

The Church on the Hill

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“Freedom’s just another word for nothin’ left to lose”

“*Me and Bobby McGee*”
by Kris Kristofferson.

I’m not sure I agree entirely with Kristofferson’s lyric. Maybe there’s a bit more to freedom—but he’s right to connect freedom with how we stand in relation to loss. I’m thinking about this now, in this general climate of people losing jobs, houses and healthcare, because of three particular losses.

In the last few days my laptop computer was stolen, the glass front doors of the church were smashed with a couple bricks by a vandal or vandals, and the wife of a colleague lost her life to cancer. That last puts some perspective on the other losses. A computer, a pair of doors, these are basically stuff. Not without value and importance—losing a laptop means losing time invested in setting it up to be a very personal tool, loss of our doors means money we won’t have for other purposes. And even for a very open church such as ours, it’s a bit of a violation when we aren’t the ones freely opening the doors ourselves. But finally, doors and computer, we’re talking about stuff, not life.

Even in his loss, my colleague David ministered to us with a powerful witness—to how God has

held and supported him, and to his confidence that his wife is indeed not lost, but utterly held in God’s love forever. I am sure that he feels great sorrow, but he is not bound by that sorrow. He is free in Christ, in the Good News that he and his wife lived each day.

“Nothing left to lose” is one kind of freedom, and as far as stuff goes maybe not a bad one. But how much greater the freedom to love, to have much to lose, and yet find the grace to meet loss with trust, hope, and affirmation of life.

Blessings,
David

**PASTOR DAVID
ON VACATION**



**The Pastor
Will Be Away**

Pastor David will be on vacation starting Sunday afternoon October 11th and continuing through the week to Sunday afternoon October 18th.

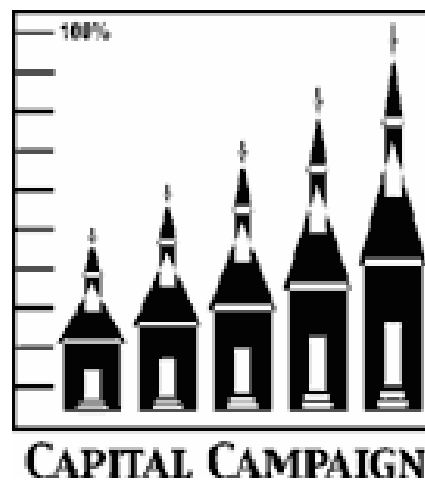
Waverly's "\$100,000 for our 100th" Off to a Great Start

September 13 was a grand celebration as we joyfully dedicated our new lift and accepted pledges for Waverly's "\$100,000 for our 100th Year" capital campaign.

Having the church entirely handicapped accessible is a great achievement. Our next challenge is to repay the Cornerstone Loan that made it possible for us to install the lift.

Our capital campaign goal was to raise \$97,175 to both repay the loan and complete needed maintenance on the church and parsonage buildings. It turns out that we did not need to borrow the entire \$46,000 allowed by the loan agreement, and some of the maintenance has been completed by member's elbow grease. Here's the current tally:

Repay Cornerstone Loan	\$37,314
Estimated interest on loan	6,587
*Paint church exterior	1,000
*Paint church basement	0
*Refinish floors	0
Install ceiling fans	4,375
Paint sanctuary	8,600
Replace sanctuary carpeting	2,500
Paint narthex	1,200
Paint entry	1,300
Upgrade parsonage	<u>10,000</u>
Total needed	\$72,876



*Already completed

As of Sept. 15, we have received payments and pledges totaling more than \$43,000, so we're well on our way to reaching our goal.

My thanks goes to everyone for your generous response!

Anne Reif, Capital Campaign Coordinator

COLD AND FLU PREVENTION TIPS

As we all know, this promises to be a doosie of a year for colds and flus. As part of the Waverly UCC health talks, parish naturopath Melinda Nickels will be discussing colds and flus, how to keep up your immune system and hopefully prevent them, and what can be

done to reduce their s e v e r i t y .

When: Sunday Oct. 11, (starting somewhere between 12:30 - 1 depending on the length of the service)

Where: Waverly UCC, downstairs right after lunch

DAYBREAK COOKS NEEDED

We need cooks for our next week of the shelter 10/23-10/31. Thus far we have Tuesday 10/27 and Thursday 10/29 covered. If you think you could help out please let me know.

Also, Daybreak requests overnight host for that week as well. They just have Friday 10/30 covered. Anybody able to help out?

