

# The Church On The Hill



*A Newsletter for members and friends of Waverly Heights Congregational, UCC*

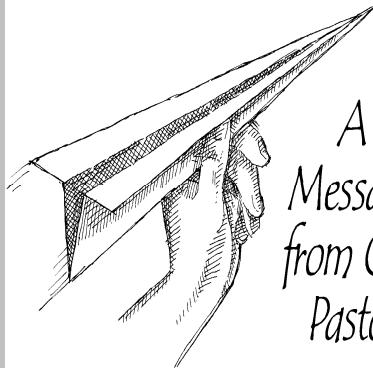
**JANUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER  
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In January the church enters the season of Epiphany. Epiphany day is January 6th and commemorates the arrival of the magi, the first foreigners to worship Jesus. The word 'epiphany' refers to a divine revelation. So Epiphany is a time to recall that Jesus came to reveal God not just to Israel, but to all people. This, then, is traditionally a season to focus on mission.

It's a good time for us to reflect together about our mission here at Waverly Heights. What is God's particular calling for this community of faith and how are we called to use our resources in support of that mission. Some of what I hear in our reflections: we are called to be a small but strong congregation, rooted in this neighborhood; we serve the needs of an aging population, and also of younger families and singles; we hope to be diverse in race, sexual orientation, theological perspectives, family status, physical and mental abilities...; we are called to be a community of support and challenge, creating a space for God's transformation of our whole lives; we are called to live as transformed people bringing our witness of God's grace to all those we touch everyday and through our outreach giving.

One of the concrete mission questions facing us now is whether to commit to building the addition to provide accessible bathrooms on the main floor. How does this fit with our mission, our vision of



who we are and who we are becoming? How do our buildings serve our service to God?

This project has a long history. Most recently we've had discussion of what we want in an addition, taken it to an architect and done preliminary negotiations with the city to be clear about code, brought the architect's ideas to the congregation, and talked as a congregation about capital campaigns.

We're looking at needing 120 – 150 thousand dollars. And we are coming to the point when we need to look at all our resources, all our options, and decide whether or not we are going to build this addition. We need to decide if we are willing to do what it takes to be accessible.

We do have resources and options. We have a growing and committed congregation. While many, perhaps most, of us feel financially stretched, we've been told from real experience that capital campaigns are different, that people will commit funds to build something lasting and vital for the church. We have the option of borrowing funds at reasonable rates. A loan from the UCC's Cornerstone Fund would also give us a very understanding lender, committed to working with us. Finally, we have the option of selling the parsonage, cashing in one capital asset to build another. The value of the parsonage is much more than would be needed; the excess could be set aside as an endowment with a decision to not use the principal, or

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perhaps to only use it as a loan to some future pastor to help with a house down-payment. If we wanted to put significantly more into the building we could even ask the architect to include an apartment over the addition, for a live-in caretaker/building manager, or transition housing, or an option for a single pastor. We do have options and resources that we can tap singly or in combination to get this done. We have options and resources—do we have the will? Is it God’s will, God’s calling to build this addition? Is this our mission?

As your pastor I ask you to give this prayerful consideration in the weeks ahead. If we are ready to do this, our best timeline calls for making a commitment in the next few months looking toward construction in 2005. Everyone’s voice and commitment to the congregation is vital as we seek to discern and act on our mission as God’s people here at Waverly Heights.

Your brother in Christ,

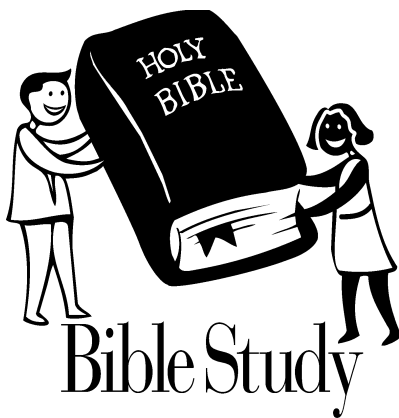
David



## REMINDER - REPORTS DUE

### ANNUAL REPORT


A special note to all Team Leaders -- If you have not yet submitted your annual report to Deanna Mason, please do so by the 4th of January 2004. It is quite a challenge to have the reports assembled in time for our Annual Meeting on January 18th. If you are on line -- submission via the internet is a great and much easier method.



