

# The Church on the Hill

Waverly Heights Congregational  
United Church of Christ

David Zaworski, Pastor

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Geoffrey Black, the President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ, spoke at our Central Pacific Conference meeting last week. One of the things he reported on was a checking-in that had happened at the national UCC around our core values and vision. I think the three core values that were lifted up will resonate here at Waverly:

First, “continuing testament” which is just different language for “God is still speaking.” This understanding was already a part of the sentiment that launched our puritan ancestors to this continent almost 400 years ago—Pastor John Robinson told them “There is yet more light and truth to break forth from God's holy word.” We have sought to listen for and respond to God's ongoing revelation through all these years.

Second, “extravagant welcome.” I'd have to say that church today looks different than it did when I was growing up. A fair amount of that results from how wonderfully God has blessed us as we live out the core value of hospitality, invitation, and humility for and before *all* people. And this value still calls us to look at ourselves and ask, “Who isn't here yet? What's the next welcome we are called to intentionally extend?”

Third, “changing lives.” This one may be a little less clear. We certainly have our stories of big, dramatic moments and experiences in people's



lives, but we're not ones to focus over-much on single, one-time re-orientations of life. We recognize “being born again” as an ongoing process. And in our missions we emphasize life-changing community development sustained by relationships for the long-haul.

For me, one of the places all these core values come together is Waverly's participation in the annual Portland Pride Parade. This will be our eighth year joining the UCC parade group. Together we offer our witness to God's continuing testament of love and acceptance for *all* of her children. Together we offer God's extravagant welcome and we receive—and bask in—the warmth, welcome, and gratitude of so many people, LGBTQ and allies, who rejoice in our Christian presence and co-celebration of the goodness of God's creation in all people.

I believe our UCC presence in this annual celebration is a part of changing lives. I'm pretty sure it's a part of renewing and transforming the life of Waverly Heights UCC. Combining witness with great fun and mutual welcome is a powerful mix, a heady, joyful brew that God uses to open us up and realize our extravagant welcome, to open our hearts to keep listening for all that God hopes and purposes for our life together.

Blessings!

Pastor David

## Celebrate Summer with our Kids!

Do you know how to make ice cream? Were you a first round draft pick for Duck, Duck, Goose? Share your talents with our kids this summer. Instead of our traditional Sunday School, we will be doing arts, crafts and games every Sunday. We are looking for adults to sign up for one (or more) Sundays and lead our kids through whatever fun activity you can come up with. Look for a sign up sheet downstairs. Please talk to Karen Lenore or Michelle Domenico, if you have questions or would like ideas.



## Celebrate Kids on June 12th!

Children are a special part of our community, and we will be celebrating them and the joy they add to our congregation on June 12th. During this special service, we will be handing out participation certificates to our kids, and appreciating our fabulous Sunday School Teachers. We will also present Bibles to our incoming 4th graders. By the way, we define participation loosely. If your child has attended Sunday School at Waverly any time during the year, please bring them and we will have a certificate for them. Feel free to call or e-mail Karen Lenore or Michelle Domenico, and let us know you will be there on Sunday.

## Recipes with No Names

We have some recipes that have NO NAME on them. Below are the recipe titles. We ask for the person who submitted the recipe to call or email [gretchena2@gmail.com](mailto:gretchena2@gmail.com). It is important we have this done by the end of June.

Chuck Wagon Casserole  
 Omelet Grand Mere  
 Oven-roasted Pork chops  
 Crab Dip (with Knox gelatin)  
 Baked French Toast with Sausage  
 Moo-less Chocolate Pie  
 Carrot Cake (Beverly Brisbols)  
 Steamed Pumpkin Pudding with Satin Sauce  
 Buttermilk Biscuits  
 Lola' Broccoli Casserole  
 Captain Soup

Thank you, Helen Feight



## Message from Building & Grounds



The next event in the ongoing improvements to the sanctuary will be to pull up the 40 year old carpeting. Join the fun on Saturday, June 4th from 10am-2pm. Bring work gloves, pry bars, dust masks and knee pads if you have them. The church will have some extra dust masks for those who need one.

We are planning to live with the bare wood for a few months, after which a decision will be made about refinishing the floors and installing new carpet.

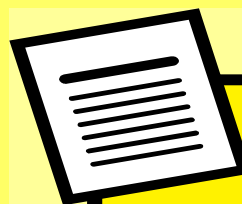
Thanks to those who have been helping with the grounds and building clean up. I will be seeking out more folks to sign on for turns with the yard work in the month of July and into late summer.



Our Sunday worship will move to summer schedule beginning June 19th. Worship will be an hour earlier, beginning at 10 am through the summer until Labor Day Weekend worship out at Camp Adams.

### **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.



**DEADLINE:**  
**Newsletter Articles**

Please submit articles for the July issue no later than **Tuesday, June 21st.**

Thanks, Trish Effenberger, Editor

## Social Justice Committee: June Events and Interesting Links

**Wed., June 8**  
7:00 pm

### **Don't Look Now! A Benefit Performance For Homelessness**

Alberta Rose Theater, 3000 NE Alberta St., Portland

The Portland Fiction Project will be presenting a fundraiser performance to benefit Homelessness Awareness at the Alberta Rose Theatre. Local writers including Geneva Chao, Shanna Seesz, Joe Pitkin, Scott Warfe and Alice Clark will read original Homelessness-focused fiction pieces. They will be joined by Lidia Yuknavitch, author of the recent critically-acclaimed memoir, *The Chronology of Water*, and Laura Moulton, creator of the forthcoming Street Books project. Local street performers will provide musical interludes throughout the evening, and The Future Historians will play a set. More information at <http://www.deansden.net/portlandfiction/>

**Sun., June 19**  
11:30 am

### **Portland Pride Parade**

West Burnside – Old Town – McCall Park, Portland.

Waverly will be marching in this year's Pride Parade along with other local UCC churches. We'll be organizing a car pool, or a bus-and-bike-pool, to head directly from church (after the service, which starts at 10:00 am on the Summer schedule that day) to the parade. The goal is to get down to the area near West Burnside and 13th Avenue by the 11:30 am step-off time. The parade goes down Burnside, north on Broadway to Davis, and then down to McCall Park, where the Waterfront Festival starts at noon. More information about the 2010 Pride Festival, including a parade route map and the vendors and entertainment lineup at the Waterfront Festival, is available at <http://www.pridenw.org/>.

More info & additional events listings at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon [www.emoregon.org](http://www.emoregon.org).

### **June Special Offering – *Strengthen the Church* – Sunday, June 12, 2010**

Pentecost Sunday (June 12) is the opportunity to contribute to the *Strengthen the Church* offering. *Strengthen the Church*, one of four special mission offerings within the United Church of Christ, grows the UCC's future by:

- Funding **new church starts** and **invigorating existing congregations**
- Nurturing **lay and pastoral leadership**
- Building **youth and young adult** ministries

Supporting the **God is Still Speaking Ministry** and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ and who come to UCC churches. The *Strengthen the Church* offering is part of Our Church's Wider Mission Special Support (which also includes the One Great Hour of Sharing and Neighbors in Need offerings), and helps provide support to birthing new UCC churches, provide leadership and ministry training, and support the UCC's wider welcoming and outreach ministry.

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**Worship Service**  
Sundays @11:00 am

**Summer Schedule:**  
Sundays @ 10:00 am  
Beginning June 19th

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*Waverly Heights Congregational*

*United Church of Christ*

*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*

