

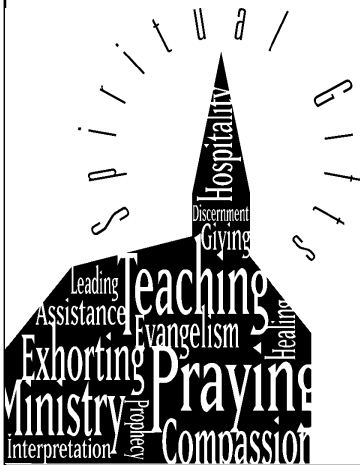
The Church On The Hill



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

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DAVID ZAWORSKI, PASTOR
TRISH EFFENBERGER, EDITOR



I've just finished writing a note to Mike Headley. Longer-time members will remember Mike and Joyce from some years back before they moved to Ellensburg. I met Mike at the time of Joyce's funeral, here at the church last Fall. The specific occasion for my writing is to thank Mike for a gift of

\$2500 to go to the building addition in memory of Joyce. Mike writes, "I always felt that the one regret that Joyce had about moving to Ellensburg was leaving her church and friends of Waverly Heights."

This is a wonderful reminder of the special place that Waverly Heights UCC holds in so many people's hearts. It's also a wonderful reminder to us all to plan for concrete expressions of our care for and appreciation of this church. We have a wonderful and growing fellowship and mission. We are a powerful witness to God's welcoming, life-giving grace for all people. We have strong support in time, talent, and treasure from members and friends alike. We can assure a sound, responsible future of continued ministry here as we all take the time to plan our continued support.

Marie and I are beginning to look ahead to the capital campaign – looking at all our resources and how we

will be able to contribute. Also, I know I am way overdue to update my will. All of us, of whatever age, should have a will. And I hope that continuing support for Waverly Heights will be a part of our wills, however large or small the amount. For anyone wanting to know more about options for planned giving, our Central Pacific Conference can provide solid, personal counsel. For all of us, it's worth taking a moment right now to remember, recognize, and trust the value of our church. Mindful of this blessing and trust placed in our hands, I invite you to prayerfully recommit to the ongoing, emerging, and future ministry – God's ministry – here at Waverly Heights UCC.

God bless you always,

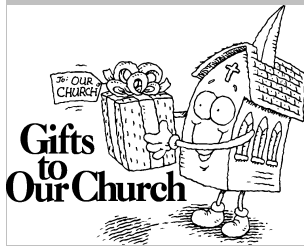
David



Pastor David will be in Ashland August 3rd-5th. He will be at Holt Family Camp at Honeyman State Park near Florence August 7th-13th. In case of emergencies, he thinks his cell phone (see

directory) will work. If no answer do leave a message. Moderator Julie Strayer Thoma will also have other contact information.

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The church has recently received \$1000 from the estate of Jere Franklin (designated by the consistory for the access/building fund) and \$2500 from Mike Headley in memory of Joyce Headley, also for the addition. These gifts are a reminder of years of devoted service and an extension of that service into the future. Thank you!



Two long-time members of Waverly have moved. Their new addresses and phone numbers are:

Hazel Cook

12812 NE 14th St
Vancouver WA 98684
360 604-0414

Blondena Saltzman

5712 Terrace Dr
West Linn OR
503 656-3509

Please note in your church directory.



BUILDING OUR FUTURE

If you are like me, you occasionally ponder what the future has in store for Waverly Heights UCC. In what ways will the church grow? Who might be attending services and other activities over the next twenty years and beyond? These are good questions to be asking of ourselves and one another. Clearly we are embarking on a new venture as the WY'East Unitarian Fellowship begins sharing our space next month. I think one thing that we can count on for the future at Waverly is this kind of sharing of our space. It just makes a lot of sense

in terms of how the building gets used. It is a trend that nearly all urban congregations are embarking upon in one way or another.

One of the things that we face at this juncture is the question of our physical facilities and how they will best serve our growing needs. Many years ago we began looking at this in terms of our accessibility and we are once again ready to embark on steps that will make us open to all peoples. Most of us know the long, twisted history of our accessibility quest. (If you don't, I suggest you make an inquiry to a friendly face during coffee hour--there's much history to tell!) So, we all know we want to be accessible; we want bathrooms on the main floor. It would be good to consider some of the other reasons why we are seeking to change our building. One of those things is this issue of sharing space. If we consider multiple groups using the building, we simply need adequate office space. A few people have inquired "How will having bathrooms upstairs help the congregation grow?" The truth is that if we don't change our building we will remain handicapped. It's time for us to move forward; time to remove as many of our limitations that we can reasonably identify and financially take care of.

Over the course of the next few months you will see this project evolve as the Capital Campaign/WOW Campaign is implemented.

I hope that we will all move faithfully and expectantly into the future together at Waverly Heights.

