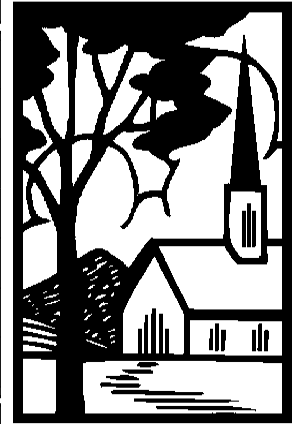


The Church On The Hill



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

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One of my main Lenten disciplines this year is to not fall back into bed at 5:30 every morning after making Marie her latte and sending her off to her bakery-delivery rounds. It gives me the gift of wonderful, quiet time to start each day.

One of the things I've done in that time is rereading a book by Henri Nouwen: *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life*. The three movements of the subtitle are: from loneliness to solitude, from hostility to hospitality, from illusion to prayer. All three movements are at work simultaneously in any growing spiritual life. Nouwen's idea of loneliness expresses the emptiness we feel and try to avoid with constant activity and interactions. But facing and accepting the reality, even the pain, of our human solitariness we can come to experience a deep peace and joy in times of being quietly alone and still. This deeper peace within us, grounded in our true nature, enables us to offer a hospitable place to others: family, community, strangers. We do not need to shape or constrain others to meet our needs, to help us avoid our true selves. So we are able to create a safe space where others can

FROM THE



Pastor

acknowledge and celebrate their own true selves. All of this is possible because we are grounded and upheld by God. The third movement is also always the first – our illusions of immortality, of control give way to unconditional openness to God in prayer.

Rereading this book (after more than 20 years) is a wonderful affirmation of the path I have been on, and feel we are on together. It is a still-needed call to claim and live this spiritual path anew each day. It's also comforting to read again Nouwen's gentle, honest reflections and expectations about our humanity – he's not expecting anyone to master any of this, to live always and consistently by these precepts. Yet our very lives depend on trying, even as we recognize that whatever small measure of success we know is a gift of God's grace.

So I am enjoying my quiet morning time. I am getting some reading done, but I'm also welcoming stillness, unfilled solitude. I'm accepting space for God to work, revealing and creating in me the space to be my true self and welcome your true selves each day.





Your brother in Christ,
David

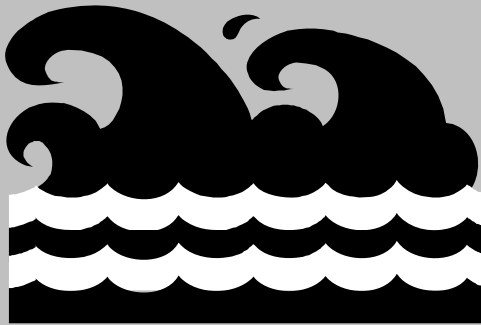
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**WAVERLY PRESENTS...
A BARBERSHOP CHORUS**

Join us at Waverly Thursday, March 10th at 6:15 for a light dinner and music by the Rose City Timberliners Barbershop Chorus. The Timberliners will sing in the sanctuary from 7:00 until 7:30. Barbershop is a style of singing in parts for small groups in close harmony. It is a uniquely American sound, which reached its height of popularity in the early 20th century. It is now enjoyed by singers and listeners around the world.



T H U R S D A Y		Maundy Thursday this year falls on March 24th. Our service that evening will be at 7:00 p.m. On this night we remember the Last Supper and Jesus' call to be servants to one another. We remember also the betrayal and abandonment of Jesus – the dark night leading to denial and crucifixion. All our lives do have their dark nights. In acknowledging the dark, we are prepared to recognize the unfathomable grace of Easter's dawning light. Come to this holy week service to remember again that God knows and shares even our darkness, that God has come to lead us into light.	
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Waverly steps up in the month of January with a collection totaling **\$708** for Tsunami relief!



Souper Bowl Sunday netted 107 lbs. of food for Fish and \$45 in cash donations!

THE BIBLE SAYS IT'S SO




A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, “You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don’t have to wait as long to get our coffee.”

