

The Church on the Hill

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**We're Saving a Seat
for You**

As I write, it's a bright, warm summer morning. Yes, summer. It's here, even though some of us were wondering if the unseasonably cold

wet weather would ever let up. So, take a moment with me to enjoy this time (and feel free to laugh if in a couple weeks you hear me complain about it being hot all the time.)

I'm thinking this morning about Waverly UCC's long waiting through decades of general mainstream church decline and the aging of this congregation. Wonderful, faithful people kept this church alive and active in service even as numbers declined. Glen Pullen has pulled together the numbers for us; as I recall we hit our smallest about eight years ago. And now in these recent years God has been acting in and through us all in marvelous ways. Summer is here at Waverly.

So take time to enjoy this season in the church's life. And just as we enjoy summer best when we are able to get out into the sun, warm breezes, and long lovely evenings, so we can best savor the blessings of our Waverly UCC community by showing up, being present with one another, continuing the service, sharing, and support that has sustained and revived us by God's grace.

It's so wonderful to be at a place where we have the willing hands the talents, and yes the money to be revitalizing our worship space with new paint, beautifully refinished floors, and more to come. Come to worship and celebrate. I'm so happy that we've found a place to renew Waverly's long-standing involvement in feeding the homeless and hungry by serving breakfast at St. Stephen's Table Saturdays once a quarter (starting this month— 23

July)— come receive the blessing of service and connection. And how many places give us a chance to witness by partying? Come walk or bike in the Division/Clinton parade (also Saturday 23 July, time to get there after St. Stephen's Table) as we show our neighborhood the community that God has created with our extravagant welcome.

And then there's Taizé, bookclub, WWWs, cleaning/ workdays, celebrate summer... You get the idea. So many ways to be present, to bask in the sunshine of this time, to forward the projects that are dear to us, to know God's blessings as we work, worship, and just play together. So let me lift up one more: Come out to Camp Adams Labor Day weekend where we put it all together— worship, service, celebration (and blackberry cobbler)!

Blessings,
Pastor David



Please sign up to greet on Sundays! We are in need of greeters for the rest of the summer.

This job is simple yet rewarding. Simply arrive 10 minutes early, greet people at the door, hand out bulletins, help people up steps, welcome and inform new comers and help with the collection plate. The sign up sheet is posted in the basement by the kitchen window OR just show up if you want to greet. Thanks to the faithful few who have greeted over and over!

Jennifer Johnson

Labor Day Weekend— Waverly at Waverly Cabin



It's coming up, our annual work-play-worship weekend at Camp Adams. Plan to come out for all or part of our time in this wonderful place. Waverly cabin was the first built out at Camp Adams and as the name suggest, our church built it as a place for church groups and summer camps at this amazing 200+ acre camp between Molalla and Colton. We've continued to feel a sense of stewardship for this beautiful place, and it does take upkeep. So we'll plan to put in some good work on Saturday. Sunday worship that week will also be out at Camp, followed by a potluck. And with any luck we'll find plenty of blackberries for our traditional cobbler sometime during the weekend. Marie Brandis will be organizing the weekend. Tell her you're coming, ask her questions, offer to prepare a meal... See you there!

Decorating the Altar



Altar Flowers

The church has taken on a whole new look through the newly painted walls and the refinished floors. If you would like to use all that as a lovely backdrop to work with while decorating the altar please contact Julie Strayer Thoma. We need people to sign-up for the rest of the summer.

A big thank you to the folks who have been decorating the altar for the past few months: Beth and Bob Kress for the last three weeks of Lent, Andrew and Judy Millar for Easter, and the WWW for May.

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!! We Still Have Recipes with No Names

We still 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 as soon as possible. It is getting down to crunch time and we need to finish the project.

Thank you, Helen Feight

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



Women's Retreat @ Camp Adams October 7th – 9th, 2011



Sponsored by the Central Pacific Conference United Church of Christ Women's Board
Women's Retreat at Camp Adams, Molalla, Oregon. October 7 -9, 2011.

"Native American Spirituality and Art". The resource leaders are the Mother/Daughter team Denise Anderson, pastor at Clackamas UCC and Caitey who founded the Celilo Indian Education Program. This years camp will focus on Native American Spirituality and Art, learning about this culture's spiritual practices and art. This will be a hands on experience.

This is your chance to spend a wonderful weekend at camp with old and new friends. The retreat is \$105.00. Pre-registration: \$65 (transferable but not refundable) \$40 due on arrival. Make checks payable to: United Church of Christ Women (total may be paid in advance, if you prefer) Mail to:

Nancy Klingeman, registrar 3225 NW Elmwood Drive, Corvallis OR 97330.

Contact person at Waverly Heights Carol Palumbo 503.235.3800.

