

The Church On The Hill



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

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Pastor's Report



Friends of mine, colleagues, are dying this summer—and I'm learning to play the ukulele. Okay, that is kind of jarring. But life does go on. And even in those jarring moments as

life goes on in the face of death, even there one may find strange grace. Consider first the character and ministries of Tom and of Jim.

Tom Hunter died a few weeks ago of Jakob-Creutzfeldt disease. He was a wonderful song-writer and audience-engaging performer. An ordained UCC pastor, music was at the heart of his ministry. And his music flowed marvelously between having fun and touching our deepest feelings and spirit. We've sung his "Sparrow Introit" and maybe in the fall we'll learn a couple more of his songs.

Jim Belt is a retired Presbyterian pastor, in hospice now—cancer. When he was undergoing treatments earlier in the year he started handing out red clown noses. He also

had printed up bumper stickers saying simply, "Give a Damn!" Jim, like Tom, has lived the connection of having fun while being engaged and engaging beyond our easy comfort zones.

So, they might both like the ukulele. Undeniably fun. Engaging, too, in its own style. And the ukulele can be surprisingly poignant (try typing into YouTube "IZ Somewhere Over the Rainbow" — close your eyes and just listen.) So I'm thinking that life going on, having fun with music and a slightly goofy instrument, right now that's a pretty sweet daily memorial for Tom and prayer for Jim. It's another opening to God's touch, and a nod to the gifts and example of these two superb Christians.

How about you? Whose lives do you celebrate, joyously, even through the tears? How do they live in openings great or small where God's presence is real and powerful in and through your lives? Engage this question. Have fun. Give thanks. Give a damn.

Blessings,

David

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Sunday, September 7th will be the kick-off of our 2008-2009 Sunday School year. There will be weekly classes for K-3rd graders and 4-8th graders. For those big kids - stay tuned - we're still working out the details. We look forward to seeing you and your children for another great year of Sunday learning and fun. We will introduce the teachers that day during the service. As always, if you have any

questions, comments or WANT TO TEACH - once a month or occasionally - please talk to Jill Johnson or Karen Lenore. We'd love to hear from you.



WAVERLY AT CAMP ADAMS

Another year has gone by and it is time for our annual retreat to Waverly Cabin at Camp Adams. We stay for Labor Day weekend, this year August 29 -- Sept. 1. We usually go out for Friday evening and stay until Sunday. We have group meals, group hikes, and group fun! There will be a sign-up at church for bunk reservations, quickly followed by some meal organization. Any questions, contact Marie.

Church is at camp this one Sunday, and if you prefer to not "camp" with us, we will arrange carpools for those wanting to attend the service on Sunday. This

year I believe it will be on the beautiful new deck. Please contact Pastor David if you would like to have a ride.

Peace Fair August 16th

Our friends at Parkrose and Zion Gresham UCCs have asked us to let folk know about the Peace Fair they are sponsoring along with the East County Peace Coalition. August 16th, 2pm - 6pm, free, at Parkrose High School NE Shaver/NE 115th, Portland. Jerry Leggett's Peace Bubble will be there (info @ peacebubblecafe.org). An "Interactive Concert" will follow at 6pm -- \$10 for adults, children free with family. Bring along your blanket and picnic basket for a family picnic and concert on the lawn. For tickets, general information, vendor application for the Peace Fair, or to volunteer, please contact Camie at peacebubblecafe.pdx@gmail.com



ART EXHIBIT

Dana Weir will be exhibiting her artwork during the month of August at the North Bank Gallery in Vancouver, WA. There will be a celebratory opening event on the first of August, the first Friday of the month. Dana's series for this show centers around the Taize meditation service, which Dana encountered right here at Waverly UCC. The artwork will be on display during the month of August, and Dana would like to invite you all to visit the gallery.

North Bank Gallery is located at 1005 Main St. Vancouver, WA. (in central down-town Vancouver).

Feel free to call Dana with any questions, at 503-975-8991.



BABY SHOWER!!!

Join us in welcoming the newest member of our community. Carys Sexton-Sayler will be 3 months old exactly, and we're having a party to celebrate. Join us after church in the Fellowship Hall on **August 10, 2008**. We'll provide the cake!



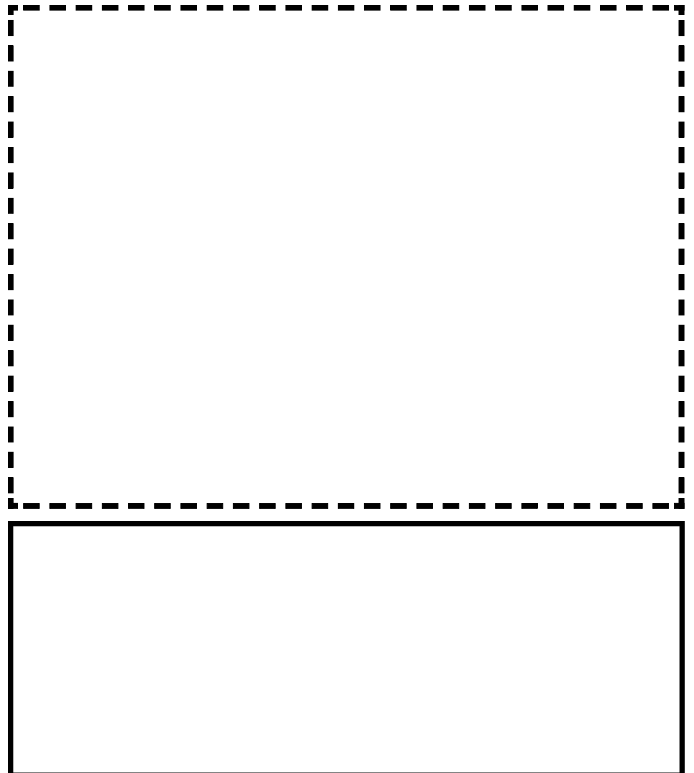
Please submit articles for the September issue no later than August 19th.

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.



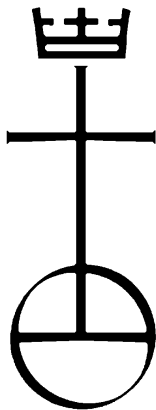
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**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.**

