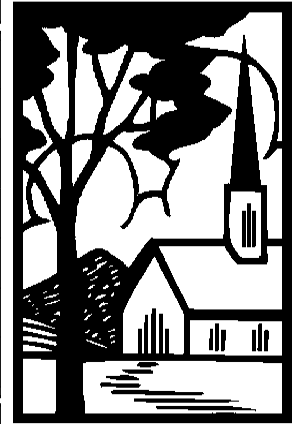


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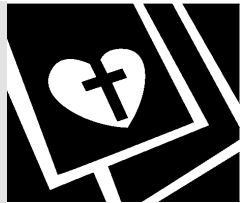


A Newsletter for members and friends of Waverly Heights Congregational, UCC

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DAVID ZAWORSKI, PASTOR
TRISH EFFENBERGER, EDITOR

I recently decided it was time to get back to some bicycle commuting. I'd



sold my old bike, so I needed another and I decided to get a folding bicycle. As I've started living with this bike, it's occurred to me that it's not a bad metaphor for faith.

First, consider the question, "Is it a tool or a toy?" I certainly intend to use this bike regularly—it's presence will change my patterns of living. Sometimes people professing faith like the appearance, like the good feeling of now and then being part of something "spiritual." Do we expect more of our faith, do we intend that faith makes a real, daily difference in how we live?

Now, consider how one uses a folding bike. It folds down so quickly and compactly that one just takes it with: shopping it goes in the cart, banking it's in the teller line with me, having coffee it sits by or under the table. It is definitely visible, but not in the way. People see it, but it's not imposing on them. Do people see our faith, through outward

FROM THE PASTOR

symbols, our behavior, our speech and our silences? Is our faith something that is

noticeably always with us, without imposing it on those around us?

People *do* notice this bike, and they are intrigued, engaged, they want to know more. That's just what the Bible tells us about the faith of the first Christians—people saw their lives were different and they wanted to know more.

What are the choices we make, the attitudes we adopt, questions we ask and the witness we offer—publicly—that mark us as different, that engage those around us, that make them want to know more? And when they do want to know more, do we have the courage to speak directly of our faith, of our church community, of God's grace at work daily transforming, little by little, all our life and love and relationships?

Walking (and riding) with you in God's grace,

David

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Strengthen the Church All-Church Offering

Each year we offer support to our United Church of Christ community through our budget and through four special offerings. For the next few weeks we'll be collecting for the Strengthen the Church offering. These funds collected from across the denomination go to start new churches, to invigorate existing ones, to develop future church leaders and open new opportunities for those already serving. Your gift to Strengthen the Church builds the UCC's future.



Church Musician Search Committee Formed

Theo Burke has given the church notice of his intent to leave Portland (and, consequently, Waverly) later this summer. Much as we hate to see him go, a search committee has been formed to find a new church musician and choir director. Members of the committee are Jill Johnson, Tom McFadden, Andrew Millar, Anne Reif and Nancy Tice.

The committee's goal is to present several candidates to the congregation by late summer so we have someone in place by early September. Although Theo will be a hard act to follow, we are confident we will be able to find a suitable replacement. Anyone with suggestions or questions is encouraged to talk to any of the committee members.



Pastor David will be taking off the week of Tuesday July 8th through Monday July 14th. He'll mostly be in town hanging out with Joel and Jenna, so do call in the event of an emergency. He will again be gone in August from the 2nd through the 8th. The family will be at the annual Holt (Adoption Agency) Family Campout at Honeyman State Park near Florence. Again, do call in the event of an emergency, but know that you'll need to leave a message as David only turns on his cell phone once or twice a day down there.



Division/Clinton Street Fair and Parade

Yes, it's that time of year again! Saturday, July 26th, we will extend our witness and welcome to the neighborhood. We hope to have a good turn out to walk in the parade and to have a small booth up on Division near the church. This is a fun, low-key, but real witness—a chance to celebrate the gifts of God we've found here at Waverly Heights UCC. Look for more details in the weekly announcements and through all-church emails. And if anyone has available an easy to set-up/take down canopy, please let Kay Orzel know.



WARM and WELL Waverly Women

Both Kay and Judy are recovering from hospital stays. We are so glad to know they are home. Continued

prayers for them and for Theo.

Bunco was postponed but we are looking forward to the party in July still to be held at Judy Wiebe's home: 3392 SE Waverleigh, Tuesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m.

Other possible plans for summer may include a park-picnic-potluck on a weekend, a spa day, and a games galore day.

Anne has volunteered to teach knitting some evening and others could bring any project needing work. To be scheduled.