## Bible Study of Revelation

The Tuesday morning Bible study will depart from its usual pattern to undertake a more detailed and directed study, starting January 6th.

We will read and study the Book of Revelation guided by the study *Vision at Patmos*, by Catherine and Justo Gonzalez and published by the Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. This study provides good information about the circumstances of the writing and reading of this book of the Bible. It also invites us into the world of the first readers in order to understand and bring the power, challenge, and comfort of this book into our own lives today. Bible study is 10am to 11am every Tuesday. All are welcome.



## Annual Meeting Scheduled

Notate January 18th on your calendar and plan on staying after worship for a pot-luck supper followed by Waverly's Annual Meeting. This is a very important event in the life of our church and everyone's attendance and input is needed.

## Mission Thank You

“Dear Pastor David Zaworski and congregation, Thank you so much for your generous donation of ‘birthday boxes’ and ‘welcome kits’ to the children of Trillium Family Services (*Waverly Children’s Home*). Because of your generous support our children will receive all of the necessities they will need upon arrival and the yummy fun things that truly make a birthday party special. We are so grateful for your support. Thanks again, Katherine Thurber.”

## Contemplative Prayer Retreat

The Spirituality task group of the Central Pacific Conference has planned a Contemplative Prayer Retreat at the Shalom Prayer Center in Mt. Angel, January 30th – February 1st. Workshops will include labyrinth, centering prayer, and using icons for prayer. There will be several times a day for silent group prayer. See the registration forms post in the Fellowship Hall

### Midhigh Midwinter

An Event for 6th –7th–8th graders  
An overnight at Camp Adams.  
Saturday — Sunday, February 14th-15th.  
Theme: Building Relationships.

### SouperBowl Sunday

Plan to bring extra food to donate to Fish on Sunday, February 1st. This is a wonderful, one-day hunger action drive that is supported by congregations and especially youth groups of many denominations across the country. Come and be a part of this fun offering

## SpiritWorks: A Training Event for Everyone Camp Adams, March 5-7

The Local Church Ministry Team of the Central Pacific Conference has joyfully accepted the task of planning SpiritWorks. This new annual training event will be not only for those who think of themselves as leaders, but also the workers and learners. It will be a 3-day program, with one and two day options. We'll be at Camp Adams, with options for those who prefer a motel or B&B. SpiritWorks will include excellent speakers, skill building workshops, fellowship, reflection, prayer, praise, and remarkable worship. Mark your calendars. See the flier posted in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for more details.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY ISSUE

Please submit articles for the February issue no later than January 20th.

Thanks,  
Trish Effenberger, Editor

If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or comments regarding this newsletter, please feel free to contact Trish Effenberger at 503-698-4301, or by email at [effies4@comcast.net](mailto:effies4@comcast.net)

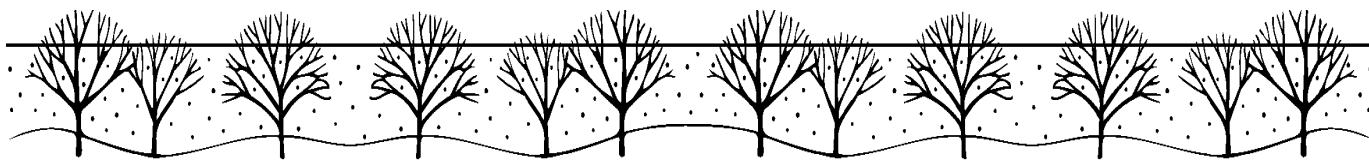
# Prayers Answered!



*Leona Hansen's* son, *John*, is doing very well after surgery and is returning back to work.



