader
	John Heidel	T Prayer/Serve Comm./Bldg Lock-up
1/22	Charlene Hosenfeld & Rollo Scheurenbrand	Usher/Greeter
	Dianne Brookins	Morning Prayer
	Paul Belanger	Scripture Reader
	Jon Davidann	T Prayer/Serve Comm./Bldg. Lock-up
1/29	Paul Haring & Alice Folkart	Ushers/Greeters
	Rosemary Allen	Morning Prayer
	Wanda Nichols	Scripture Reader
	Jane Muench	T Prayer/Serve Comm./Bldg Lock-up

January Communion Preparation: Susan Wilson
January Tellers: Clancy Lyman & TBA

January Birthdays

Marian Heidel.....	4
Rollo Scheurenbrand.....	4
Micah Grogan.....	7
Wendy Teixeira	7
Victoria Lansdown	20
Bill Muench	24
Donna Bean	31

January Anniversaries

None

January Flower Calendar

Jan. 1	Snipes—birds
Jan. 8	Open
Jan. 15	Open
Jan. 22	Open

**PEACE
STARTS WITH
A SMILE.**

Looking Ahead . . .

**CCU's Annual Meeting
is tentatively scheduled
for February 5th following worship.**

Reminder: Annual Reports are due in the CCU office January 5, 2012 from Pastor, Clerk of Council, Commission Chairs, Personnel, Nominating and Treasurer.

**CCU Vision Statement
(2/14/10)**

*~To be a vibrant witness to
Christ's inclusive love, supporting
spiritual growth and social justice.~*