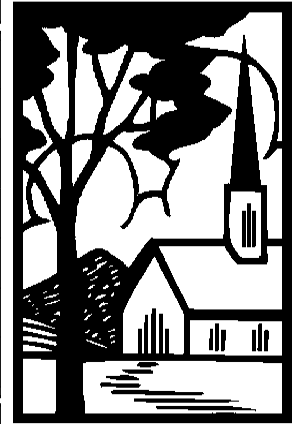


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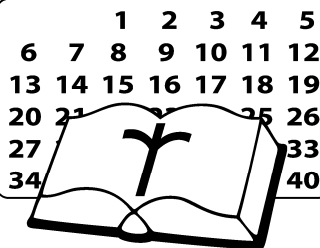
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**DAVID ZAWORSKI, PASTOR
TRISH EFFENBERGER, EDITOR**

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is almost upon us. It's early this year because Easter is only one day off from the earliest it can ever be. Lent is traditionally a time of looking inward, taking stock, and preparing ourselves for Holy Week and Easter. The word lent is related to an old German word for spring (the season) "lenz(en)." One lovely thing about this word is that it's both a noun, springtime, and a verb -- to springtime. Take a moment to imagine that verbal sense in English, e.g. "As the days grow longer and warmer, the crocuses proclaim, 'It Springs!'"

Think about what's happening in those crocuses, and in the azaleas and cherry trees and all manner of perennial plants when "it springs." Nourishment stored up in the roots is flowing up the plants to feed new growth, new leaves that will bud and open, take in the sun and feed further growth. That's not at all a bad image for what our Lenten season can be like. We turn inward, drawing on the reserves of our spirits, the nourishment stored up from our whole life journey in faith, and bring that up through our thoughts and prayers to feed new growth in what we do in the world.

Think about the nutrients we've got stored away as we move out of the dark time of the year and toward spring and Easter. We can draw on the depths we've touched in our Advent and Christmas time -- the familiar stories and carols, the candles, the humor



Pastor's Message for Lent

and inexpressible tenderness we feel watching children in the pageant. All that, and all the love and support of our community, our experiences of the Spirit, our deep sense of God bearing us up, all of this and more can nourish us through Lent as we consider our lives, our faith, our calling. All this and more feeds our new growth in Spirit as we prepare ourselves to witness our full humanity and God's boundless grace in Holy Week and Easter.

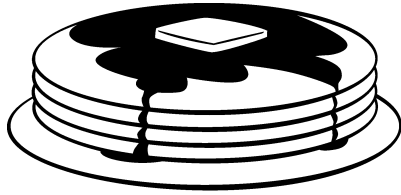
Peace be with you all,

David

Lenten Sermon Series

For the six Sundays in Lent this year Pastor David will be offering a series of sermons looking at the "Seven Deadly Sins." The 10th of February, the first Sunday in Lent, is a second Sunday, so we'll start off with a shared exploration of the idea of sin and how it may or may not serve faith in our progressive Christian tradition. The next Sunday, the 17th, "Pride" then on the 24th both "Envy" and "Sloth." March 2nd, a communion Sunday, we'll look at "Anger." The 9th, our second Sunday discussion will look at "Greed" "Lust" and "Gluttony" all together. And finally, on Palm Sunday, we'll focus directly on the "Seven Virtues" that guard us from the "Seven Deadly Sins."

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SHROVE TUESDAY

Our annual Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday, Day before Ash Wednesday, or whatever you would like to call that Tuesday where you get to eat pancakes and maple syrup for supper, is coming! And it's coming very soon – Tuesday, February 5th is the day. Please join us for pancakes, bacon and merriment. We'll eat at about 6:30pm so don't be late or there'll be no more bacon! Speaking of, there will be a 'bacon bowl' into which you can put a donation to help cover the cost of the meal. For inquiring minds, a few tidbits from Wikipedia:

The reason that pancakes are associated with the day preceding [Lent](#) is that the 40 days of Lent form a period of liturgical [fasting](#), during which only the plainest foodstuffs may be eaten. Therefore, rich ingredients such as eggs, milk, and sugar are disposed of immediately prior to the commencement of the fast. Pancakes and doughnuts were therefore an efficient way of using up these perishable goods, besides providing a minor celebratory feast prior to the fast itself . (And if that's not enough really interesting information, here's more!) The word *shrove* is a past tense of the English verb "shrive," which means to obtain [absolution](#) for one's [sins](#) by confessing and doing [penance](#).^[7] Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the shricing ([confession](#)) that Anglo-Saxon Christians were expected to receive immediately before Lent.