The husband said, “You are in charge of the cooking around here and you should do it because that’s your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.”

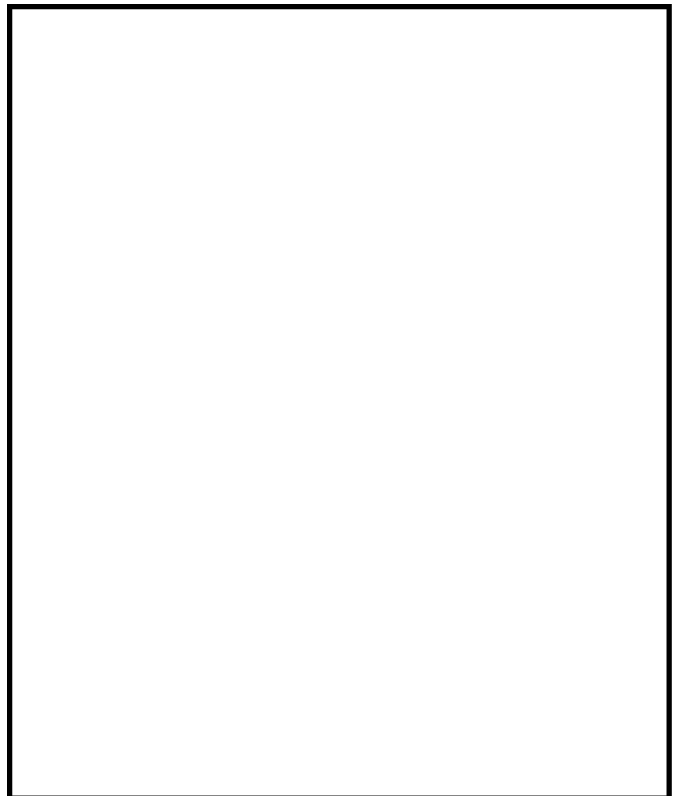
Wife replied, “No, you should do it. Besides, it’s in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.”

Husband replies, “I can’t believe that. Show me.” So she fetches the Bible and opens the New Testament and shows him at the top of several pages that it does, indeed say...
...”Hebrews”

	<p>NEWSLETTER Please submit articles for the April issue no later than March 23rd.</p> <p>Thanks, Trish Effenberger, Editor</p>
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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





The annual Waverly Heights Easter Bake Sale is fast approaching. Bring your baked goods on Easter Sunday morning, and then purchase your Easter treats after church. Proceeds from the bake sale benefit our campership fund. Cakes, cupcakes, pies, cookies....we even have pickles this year! If you have any questions, call Lisa Kane.



Calling all kids! Invite your friends and neighbors to our **Easter Egg Hunt** at Waverly. Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Easter

Sunday for coffee and donuts and a chance to find those colored eggs. Baskets are provided. We'll see you there!



A big “thanks” goes out to *Jean Hodges* and *Leona Hansen* for their outstanding job hosting fellowship time after worship service for the month of February. Thanks again ladies!

Out host for March—
Susan Ramsay

Summer Camp Schedule at Camp Adams

- Work Camp (youth age 12-17 & adults) June 26-29
- Family (any and all kinds of families) June 29-July 2
- Young Adult (post graduation – 30 yrs) June 29-July 2
- Pathfinders (completed grade 6) July 3-9
- Discoverers (completed grades 4-5) July 10-16
- Sojourners (completed grades 7-8) July 17-23
- Genesis/Seekers (completed grades 2-3) July 24-30
- Exodus (completed grades 9-12) will be at Pilgrim Cove, Idaho this year

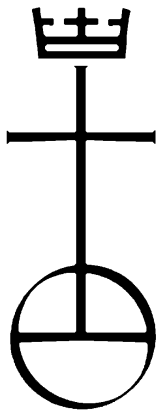
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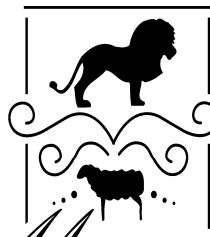
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**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.**



March
