

The Church On The Hill



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

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Our UCC ancestors in the Congregational tradition got it right with decision by congregational meeting. That was powerfully witnessed to this past Sunday at Waverly UCC.

The question before us was: shall we take out a loan from the Cornerstone Fund, make our church wheelchair accessible at last, and run a capital campaign early next year to pay off the loan. Not something to enter into lightly in these uncertain times. But the need and the vision of Waverly as a welcoming and inclusive community are certain.

The meeting was a joy to witness. A clear presentation by Glen Pullen on behalf of the Consistory (and **major** thanks to Glen for all his work on this!) was followed by many thoughtful and to the point questions and comments. Some questions could be answered, some we just don't know.

But when all was said and done, the congregation voted and spoke unanimously, YES! now is the time to go ahead with this. It's exciting, a bit scary, and feels right.

The theological underpinning of congregational meetings is the conviction that when we come together to speak and to listen, to honestly offer our hopes and fears, dreams and hesitations and commitments, then in the midst of all our back and forth and round about the Spirit will heard. The Spirit has spoken before in our life together. It has

been with us in risk taking and renewal and blessing. I am confident the Spirit is with us now. Can I hear an "Amen!"

Blessings,
David

It's a Potluck! Family Albums & Stewardship

It's that wonderful time of year again when we get to look at who we are as a community, to celebrate God's work among us, and to commit to supporting that work with our financial gifts and pledges for the year ahead. Sunday **November 9th after church** we'll have a potluck and launch our stewardship campaign for the coming year. The new family albums will be there. Along with sharing table fellowship and the amazing food this congregation puts together, we'll break into



small groups around the tables to enjoy the family albums together and to talk about why Waverly Heights UCC is so important to us. Pledge cards will be there. If you possible can be, please won't **you be there too!** It'll all go so well if all our members and friends can come and participate—and it's definitely going to be great fun.

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ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Our next lively discussion of the Adult Education group will be on Thursday, October 30th at 7pm in Hyde Hall. Please read Chapter 2 (and 1 if you haven't already!) of Marcus Borg's The Heart of Christianity and come ready to question, discuss, meditate on and engage with the material and each other. Or, sit back and listen, that's fine too. Either way, we'd love to have you and look forward to seeing you on the 30th. This is a drop-in group, so come for the meetings that you can; you don't need to be able to commit to coming to every meeting. We will set a schedule for other meetings, so please bring your calendar! If you have questions, talk to Pastor David or Jill Johnson.

Grazie The Italian Night Dinner was an amazing success. The Fellowship Hall looked and felt like an Italian restaurant. The seven course dinner was like an evening in Italy. Thanks to Tom McFadden for the music and the cooks Lisa Baggetta, Michelle Mecklem, Carol Palumbo and Steve Palumbo. The Kitchen ran well because of Mark Mecklem, David and Marie Zaworski. The best is that the dinner raised \$1,084 for the handicap access fund.

Grazie Carol Palumbo



Please join us for our **Fall Cleanup day** on November

23. We will be mowing, edging and raking, disposing of leaves, and clearing out the gutters at Church and at the Parsonage. We may also be laying down some new mulch. Many hands make light work, so please bring your gloves and implements and lets make the place look good for Winter.

Paul Kane
Building and Grounds

WWW Update

Our regular second Thursday meeting will be November 13th at 8:00 p.m. in Hyde Hall.

We'll work on a fund raiser for the church. Bring good scissors, a ruler, and straight pins. The Willing Waverly Women will be WORKING, and talking and sharing.

Fast forward to December—We're planning to find a reasonable/donation Christmas concert to attend together. Any suggestions?

Also in December we plan to attend a reader's theater production by the Profile Theater located on 34th and Belmont. This theater company features one playwright a season and this time it will be works by Neil Simon. They are having a "One Night Stand" series to promote theater for everyone. The cost is a suggested \$5 donation; there are no reservations; just show up at the door on December 8th before 7:30 p.m. Let's invite friends, partners, husbands and support their effort to make live theater available to all. More later, but we could carpool from Hyde Hall.

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 contact the church office at 503-238-1337.



Please submit articles for the December issue no later than November 18th.

Thanks, Trish Effenberger, Editor

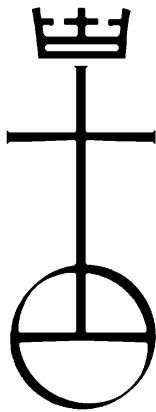
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**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.**

