

# The Church On The Hill



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

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O n P e n t e c o s t —

May 11th, Mothers' Day this year—we'll all put on red, party, and celebrate another year.

Your birth was quite something—the Holy Spirit coming down as tongues of fire, every disciple lit up like a candle. Of course, with all of them jabbering away in every language imaginable, telling God's good news, well it's no wonder some folks thought they were "lit up" on wine. Peter had to explain it to them, that the disciples were not full of spirits, but *the* Spirit. Kinda makes you think of the '70s—1970s—"Get high on Jesus!" Indeed.

Well, anyway, its been quite a life so far. You were such a beautiful child; people were just drawn to you. All their barriers, all the cruelties and evils seemed to crumble away before your smile. You've never really lost that winsome heart but, truth told, you have kept some very bad company over the years: empire, crusades, patriarchy, dogmatism...well, the list goes on. No wonder really that an awful lot of people want nothing to do with you now. And yet, at your heart, I know you're still the beautiful child, the one who brings perfect strangers together to delight in your laughter and open, unguarded love.

That's my birthday wish for you: let's all break out

the old party dress, be clothed in the Spirit. Let's be lit up, as a mother's face lights up at her baby's smile. Let's remember and say again your first words—speaking them in the tongues of the happy and the hopeless, of war orphans and Washington County, of grieving and grateful, of high-powered and homeless—in all the tongues of the world let's speak again your birthday words, "God is love."

## Deacons' Fund

The Deacon's Fund is money given to help out those in our midst who are in times of financial crisis or special need. It can be used, at the pastor's discretion, to help out transients, neighborhood folk, and especially those in our own congregation. Through the great generosity of Waverly Heights UCC, we've been able to make a real difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters with housing and utility assistance, prescriptions, gas money, food. If you would like to help in making this possible, you may do so at any time simply by clearly labeling any offering "Deacons' Fund" and giving it to Financial Secretary Ruth Stellmon or putting it in the collection plate with your regular offerings.

Visit our web site @ [www.waverlyucc.org](http://www.waverlyucc.org)

*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**

A big juicy thank you to Beth and Bob Kress who have done an outstanding job with the altar over the past months. Their artistic, joyous, uplifting, and beautiful altars are such a blessing to all of us. Thank you for sharing this talent with us! We also look forward to and thank Dana Weir who will be gracing us with her passionate altar artistry in May and to Karen Lenore-Dryden and Jill Johnson who will be covering June. If you would like to share in the altar creating, please contact Beth and Bob who will be happy to put you in the rotation!

**WWW "What Wondrous Women" !  
of Waverly...**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 8th at 7pm in Hyde Hall at the church. All interested ladies are welcome! Beth has a no-knead bread recipe for a delicious bread, which was "seen and sold at the Easter bake sale, beautiful!" She will provide the bread and the know-how, and we will bring things to put on the bread such as butter, brochette sauce, strawberry jam, etc.

See you there! "Let us break bread together!"



*Women's Fellowship*



**Handicap  
Accessible**

**Access Project Update**

The access project continues to draw the attention of the Consistory. Our contractor has agreed to provide us with updated cost information, and we have been in contact with the UCC National Office to explore funding possibilities.

At the last Consistory meeting we discussed the idea of celebrating Waverly's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday--now a mere three years away--by setting the goal of making a number of long overdue improvements to our facilities, including the completion of a lift which would make our entire church accessible to all. To achieve this goal we are contemplating embarking on a Waverly centennial fund raising campaign. This would be dedicated to the fulfillment of the access project and more, with the ultimate objective of providing Waverly a strong foundation from which to enter its second century in our southeast Portland neighborhood. As we continue to work out the details of making accessibility a reality, your ideas, prayers, suggestions (and contributions) are always welcome.

*In Loving  
Memory*



***Homer Jackson Beatty***

**September 16, 1919  
April 25, 2008**

You are cordially invited to join in celebrating a triple 25th anniversary of ordination. Four went to Chicago, three graduated together from Chicago Theological Seminary and were ordained a few weeks later. That was 1983!

Please join us in celebration. There will be music, food, entertainment, and CAKE!

\*Open House beginning at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 2008**

\*Home and gardens of Judy and Andrew Millar

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Guests of Honor (if schedules permit):

Our own pastor, **David Zaworski**: Since ordination, David has served churches in Almira, Washington and Ione and Corvallis, Oregon. He took a few years to visit an engineering career, and then back to churches in Pocatello, Idaho and Enterprise, Oregon. Six years ago, David was called to Waverly Heights—a congregation delightfully willing to step out in faith.

**Caroline Zaworski**: She and David co-pastored in Almira and Ione until she felt a call to nursing. Her ministry is now nursing with Hospice patients in the Corvallis area, as well as serving as Parish Nurse for Corvallis First Congregational UCC. Caroline is now married to the Rev. Charles Helsabeck.

**Jim Zaworski**: After seminary, Jim served churches in Juneau, Wisconsin and Hillsboro, Oregon. After parish ministry, and stints in timberframe construction and at The Depot Deli in Sisters, Jim went back to school to get his teaching credentials. His "ministry" is now through education, and he has recently been working on his Administrative credentials. He has a split teaching/administration position in the Beaverton school district and has the distinction of having taught all the elementary grades at least once.

