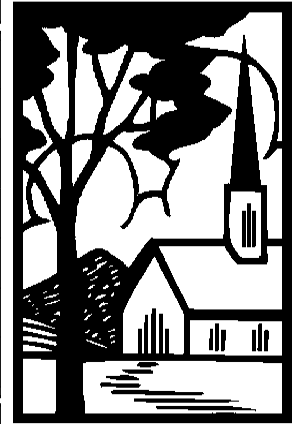


The Church On The Hill



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

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As we enter the fifth year of our war in Iraq, I find myself thinking about courage. Maya Angelou said that courage was the most important virtue, because without it none of the other virtues are practiced. And while Gandhi believed that a third way was always possible if one is deeply committed to nonviolence, still he unhesitatingly stated "Where there is only a choice between cowardice and violence, I would advise violence." If we are to offer hope for an end to this war, and progress toward sustainable peace throughout the world, then we must show courage.

Asking for the courage of the men and women we send into war is not enough. We must call for national courage, courage in our communities, our families, and courage from ourselves. If we are to bring an end to the use of terror, we must work to end the conditions that lead to such horrific acts. And we must have the courage to face the cost to our own lives of seeking not our "national security" or "national interest" but rather justice for all people, and the well-being of all of creation.

We must have the courage to acknowledge our part in the injustices of the world, the price paid by hundreds of millions around the world for our wasteful lifestyle, and the power we use to preserve

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Psalm 27:14

our privilege. Courage is needed up and down the line from public policy to private lives. We cannot let fear lead us to further abandon our national ideals and squander the moral leadership we once offered. We cannot accept a cowardly hiding from responsibility behind binges of buying and mountains of material goods. There is a price to be paid for freedom, but if we imagine the whole price can be paid in the lives of our service men and women, then I wonder if it is freedom we are paying for.

The price of real freedom must be shared by us all. It requires the courage to be responsible in all our living. At the most immediate level, we are called to the courage to say "no" to our children's and our own materialism; the courage to "live simply that others may simply live." On a national scale, it may be that seeking justice will, for a time, open us to a greater possibility of terror attacks here in the USA. But can we as Christians claim that the deaths of those who live halfway around the world are preferable to deaths here? Would it not be Christ's way rather to accept suffering and even death for one's self in order to spare another?

Our faith is a call to live courageously, to live the reality of God's reign even in the midst of this world of principalities and powers. And we can do this. As the apostle Paul says, faith is hope for things unseen. What

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we see is the ruin of dreams built on the narrow foundation of mere national self interest. Our hope, our faith, is that our courage to witness Christ's way in our lives can bring a world so very much better, so much stronger, in justice and peace for all.

Praying for God's peace,

David



Easter Lilies

Those who wish to may bring Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 8th. Please let pastor David know by Friday evening the names of those you wish to honor/remember with lilies -- these will be printed in the bulletin.



Schedule:

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday – April 1st (no foolin'!)

Taizé service – 7:30pm Wednesday, April 4th

Maundy Thursday service – 7pm April 5th

Good Friday – Joint service with churches in the area. Watch the bulletin for announcements.

Easter Sunday – Bring Easter Lilies! Bring flowers for the flower cross! Come hunt for Easter Eggs at 10a.m. Wear your Easter Bonnet!

Buy good stuff from the Bake Sale!! Celebrate – Christ is (will be by then) risen!!

TAIZE:

Come put some additional holy into your Holy Week. We'll be having our monthly Taizé service at 7:30pm on Wednesday April 4th. Dan Thoma will be providing the guitar accompaniment and it is sure to be a grounding and sacred evening. Join us for song, silence and meditation.



Flowers For the Easter Cross

Bring your beautiful spring flowers from your garden to decorate the cross on Easter Sunday. It's a beautiful way to celebrate the Good News!

Easter Bake Sale

Don't forget to bring your goodies to church on Easter Sunday. Baked goods, sweets, or anything good to eat will be fine. The youth will be selling your treats after church on Easter Sunday to raise money for the campership fund which helps send our kids to Camp Adams. Be thinking of a friend who needs a special Easter surprise and buy it at the bake sale.



RECEPTION



FOR NEW MEMBERS

We will be receiving new members into the church on April 22nd. If you are interested in joining the church at this time, or just curious about what membership involves, please talk to pastor David.



Walk

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

April 4th, Wednesday, 11:30am - 1pm A Public Witness to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy. Walk from the statue of Dr. King north of Oregon Convention Center across the Steel Bridge to Waterfront Park for speakers and a performance by choir from Martin Luther King Elementary School.