BOOK CLUB MEETS



Book Club Monday, July 25, at 6:30 PM at the Millar's. The books are The Girl Who Fell From the Sky by Heidi W. Durrow and The Magicians by Lev Grossman. All are welcome.

Reverend and Wife Moving

Rev. Norm Bengel and his wife, Barbara, are moving soon to brand new digs with a great view of Mt. Hood (Mirabella). The address is 3550 SW Bond Ave, Portland, OR 97239 and their new phone number is 203-688-6777.



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.

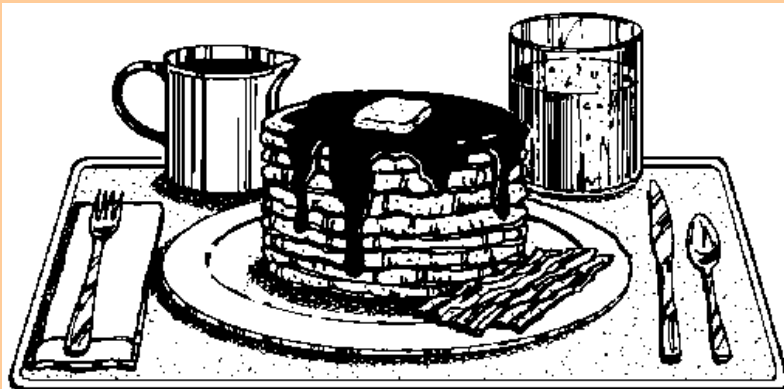
DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles

Please submit articles for the September issue no later than **Tuesday, August 23rd.**

Thanks, Trish Effenberger, Editor

AN INVITATION

When There's a 5th, Waverly Takes the 4th



Paul Davis, our UCC minister working with St. Stephen's Episcopal Parish, invites us to join them one Saturday morning a month serving breakfast to those hungry and homeless in their southwest corner of downtown, at SW 13th & Clay.

Every Saturday, the meals program called St. Stephen's Table serves about 100 folks either living on the street, close to it, or recovering from it. A crucial part of this ministry

is providing the survival service of food to people in need, but an equally life-giving part of this ministry is joining guests as "table companions" and extending hospitality and welcome.

Breakfast typically includes pancakes or eggs, sausage, orange juice and milk. This year, St. Stephen's was established as a partnering agency of Oregon Food Bank, which allows a major portion of the food to come at low or no cost.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for coffee and snacks. Cooks usually arrive by 8, and breakfast is served at 9. Cleanup is usually finished by 10 a.m. On 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Operation Nightwatch (headed by Rev. Gary Davis, past pastor of Lake Oswego UCC) also provides a footcare clinic at 10.

[A side note: St. Stephen's Table has been providing food for those experiencing homelessness for nearly 30 years. It started back in 1981 when sandwiches were made for the Hospitality Center of Operation Nightwatch (ONW). Those sandwiches continue to be made. Gary Davis was an ONW volunteer back then; now he's Executive Director. Last November, ONW moved into the St. Stephen's building and offers evening hospitality in the parish hall. Another way to join St. Stephen's in ministry is to co-host ONW with them on 2nd Saturday nights, 7-11pm.]

Originally, Paul suggested Waverly "take the 5th" which would translate to a quarterly commitment to serve. But another group, Journey Koinonia Catholic Community, has a longstanding commitment to serve the breakfast every last Saturday. So Paul suggests that in months with 5 Saturdays, Waverly joins St. Stephen's and takes the 4th.

Interested? Come join the volunteers of St. Stephen's on 4th Saturday, July 23. Arrive anytime between the time Paul opens the doors at 7:30 and mealtime at 9. Some may want to be kitchen help; others may want to be servers; others may want to join guests as companions at the table. All are needed. RSVP to David so we know to expect you. Caution: Many volunteers never stop coming!

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Portland Pride

On June 19th, several folks from Waverly marched along with other UCC churches in the metro area in the 41st Portland Pride Parade, the culmination of a three-day festival celebrating Portland's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities and the highlight of Oregon's officially-declared "Pride Month." We were among about 25,000 people who turned out to watch and march in this year's parade. By luck of the draw the UCC contingent marched near the end of the 110 groups, giving us a chance to spend the first couple of hours watching the parade instead of congregating in the line-up area.

This is the ninth consecutive year that members of Waverly Heights UCC have marched in the Pride Parade representing the church, a visible expression of Waverly's mission as an Open and Affirming congregation. Because the faith community is so polarized on same-sex marriage and other LGBTQ issues, and expressions of faith sometimes can be an excuse for unthinking prejudice, it's particularly important that churches like Waverly stand up and be counted on the side of equality—offering our participation as a tangible expression of our view of what Jesus would do. Hence faith-based groups always receive hearty cheers at the parade, and this year was no different—Waverly even got a shout-out as we passed the reviewing stand on Broadway!