Julie Strayer Thoma
Moderator

. Waverly Heights UCC at Waverly Cabin

Once again this year our church will be out at Camp Adams for fun, fellowship, and maybe some work, too. Plan to come for all or part of the weekend August 27th – 29th. Marie Brandis Zaworski will be coordinating the meals. Plan to help out providing a meal. Please let Marie know by Sunday the 22nd what meals you will be around for. We have no specific work project, but you might want to bring some gloves anyway. Because this is primarily a church family camp we do need to honor our Camp Adams policies and pay for our stay. The rate is \$31.05 per person staying both Friday and Saturday nights and \$16.55 per person for those staying just one night. Don't let the cost stop you from coming; we can provide camperships for this weekend.

Sunday August 29th Church at Camp

On the fifth Sunday in August, the 29th, we'll be worshipping as a whole church out at Camp Adams at 11:00 am (later than our regular summer worship to give time to get out there). We're working on arranging a bus that would pick up folk at the church at 10:00 am to bring them out. Check with Pastor David for details. Following worship we'll have our traditional potluck. Plan to come and enjoy worship and fellowship at our wonderful Camp Adams.



Please submit articles for the September issue no later than August 25th.

Thanks,
Trish Effenberger, Editor

Conference Workcamp at Camp Adams

Folks from around the Conference will be at Camp Adams to do whatever needs to be done August 15-18th. There's no charge for this (except your labor!). They would like to know who's coming so they can plan meals and lodging. Contact the Camp 503 829-2118, campadams@molalla.net or Conference office 503 228-3178 centralpacific@cpcucc.org. They'd like to know by August 1st, but if it's a few days later call anyway.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST NEWSLETTER FROM WAVERLY...

This newsletter is about the current events of Waverly's ministry and mission. If you wish to have more information and background on Waverly, please feel free to call the church office at 503-238-1337 or email—pastor@waverlyucc.org

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



Thank You!

to **Glen Pullen** and **Diane Rynerson** for hosting fellowship time after worship service for the month of June and to **Margaret Hyde** and **Helen Feight** for hosting fellowship time for the month of July. Fantastic job to all!

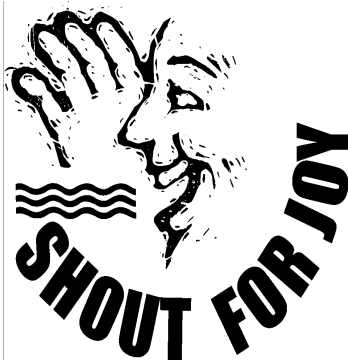
Hosts for August—
Susan and **Stuart Ramsay**



The **Beatty's** grandson, **Dean Brooks**, is in the Darfur region of the Sudan where the kids literally have nothing to eat and as he puts it "no place to lay their heads." So many prayers are needed for the Sudanese and also a prayer or two for Dean.

Prayers for **Blondena Saltzman** and her family as she moves to another care facility.

Best wishes and good luck to **Elizabeth Harcombe** as she prepares to move to Oklahoma to continue her education in music.



for **Alistair Ramsay**... After being late and disqualified from participating in a recent bag pipe competition, the judges (after all other participants were

done) reconsidered and allowed Alistair to compete. He did and took 1st place!!!

Congratulations Alistair!!!



I would like to thank **Pastor David** for his prayers and conversations. I am back from the hospital and recovering, thank God! (I will get my family to church as soon as I'm able!)

Gregg Weed

Thank you on behalf of **Tom** and **Deanna Mason** as Tom successfully came through his hip replacement surgery with flying colors.



Visit from Former Pastor

Rev. George Halstead, pastor of Waverly Heights 1942-45, stopped by for a visit. He is approaching his 92nd birthday and is sharp, thoughtful, and still very much engaged with the role of the church in the wider world. He saw our worship space (not yet built when he served here) and read our brochure and is delighted that we are still here, still witnessing to God's welcome and grace for all people. It's a joy and an encouragement to know that a man with such a long record of service to God's church still holds us in his prayers.

Attention Everyone Who Went to Camp Adams this Summer

Please let Pastor David know if you went to Camp this year and if so how much, if any, you paid with your registration. We have a running tab with the Conference and we want to be clear on our end how much we owe. If you paid the full camp fee and would like to be reimbursed from the campership funds please let David know that too.

NW REGIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE VII

We haven't done a very good job at publicizing this opportunity. This is an event for women only, held every four years (although it's my understanding they are going to change the frequency) jointly sponsored by the Women's boards from the Central Pacific Conference and the Washington Women's Board.

This event will be held November 5, 6, & 7th at the Resort at Kah-Nee-Ta Indian reservation. The registration fee is \$140.00 (before the 1st of July) and \$165.00 after July 1st. That does not include lodging which runs \$55.00 to \$164.00 for two nights. The lower rate is for four people to a room while I am assuming the larger fee is for two people.