So come shrive with us!



Once you've enjoyed all the merriment of Fat Tuesday, come the next night to our Ash Wednesday service. It will begin at 7:00pm and will incorporate some Taize songs, some silence and other contemplative elements to help us enter into the Lenten season. Join us and invite your neighbor too.



BAKE SALE

Easter is early this year, so be thinking of what to bring to the bake sale! Bunny cakes are sure to make an appearance, as are lots of yummy goodies for Easter Dinner. And you're not limited to baked goods...we've had pickles, chocolate syrup, and herbal delights. Bring them to church before the service on Easter and head downstairs to the table with all the goodies!

Egg Hunt for Kids



Hey kids! Word is that the Easter Bunny will stop by Waverly on

Easter morning before church! Come with the kids for an Easter egg hunt, rain or shine, at 10:00. Donuts and coffee for all! =

A Special
THANK YOU

“Mom, John and I would like to thank all of the church members for the prayers, cards, food...and support as Nancy recovers from her recent surgery.”

Rebecca Tice Pellechi

SCOTTISH NIGHT

Invite your friends! Wear your tartans! Bring your appetites! Scottish Night is on!!! Our annual celebration of the poet Robert Burns, with an appearance of the men's chorus, The Side Burns, will be held on Friday, February 22. Haggis Dinner begins about 6:30 (complete with piping and the traditional blessing) in the Fellowship Hall, with the program continuing in the Sanctuary at about 7:30. Poetry, singing, whiskey, and haggis--what could be better!

Souper Bowl Sunday



Bring your canned goods and donations to church on Sunday, February 3rd, and we'll collect them for FISH. Our goal this year is 375 lbs.

WE CAN WIN THIS ONE!

Pastor's Schedule

Pastor David will be changing his work-week schedule again. He will continue to have office hours Monday afternoons from 3pm to 6pm. Tuesdays will now be a workday and Thursdays will be his day off (this shift is to accommodate a change in scheduling of a monthly ucc clergy meeting.) Fridays will continue to be study days -- please try to avoid calling about things that can wait. Do call if you or another family member is taken to the hospital. As always, Pastor David is always on call for emergencies.

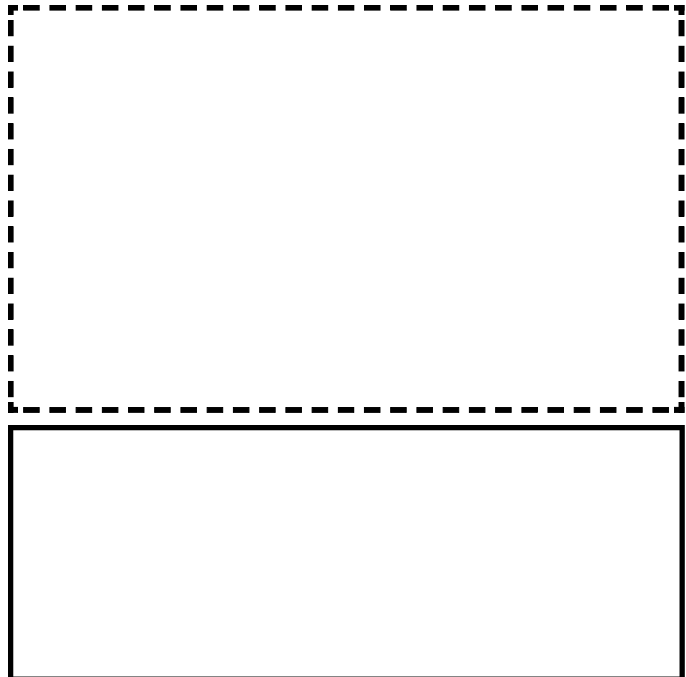


Please submit articles for the March issue no later than February 21st.

Thanks,
Trish Effenberger, Editor

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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.



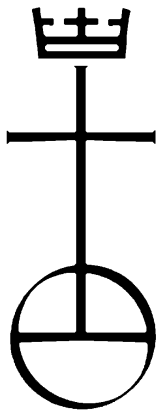
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**Waverly Heights Congregational
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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.**