Pride 2011 was also particularly significant in light of the decision the previous week by the New York General Assembly to pass legislation granting the right to same-sex marriage in that state, giving hope that Oregon may be next on the list of states that eliminate legislative and constitutional barriers to marriage for all.

July & August Events and Service Opportunities

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| Sat., July 23
7:30 am to 10 am | Waverly Helping Serve Breakfast at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
1432 SW 13th Ave., Portland (corner of 13th and Clay) |
| Sun., August 28 | Waverly Helping Serve Dinner (with St. Stephen's) for Operation Night-watch – Watch for more details in your email and at church! |
| Sun., August 7
1 pm to 4 pm | How Can We Create a Nuclear-Free World? Not Another Hiroshima, Nagasaki, or Fukushima.
At the Japanese American Historical Plaza, Waterfront Park, NW Naito Parkway and Couch St., Portland. Join Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility and partner organizations for a commemoration of the 66th anniversary of the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and to learn about the current nuclear disaster at Fukushima. Get involved in creating a nuclear-free future. Learn what YOU can do to abolish the threat of nuclear weapons, support alternatives to nuclear power and take part in <i>origami</i> workshops and other activities for the whole family. |

More info & additional events listings at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon www.emoregon.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, Continued

Finance Committee Report – July 2011 (First 6 months of 2011)

“Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen pounds nineteen and six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery.” – Mr. Micawber, in Charles Dickens’s *David Copperfield*.

The Second Quarter of 2011 came in a bit softer financially than budgeted, with three major revenue categories below what was forecast. Overall, revenues through the end of June were \$40,178 while expenses were \$45,007. Although it’s only halfway through the year, there are some concerns that the second part of the Micawber Principle may be looming. So ... Waverly needs to bring in about \$8,000 more in revenue during the second half of 2011 than in the first half to cover its budget for the year. More details below. The Finance Committee suggested a few action items to start working on to avoid a late-year special appeal:

- **Pledge donations** received are at about 44% (\$28,475) of the budgeted figure for the year (\$64,000), so we have a little “catching up” to do in the second half of the year.
 - If you have an annual pledge amount in mind, are a little behind, and are able to do so, **please consider using the summer and fall to catch up** on your pledge.
 - **If everyone who gives regularly could consider increasing your weekly pledge by \$5, we have a better chance of meeting the pledge revenue goal without a special appeal at the end of the year!**
 - Please consider signing up for **Electronic Giving** – the form is attached – you can fill it out and give it to Financial Secretary Ruth Stellmon or put it in the offering plate on Sunday.
- If you’re already contributing via Electronic Giving and you might be able to increase your regular offering, email Ruth Stellmon (ruthstellmon@hotmail.com) with the amounts and she can make the change with the E-gift service provider.

- **Building use** through the first six months (\$1,524) is only at about 30% of the amount budgeted for the year (\$5,000), due mainly to Soup Cycle leaving and a couple of expected rentals falling through.
 - **Pass the word** – if you know any groups that might be interested in renting space for meetings or events, have them contact Pastor David.

Volunteer to help coordinate advertising that space is available and “selling” our space – Craigslist? Other local news or internet sources? If interested, contact Dave Becker at (dhebecker@yahoo.com) or Pastor David.

- **Fund Raising** is a category that traditionally relies on late-year events, but with only \$159 raised so far, there is concern that we may miss our budget this year (\$3,000). With the 100th Anniversary Celebration in November, some of the traditional fund raisers (Italian Dinner, Bazaar) may not happen this year.
 - We need someone with time and energy to **spearhead an early-fall fundraiser** – possibly in late September or early October. If you can help with this, please contact anyone on the Consistory as we plan for the fall events calendar.

Please send any **ideas** for fundraising to the Finance Committee (c/o Dave Becker at dhebecker@yahoo.com)



Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving

Our church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church.

How to get started

To set up electronic donations, simply complete the authorization form on the right and return it to the church office. Donations can be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account.

AUTHORIZATION FORM	
Church name:	
Your name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email address:	
I would like to make the following contribution(s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Operating Fund	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____
Date of first contribution: ___/___/___	
Frequency of contribution (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly - Mondays	
<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly - 1 st and 15 th	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th	
CHECKING / SAVINGS Complete this section if using your checking or savings account	
Please debit my (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Checking account—attach voided check <input type="checkbox"/> Savings account—attach voided deposit slip	
Routing #:	Account #:
Valid routing # must start with 0, 1, 2 or 3	
I authorize the above organization and Vanco Services to process debit entries to the above account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.	
Authorized signature: _____	Date: / /

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Worship Service

Summer Schedule:
Sundays @ 10:00 am

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