Newcomers can learn everything they want about the Daybreak program, and volunteering for it, at www.pdxpax.org/daybreak/

Tom McFadden



WWW's

Again I'm writing this before our September meeting. The October meeting will be the fourth Thursday in Hyde Hall at 7:00 p.m. on September 22. I will get a couple e-mails out before then. It will be a joy to meet in the newly refurbished Hyde Hall. Thanks, huge thanks to all who helped with the work. During the potluck at my house, we discussed having a later than usual time for the bazaar so that we could draw those who went early and it would flow naturally into a later carol sing. Helen and Gretchen are making sets of matching casserole, pie, and pot holders. I told her they were so great she'd be taking orders. Nothing doing!! Get there early!



—PUNCH—

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(You will find the answer upside-down at the bottom of the calendar page)

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.

Newsletter DEADLINE

Please submit articles for the November issue no later than Thursday, October 22nd.

Thanks,

Trish Effenberger,
Editor

Geoffrey Black Elected General Minister and President of UCC

Written by J. Martin Bailey
September - October 2009

Ministries of Jaramillo and Sterner affirmed

The Rev. Geoffrey Black, who served for nearly a decade as minister of the UCC's New York Conference, was called by election to succeed the Rev. John Thomas as general minister and president of the United Church of Christ. The June 30 vote took place during the UCC's 27th General Synod. Thomas was ineligible for an additional term.

Black's June 26 nomination speech invited all members of the church, in every setting — in local churches, in covenanted ministries, in theological seminaries, and as ecumenical partners — to work together. "In the UCC," he said, "ministry is not a social act. We are in this together."

He quoted scripture: "We do not lose heart. We are all of us in this ministry together." And he insisted that "we are adequately and incredibly gifted to serve the world." Black also spoke of the denomination's commitment to the struggle for justice and peace as "part of our identity."

It is possible, he said, "for us to be an inclusive church and still be a church of faith. This is why our voice is needed: so that all people will know that they are God's people."

The announcement of Black's election was greeted with a standing ovation. In brief remarks, the new general minister and president thanked the delegates and spoke of his high expectations of working with other members of the UCC's five-person Collegium of Officers. Echoing remarks made at the time of his nomination, Black affirmed, "We are in this together."

Prior to his service in New York, Black was pastor of local congregations for 15 years, a university chaplain, and was on the staff of the UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership. He is a graduate of Lincoln University and Yale Divinity School.

Also called by election to new terms were the executive ministers of two covenanted ministries. The Rev. M. Linda Jaramillo was re-elected as executive minister of Justice and Witness Ministries and the Rev. Stephen L. Sterner was chosen as executive minister of Local Church Ministries. All will serve four-year terms beginning Oct. 1, 2009.

Jaramillo oversees the denomination's work in human rights and social, racial, and economic justice. She told delegates earlier in the day when she accepted re-nomination that "when we are told that the church should not meddle in politics, we need to answer that justice is not political — it is theological." She also said that justice work requires interdependent leaders.

Ours is not an isolated task but requires many hands, she said. "A leader is most effective when he or she is barely visible."

Sterner originally was elected to complete the term of the Rev. José Malayang, who resigned. The present election was for a full four-year term.

Before coming to Local Church Ministries, Sterner had served local churches and as a staff member of the former United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. His pastoral experience was in historic old churches and in a new church start. At the conclusion of the elections, other members of the Collegium joined the newly elected three on stage. Following warm mutual greetings, Thomas stepped to the microphone and offered a prayer written by the Rev. Dale Bishop four years ago, when Bishop completed his service with the Collegium.

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Upcoming Events: November 1st—Daylight Saving Time Ends December 5th—WWW's Bazaar</p>				1	2 —12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am —Benefit Concert by Michael Allen Harrison @ 6:30pm @ Fremont United Methodist Church	3
4 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School Communion Celebrated 12 pm Fellowship Blood Pressure Screenings	5 Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall	6 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm	7 —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall	8	9 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am	10
11 Pastor Away 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship Cold & Flu Prevention Tips 2-4 pm Sacred Harp singing practice in Hyde Hall	12 Pastor Away Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall	13 Pastor Away 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm	14 Pastor Away —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall	15 Pastor Away	16 Pastor Away —12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am —CPC Women's Fall Retreat @ Camp Adams	17 Pastor Away CPC Women's Fall Retreat @ Camp Adams
18 Pastor Away 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship CPC Women's Fall Retreat @ Camp Adams	19 —Consistory meets @ 7 pm in Hyde Hall —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall	20 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm	21 —Day timer's Fellowship Group potluck lunch @ noon in Hyde Hall —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall	22 —WWW's meets in Hyde Hall @ 7pm November Newsletter Deadline	23 DayBreak 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am	24 DayBreak
25 DayBreak 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship	26 DayBreak Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall	27 DayBreak 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm	28 DayBreak —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm —Evening Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall —Oregon Trail Society meets @ 7 pm	29 DayBreak	30 DayBreak Waverly's Annual Halloween Carnival	31 DayBreak Halloween Day