

At the 10 am worship service on Sunday, July 11, The Rev. Cornel Barnett omitted his regular sermon to allow time for a youth performance, "Dave, the Wave and the Giant Kahuna." As regular worship attendees know, The Rev. is also a surfer, and as a result, he found the youth performing surfing maneuvers to be a real treat. The Reverend's report of the performance below also reflects his former stint as a news reporter in South Africa.

"Dave, the Wave and the Giant Kahuna"

Last Sunday's "sermon" was a skit of the David and Goliath story with a surfing theme, called "Dave, the Wave and the Giant Kahuna," performed by our children and youth and directed by Suellen Barnett and Molly Rademacher.

Dave was the only surfer willing to challenge the bully Kahuna in the surf. He performed radical surfing maneuvers around the Kahuna who eventually wiped out and washed onto the shore and was taken to the hospital never to return and terrorize the surfers.

The biblical passage from 1 Samuel 17 was read before the skit and a theological interpretation followed the performance. Choir director Dick Judd chose "We Shall Overcome" as the anthem and the song that followed the "sermon" was called "Down by the Oceanside," the same song as "Down by the Riverside" with 'oceanside' replacing "riverside."

Surfboards, skim boards and beach towels decorated the sanctuary. Skit performers and church members wore Hawaiian shirts and leis. The congregation participated as ocean "waves." A good time was had by all—the performers in the skit and those in the congregation supporting it.

The next skit is a version of "Daniel in the Lion's Den." Rehearsals take place at the time of worship each Sunday from September 19 – October 10. The young people attend worship for about 15 minutes and then go to rehearsals. The performance in worship will be on October 17.