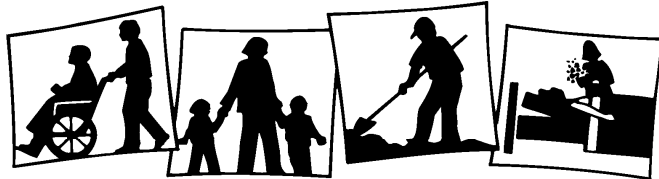
Save Saturday, April 21st for Spring Cleaning at Waverly

Can you spare part of your Saturday to spruce up Waverly? We'll start at 10:00 and work until we're done. There will be inside and outside work to be done, so bring your work clothes and gardening tools and join us for a bit of Spring cleaning!



Get out your tutu. Polish off that old clarinet. Practice up on your speechifying. **IT'S TIME FOR THE TALENT SHOW!** Yes, the talent show is coming. Featuring all of you! Friday, May 25. This is a soup and culture event which means all you have to do is **COME WITH YOUR TALENT!** Food is provided. No need to stop at home (except to pick up your props). The show will start about 7:30 p.m. Soup will be earlier. This is an excellent time to bring family

and friends to experience the wonderful community at Waverly and our special "talents."



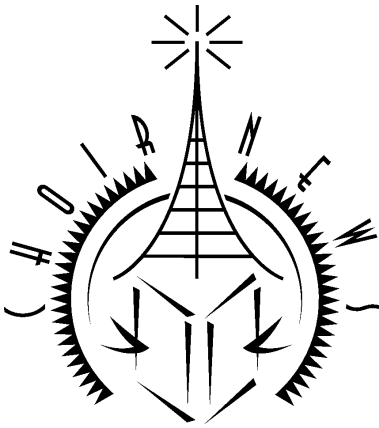
Youth Group

MISSION PROJECT

We finally have a date for our **Mission Trip to Lincoln City--April 28th-29th!** We will be joining with the middle school youth group from the UCC church there. The focus of the weekend is a community service project on Saturday afternoon, but there will also be plenty of time for fun activities on Saturday evening, worship Sunday morning, and lots of eating and hanging out with friends in between. Stay tuned for more info and plan to join us!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

April 1st and April 15th



At press time, Easter is here! Excerpts from "Jesus Christ Superstar" have become a fledgling tradition for **Palm Sunday and Holy Week** at Waverly. On March 25, we debuted "Everything's Alright" for the first time. Three more "Superstar" excerpts will be sung on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, come and find out which ones. We have soprano soloists during this season, too.

On **Easter Sunday**, we have a big Easter anthem.

Sunday, APRIL 29th we will be visited at Waverly by *the choir from Portland Center for Spiritual Awareness*,

conducted by LaRhonda Steele. They will join en masse with our choir for two or three rousing selections, and they will bring an extra keyboard player, and perhaps other instrumentalists. Don't miss this rousing musical tribute to God's power in our lives.

After Service on **May 20th**, the *2nd annual Choir Pie Feed* gets underway during Fellowship Hour in the basement! This is when the choir brings sweet and savory pies for fellowship food, along with ice cream for the sweet pies! This was a big hit last year, and it is also a fundraiser for the choir to buy sheet music for the year. Fun and for a good cause!

with you in God,

Theo

Work Teams

There is a new buzz at Waverly. Many new people have become part of our church family in the past couple of years, and many have asked "How can I be of service?"

Have you checked out the beautiful new Sunday School room and Nursery? This wonderful work was accomplished by a team of folks in a very short time, thanks to the organization of Karen Lenore. That is just one example of how much we can accomplish by putting forth the call to be part of the team.

We're looking to begin other teams to tackle other projects, both long and short term, around Waverly. We will be spending time at Consistory discussing the ways that we can help you find a place to serve. If you have any ideas, let David know.

And look for the clipboards at fellowship hour. There will be many opportunities to jump in and help.



Central Pacific Conference UCC SPRING ASSEMBLY– May 18-19, 2007 – First Congregational UCC, Salem, OR. The first mailing has arrived. This will be a wonderful gathering of our wider UCC family. The keynote speakers will be Rev. John H. Thomas, General Minister and President of the UCC, and Rev. Linda Jaramillo, one of our own folk from here in Portland who is now Executive Minister for Justice and Witness Ministries of the UCC. These are both excellent, inspiring speakers. The theme for the meeting is "God is Still Speaking: Let It Shine!"

This is a great opportunity to learn more about our covenant connections with the wider UCC denomination. Everyone is welcome, either as a church delegate or as a visitor. You could commute down to Salem each or either day, or stay in a motel there, or (a personal favorite) stay with a local church family in Salem. We need to get off our list of delegates and any home-stay requests, so if you're interested, please talk to pastor David or moderator Lisa Kane.

