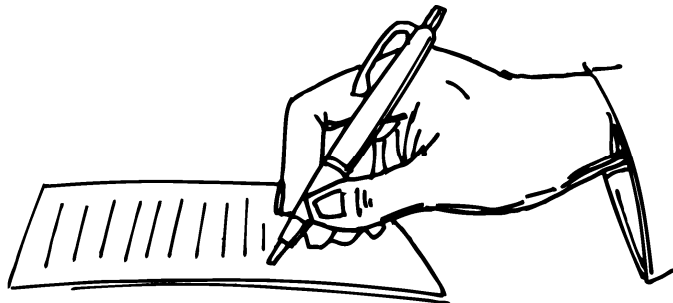


The Church on the Hill

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From the MINISTER

“Do not be anxious.” These are Jesus' wonderful words of liberation—a declaration of freedom from all the fears, worries and uncertainties that would bind us. I'm thinking of this right now in response to Waverly's current financial situation. In brief, we haven't made up for the loss of income from the Wy'East Unitarian congregation. That means that even using up our operating reserves, at projected levels of income and expense for the next couple months, we'd end the year \$4300 short. This created some anxiety in the Consistory.

I just felt charged up. This is such a great chance to practice trust, practice letting go of anxiety, practice keeping the focus on what's truly life-giving. Is the church's need substantial? You bet. Is it well within our reach? I'm sure it is. And already some of that shortfall is being made up. I'm pretty confident that with many of us doing a little more, and I hope a few people doing rather a

lot more, we'll more than meet the immediate need.

But here's the real kicker: even if we suddenly had a much bigger deficit and somehow couldn't make it up with a little bit here and a little more there, even so it would still be okay. That's the real trust in God part. The thing is, we aren't told to trust that God will fix things the way *we* want them fixed. But even if *our* plans are falling apart around us, we can trust God to open up new possibilities, new ways to live into our faith sustained by God's grace.

And of course, what is true for us as a community is true for us as families and individuals. I'm charged up because I know we can trust God. I know it from experience in churches, from the personal stories so many have offered me, and most assuredly from my own life.

So, do not be anxious. Maybe you can write an extra check for \$50, or maybe \$500, or maybe not. Maybe you aren't able to contribute with any money, but you can still contribute prayers, encouragement, smiles... whatever you do have. It will be enough—all of us doing what we can. God is faithful. God is not done blessing us and our community through Waverly UCC!

Thank you. Blessings,

Pastor David

WWW's HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Waverly Heights United Church of Christ announces a small but exquisite Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 3 to 7 pm. Hand-crafted work by the church's "WWW" (Wild Waverly Women) will feature crocheted gifts (lavender sachets, guest toiletry bags), vintage and French-inspired linens, unique hostess gifts, (retro-aprons, French bread warmers, casserole and pie carriers, elegant napkin sets, table runners), magical children's gifts, (patchwork balls, elfin beasts, and puppet theaters), vintage jewelry, ornaments, and more.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Refreshments: mulled cider, doughnuts, and coffee will be available.

Join us at 7:00 pm for the singing of carols and other holiday favorites.

The church is completely ADA accessible.

TAIZE!



Many people have talked to me about resuming Taize and we are doing just that, this time on a quarterly basis. Come and bring your friends on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 for this beautiful candle-lit service full of song, silence, meditation and prayer. Colin will be accompanying us on the piano. The service lasts for about 50 minutes and is a wonderful time to rejuvenate and center through meditative, beautiful song. It will be a lovely way to begin the December season. Spread the word and then come and join us. If you have questions, please talk to Jill in church or at 503-232-5598.

KID'S CRAFTY CHRISTMAS



Thank you to everyone who contributed to a fun Halloween carnival. We have such a great community! Please mark you calendars for our famous Kid's Crafty Christmas event, which will be held on December 12th. Come and make some fun crafts, eat some great snacks, and

maybe even make a present or 2. Be sure to invite your friends. Cost for the event is \$5 and a can of food for FISH. If you are interested in contributing a craft or helping at the event, talk to Michelle Domenico.

CHECK OUT GREGG WEED'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Gregg Weed has continued his song-writing and musical productions in his new home in Hawaii. Check out his musical Christmas Pageant at the link below. You can listen (it's a bit over 8 minutes long) and read along in the script. If you don't have computer access, ask Pastor David for a paper copy of the script and/or a cd of the music.

Gregg writes:

Anyone interested in the musical journey (me singing to the music) can simply go

to: www.manifestomusical.com/pageant.html

Enjoy!

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 December issue no later than Thursday, November 19th.

Thanks,

Trish Effenberger,
Editor

FAITH UCC IN GRANTVILLE (Penn.) BREAKS GROUND ON FOOD PANTRY EXPANSION

Written by Brenda Waleff
August 25, 2009

The Grantville (Penn.) Area Food Pantry, housed at Faith UCC, broke ground for an expansion August 20.

Faith's pastor George Robertson said it was never dreamed back in 1999 that they would outgrow the former parsonage of the church helping people in the community with food and assistance. In 1999, the pantry began serving six or seven families a month in one room. They now serve close to 100 people a week and have 125 volunteers who work Wednesdays to unload the food and shelf it and then come back Thursday nights and Friday mornings to serve those in need.



The expansion is funded by a grant of \$188,000 given to East Hanover Township derived from gaming proceeds at Hollywood Casino and Penn National Race Course. The addition is needed to meet increasing demand for the services the pantry provides, including clothing and hot meals, and to make the pantry handicapped-accessible.

Joining members of Faith UCC in the groundbreaking ceremony were members from several other Grantville churches who participate on the organizational committee or volunteer at the food pantry. State Representative Ron Marsico, who helped the pantry obtain a feasibility study grant last year, was also in attendance. Members of Faith and the operating committee helped Rev. Robertson and local officials break ground.

The Grantville Area Food Pantry has expanded beyond their walls. Each Monday evening, except for the summer months, volunteers from the Pantry go to Penn National Race Course and serve the track workers and their families a hot meal. In summer months, picnics are held on Mondays with the volunteers, including many youth from the area churches playing soccer and softball with the track families.

Cor Construction Services will build the addition and says work will begin within the next 30 days. The addition is scheduled for completion in the next few months.

Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick read a proclamation naming August 20, 2009 Grantville Area Food Pantry day in Dauphin County.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Eri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School Communion Celebrated 12 pm Fellowship Blood Pressure Screenings	2	3 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm	4 Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm	5	6 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am	7
8 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship 2-4 pm Sacred Harp singing practice in Hyde Hall	9	10 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm	11 Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am	14
15 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship	16 Consistory meets @ 7 pm in Hyde Hall	17 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm	18 —Day timer's Fellowship Group potluck lunch @ noon in Hyde Hall —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm	19 <i>December Newsletter Deadline</i>	20 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am	21
22 Thanksgiving Sunday 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship	23	24 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 7 to 9 pm	25 —Qi Gong class 7:30 to 8:30 pm —Oregon Trail Society meets @ 7 pm	26 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	27 12 step program in Fellowship Hall 9:30 to 11:30 am	28
29 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship Service & Sunday School 12 pm Fellowship	30		Upcoming Events: December 1st—Taize Service @ 7 pm December 5th— WWW's Holiday Bazaar 3-7 pm 7 pm Singing of Carols	December 12th— Kid's Crafty Christmas event		