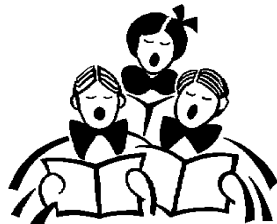
**Carol Zaworski**: While carefully avoiding a career in ministry, Carol moved to Chicago with Jim where she provided sanity and normalness to the post-graduates surrounding her. She was the only one of this foursome who worked a regular job, bringing home stories to keep the others a bit more grounded in real life.



## CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

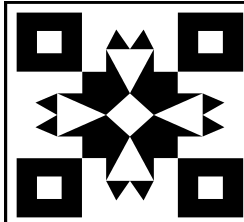
Don't miss the Celebration of Children and Youth Service on June 1st. We'll be recognizing our kids for their participation in Sunday School and church and thanking our teachers as well.

### Portland State University's School of Fine and Performing Arts and The Department of Music present A Bluegrass Mass



Come see Margaret in the PSU chamber choir sing A Bluegrass Mass Friday, June 6th at 8pm at First Unitarian Church. The choir will be backed by a live bluegrass

band and there will be a pie feed afterwards. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students, you know you want to come! Ask Margaret for more details.



### QUILTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

This year on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, (Mother's Day) we plan to decorate the church with quilts! We chose to use these textiles because they remind us of how wonderful it feels to be wrapped in a mother's loving embrace. Please join us in honoring the mothers that we have known, the mothers that we love and in celebrating the mother within us all.



Prayers for *Homer Beatty's* family and friends after his recent passing. He will be deeply missed by all!

Prayers for a speedy and complete recovery for *Nancy Tice* as she undergoes her last breast cancer surgery on May 13th.



*Tayo Cotton* (grandson of *Belle Wilde* and nephew of *Trish* and *Gary Effenberger*) graduated from Cascade College on April 26th earning a Bachelor of Applied Studies degree in Individual

Disciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Education, English and Bible.

*Holly Effenberger* (granddaughter of *Belle Wilde* and daughter of *Trish* and *Gary Effenberger*) will graduate from Pacific University on May 17th earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Intergrated Media Arts with a minor in Art with an emphasis in Photography.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!!!**



Please submit articles for the June issue no later than May 27th.

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.

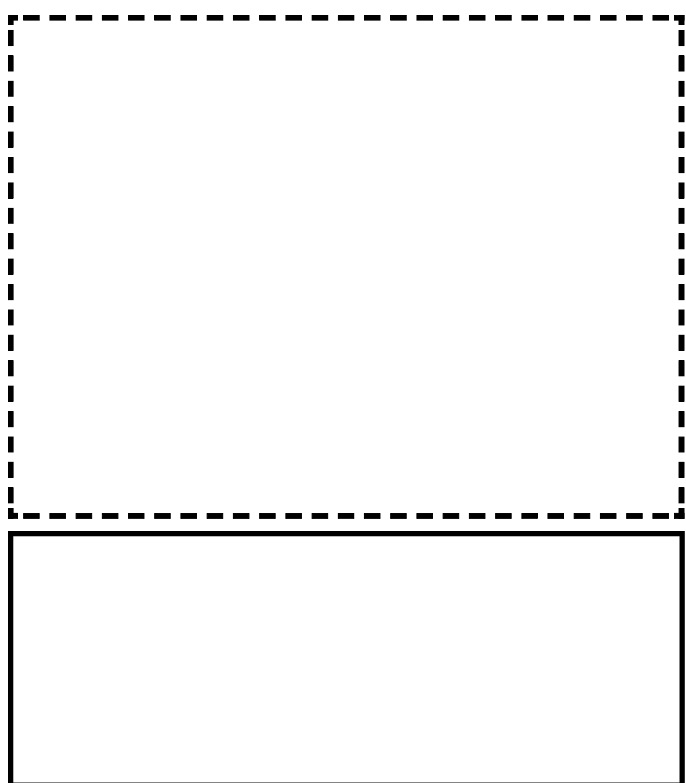
**Annual Waverly Heights Talent Show**

Coming to provide you pleasure and great entertainment—

Thursday, May 29, 2008, with our favorite MC: Stuart Ramsay! This is a Soup and Culture event, and because it's a week night, we'll be eating during the entertainment. Some of the acts currently being contemplated: German duet, electric guitar, flute duets, singing, dancing. Be sure you sign up to join in the fun!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SURVEY**

The Christian Education Survey has been distributed over the last month. It is designed to give us a clear idea of what kinds of classes and activities people would like to see in the coming year. The questionnaire asks about adult education opportunities as well as Sunday School. Surveys are available as you enter the church (ask our greeters if you don't see them). They can be returned to Karen Lenore or Jill Johnson.



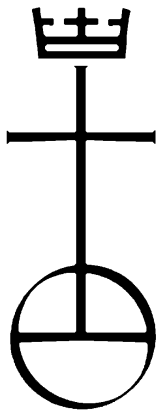
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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**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.**