Faith in Action series Interfaith Services

These services are opportunities to come together in worship with people of many faiths. They sponsored by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, The Interfaith Alliance-NW Oregon, and the Interfaith Council of Greater Portland. The upcoming service focus locations are:

22 April 4-5:30pm at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane.

"How do we as People of Faith Support all Religious Beliefs?"

20 May 4-6pm at the Muslim Educational Trust 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Rd

(Tigard) "How do We as People of Faith Support Families?"

Position: Childcare Provider for Waverly Heights UCC

Pay Rate: \$10.00/hour

Hours: 2 hours per week

10:45 AM to 12:45 PM each Sunday Morning

(Hours vary slightly in summer and there may be additional hours)



Responsibilities:

***Provide childcare for infant to five year olds in our nursery.**

***Supervise and lead simple activities that are safe, fun and age-appropriate.**

***Act as an ambassador**

Develop respectful, caring relationships with children and their families

Greet children and parents as they arrive,

Learn names,

Check-in with parents as children leave and share information about how they participated.

***Operate as a Role Model**

Appropriate clothing and language

Model values of patience, kindness and compassion.

Qualifications:

***Experience providing childcare for infants to 5-year-olds**

***Red Cross first aid training** *(Can be attained after hire)*

***References** *(related to childcare)*

The committee will discourage applicants from inside the church for two reasons:

- 1. We want church members to be able to participate in church services and activities.*
- 2. We need to be able to remove the childcare provider from the position if any problems arise – and that would be difficult if it were a member of the church.*

To Apply:

Contact Terri Griffin (Christian Education Director)

djsimmerdown@aol.com

Send Resumes to Waverly Heights United Church of Christ

3300SE Woodward St.

Portland, OR 97202

ATTN: Terri Griffin

WANTED: Black Hymnal Book

I would really like to find a copy of the black hymnal with the words "Joy to the World" written in gold letters printed on the front cover. If you know where I can locate one, please contact me at 503-594-2449.

Thanks,
Violet Hyde



at Waverly!

It's time for Bingo again. Prizes! April's Soup and Culture will be Friday, April 20, at 6:30 pm. This is a fun time for the kids and the kid in you. Bring your friends, bring your kid's friends! Bingo at about 7:30.

USHER

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and he helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row," she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good," he answered.

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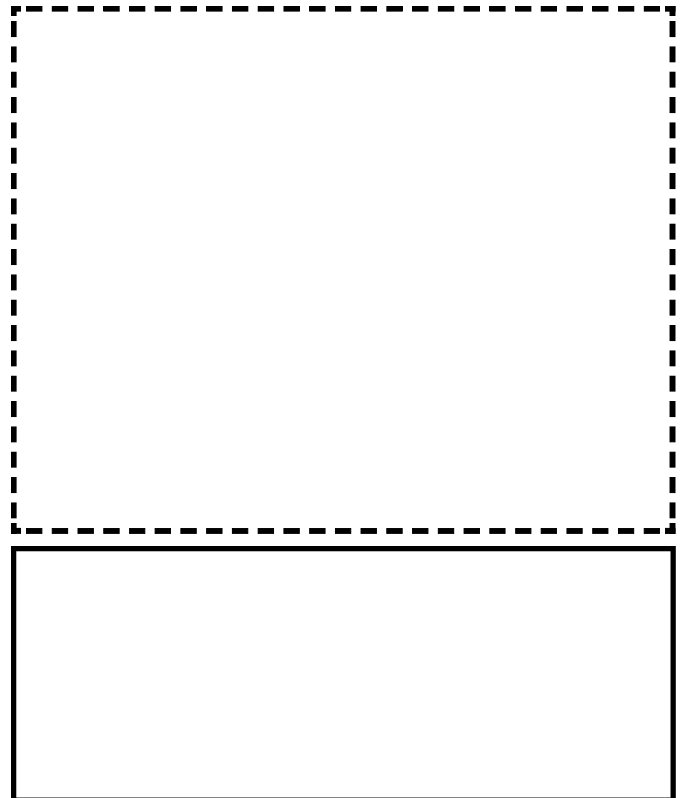
DEADLINE

Please submit articles for the May issue no later than April 24th.

Thanks,
Trish Effenberger,
Editor

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.



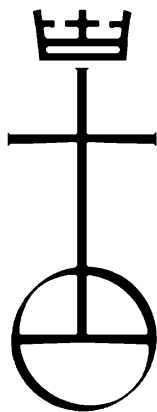
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**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.**