The registration fee includes Friday dinner through Sunday brunch. The Women's Board Rev. Anne Smith Loan/Grant fund offers grants to attend these events. The amount is however limited to \$150.00 per person per year or a total of \$600.00 per church per year. So needless to say, the more who attend the smaller amount we can receive in grants.

Registration forms are available in our Fellowship Hall and if a grant is being requested then you need to indicate that on the registration form but make sure the form is sent to the Registrar before the 1st of July. Grant applications are available from me and sent to me as chair of the Rev. Anne Smith L/G fund.

The workshops this year center on the theme of Celebrate the Spirit and I'll attempt to outline briefly what they are:

Friday workshops (3:00 - 4:30 PM) **Responding to the Biblical Call for Justice** -- including a short background on the Biblical call for justice but also the traditional response of the UCC to this call. Including will be a discussion of emerging issues. The leader is Phyllis Pulfer who has spent 50 years of worship and service in the UCC.

Celebrate the Spirit of Women's Ministry in Local Churches: This workshop examines a variety of resources, ask and answer questions and envision plans for the future of women in the UCC. Deborah Bailey, the leader, is Minister for Women's Issues on the UCC Local Church Ministries, Worship and Educational Team at UCC headquarters.

Saturday Workshops -- 10:30 AM - 12 Noon and 1:45 - 3:15 PM

Divine Life Passages -- led by Isa Brown who is a retired UCC minister -- we will discover and celebrate the Spirit in the three basic physiological passages of women i.e. menarche, childbirth and menopause.

The "Hue-Man" Spirit -- offers a personal exploration of how the "isms": race, class and sex affect who we are

and how we relate to others in our society. Anita Chase is a teacher in the Vancouver, WA school system as well as an adjunct Instructor at Lewis & Clark. She has taught workshops such as "Unlearning Racism" and Multiculturalism"

Opening to the gift of Hands-on Healing -- led by Gabrielle Chavez, pastor of Christ the Healer UCC here in Portland. Gabrielle teaches the theory and practice of simple, prayerful hands-on healing technique called Reiki from a Christian perspective.

Aging Creatively -- and celebrating the spirit within -- led by Nancy Edquist who has led classes and workshops related to aging creatively and finding new visions for aging. This workshop offers some focused time and some resources for celebrating our unique spirits and for experiencing encouraging words from within ourselves and from others in the sharing of the story.

A Way to Listen -- If God is still speaking, it is vital that we find ways to listen to the still, small voice speaking in our hearts. This is led by Vivian Hiestand who is the leader of Spirituality Ministry of the Central Pacific Conference. This is a labyrinth walk and is limited to twenty people .

Dialogue with Rosemary -- Rosemary McCombs Maxey is the keynote speaker and is the acting director of the Eagle Butte Learning Center (a ministry of the Council for American Indian Ministry of the UCC) in Eagle Butte SD.

Awakening the Spirit Within -- led by Marcia McLaughlin from the Richmond Beach Congregational Church in Washington -- Our overly busy, high pressured world does not allow us much time to seek the peace which is within each of us. In this workshop, participants will experience a variety of exercises to open themselves to the creative peace within.

Lavender Spirituality: GLBT's impact on the Christian Community -- led by Tara Wilkins who is a member of our Ainsworth Church and is In-Care of the CPC. Tara helps us explore the impact gay and lesbian people have on the church discussing the complexities of politics and power, the Bible and spirituality, and spirituality and sexuality.

Weave A Spirit Basket -- there is a \$5.00 fee for supplies for this workshop led by Kaila Russell. In this workshop we learn the basic skills of weaving and feel our spirit come to live as our faith story weaves into a basket.

Liturgical Dancing - led by Graciela Teofield who shares that her journey includes dancing as a gift from God. It is recommended you bring a long wide skirt, or a sarong or wide piece of cloth long enough to go around you and tie)

Obviously this isn't a complete description of the workshops but hopefully enough to tantalize your curiosity. The conference allows lots of free time so you are not in workshops for the duration.

As with most conferences there are some workshops that do not interest everyone (you probably won't see me at the Liturgical Dancing) but the variety offered should offer something of interest for each of us.

Bottom line: this is a beautiful part of Oregon and offers an opportunity to be waited on --

shalom
Deanna

ps I have the grant applications on line so can send a copy easily

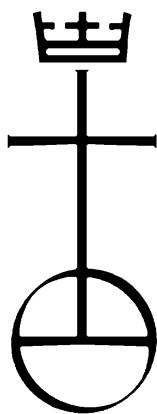
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Summer Worship Schedule:
Sunday - 10:00 A.M.
Beginning June 6th

WAVERLY HEIGHTS CONGREGATIONAL



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.**

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