Thanks again to *Lois Lee* for hosting fellowship time after worship service for the month of December. **Great job Lois!**



## PRAYER CALENDAR

January 4 — Bethel Congregational UCC, Beaverton, Oregon

Bob Nunn  
Cindy Winter

January 11 — Community Church UCC, Enterprise, Oregon

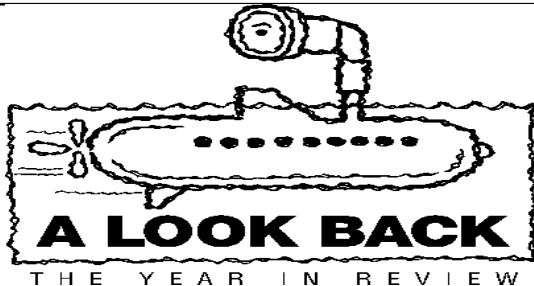
January 18 — First Congregational UCC, Boise, Idaho

Susan Waterson  
Chip Laird

January 25 — Parkrose Community UCC, Portland, Oregon

Margaret Grzelkowski

## Year of 1903



From [Microsoft@ampevents.com](mailto:Microsoft@ampevents.com) comes this review of 1903. One hundred years ago...what a difference a century makes! Here are some of the U.S. statistics for 1903...just a fleeting hundred years ago:

- The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.
- Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
- Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
- A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.
- There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21<sup>st</sup> most populous state in the Union.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.
- The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.
- A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.
- Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as “substandard.”
- Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.
- The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were: 1. Pneumonia and influenza; 2. Tuberculosis; 3. Diarrhea; 4. Heart disease; 5. Stroke.
- The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.
- The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30.
- Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.
- One in ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school.
- 18 percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic.
- There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

## UCC responds to California wildfires

In response to the disastrous wildfires in southern California, the UCC has sent \$5,000 from the One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering to Church World Service as part of an ecumenical relief effort. Anticipating long-term recovery needs for persons affected, and in order to allow the UCC a greater response, an additional \$50,000 is being sought from UCC members and friends.

The Rev. Jane Heckles, Southern California Nevada Co-Conference Minister, says no UCC church facilities were damaged by the fires and the Conference's camp, Pilgrim Pines, also was unharmed. However, at least two dozen UCC members lost their homes.

"Now the hard work starts. In the weeks ahead we will be reaching out to assess the unmet needs that fall between the cracks of government assistance," says Heckles. "We will work in concert with Church World Service and our local ecumenical and interfaith agencies."

During the fires, many UCC members—using an online forum established at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org)—expressed concern and offered prayers for those in California.

"Members of the churches of the Southwest Conference have been praying all week and are sending donations. At our ministers' retreat, we took an unscheduled offering and raised \$500 immediately which we have already sent," wrote the Rev. Cally Rogers-Witte, Southwest Conference Minister. "Most of all, dear brothers and sisters in southern California, know that we hold you in our thoughts and prayers!"

Mark Lukens, a member of Bethany Congregational UCC in Long Island, N.Y., wrote, "All of us here in the New York metro area are praying for our sisters and brothers in southern California as we prepare to offer whatever help and comfort we possibly can. We are watching and praying for you."

The Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree, Connecticut Conference Minister, urged UCC members to offer financial support. "Having served as Conference Minister in southern California and Nevada at the time of the last major wildfires, I know personally what the Conference staff, pastors and people are going through," she wrote. "I can testify to the difference the monetary gifts make!"

*To help those affected by the disaster, you may send gifts made out to your UCC Conference, marked "Emergency USA," with a note asking them to send the gifts to the Office for Global Sharing of Resources; Wider Church Ministries; 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.*

*Online donations to "Emergency USA" can be made at [ucc.org/disaster/d102703.htm](http://ucc.org/disaster/d102703.htm).*

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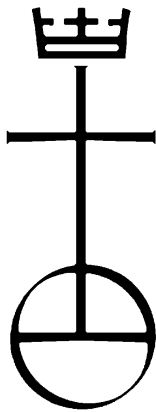
Pastor: David Zaworski

Worship Schedule:  
Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**Waverly Heights Congregational  
United Church of Christ  
Welcomes all, Honoring each individual's path**

**We invite everyone to  
Worship God, Learn the love of Jesus,  
Care for one another  
Work for change and reconciliation  
In our community and the world.**