The WWW Group is a non age specific, open and affirming one. Come join us.

The group has agreed to serve the WHUCC community by providing memorial receptions. Help is needed providing both for cookies, sweet breads, and punch supplies, and especially to help set up and serve. Many of our members work, care for grandchildren, or have health issues. Helen Feight and Jeanne Clegg have agreed to be first contacts for a phone. We will have a sign up for those able to help and we will call members. Please help with this if you are able. Thank You!



Celebrate Summer

Now that the weather is finally starting to feel like summer, we can really celebrate with our children! Celebrate Summer is Waverly's name for the children's program during the summer months. We do not have regular Sunday School; instead, a different person (or people) plan something fun to do with children of all ages – except for those in the nursery. We have people signed up for: making

God's Eyes – remember that 70's craft with the popsicle sticks?; playing soccer; pinwheel making; and last Sunday the children helped make the Strawberry Shortcake!

If you are interested in leading a Sunday – and we encourage people who do not usually teach to sign up - please contact Jill Johnson or Karen Lenore. We are happy to help you plan something if you need a little inspiration!



Central Pacific Conference OCC Women's Fall retreat at Camp Adams is October 17 - 19. Cost is \$90.00 and includes all meals and lodging.

Request for grant support may be requested through the Rev. Anne Smith Educational Loan/Grant Fund. Plan now to save that weekend in the Fall at a beautiful location.



Prayers for continued recovery for **Judy Wiebe** who was in the hospital for a few days last week, and prayers for **Theo** as doctors are trying to determine the cause of a vision problem and how to treat it.

Also prayers continue with **Jeanne** and all the **Beatty family** following Homer's death.



Jeanne Beatty and family would like to thank our church family for the many kind cards they received. They also want to thank you for the loving presence at Homer's funeral and appreciate the lovely refreshments that were provided.

Prayers Answered!



My last surgery went very well, and I am now "good to go" again, at last!

A huge **Thank You** to everyone for their love and support, and **ESPECIALLY** the choir, who came out to serenade me. Theo even wrote a special song just for me! I was deeply touched. How lucky I am to belong to the Waverly family!!

Nancy Tice



Thank You SO Much!

A big thank you to **Karen Lenore** and **Jill Johnson** for doing such a wonderful job honoring our children and youth and all the Sunday School teachers. The sanctuary was (and is) beautiful, the awards appreciated, and the prayers a gift and call to us all. And of course, again, thank you to all the young people and their teachers and leaders—they are all the very heart of our hospitality and welcome and celebration of each one of God's children.



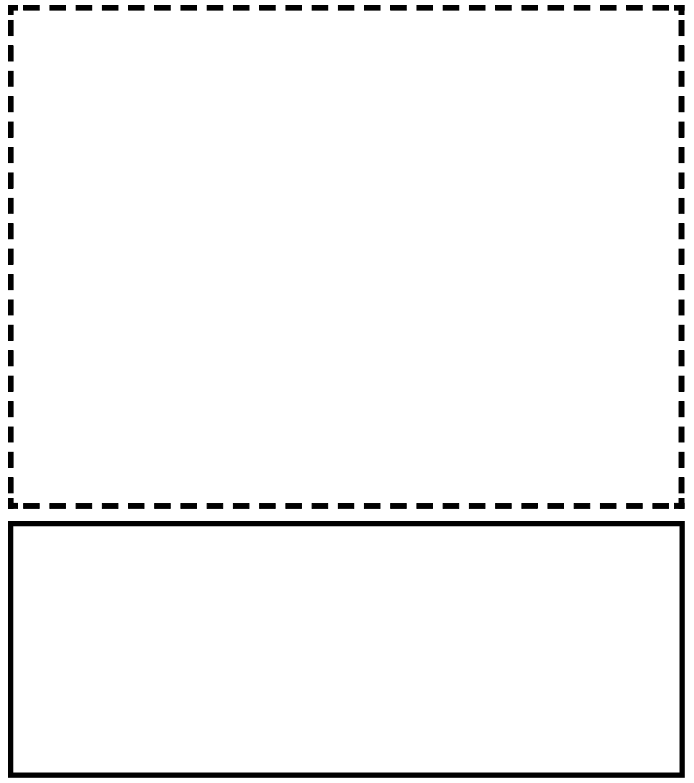
Please submit articles for the August issue no later than July 28th.

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.



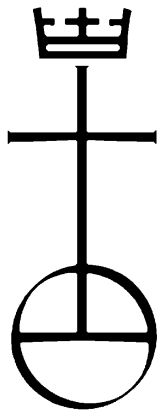
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**Waverly Heights Congregational
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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.**

