



# Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

April 2010

## *Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings*

As I'm writing this month's "musings" it's a few days from Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Just as the Passover and exodus are Judaism's great, most important story for life and faith, Holy Week tracing Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are our Christianity's great, most important story for life and faith. Though filled with pain and pathos, our Holy Week stories remind us how much the God we worship and serve really LOVES us. God loved the world – us – enough that through Jesus our Creator experienced earthly death at human hands. God loved us enough to die for us.

In and of itself, that's a powerful word from our God to us. But Holy Week doesn't end with Jesus' crucifixion. Holy Week ends with Jesus' resurrection. The God who died with and for us through Jesus resurrected his life, and resurrects ours as well. Neither the earthly death we all eventually pass through, nor all the little "deaths" of hopes and dreams we experience throughout our earthly lives are God's last word. God's last word for every aspect of our lives is resurrection – new life, new relationships, new possibilities – both in this life and in the life to come.

And so our Easter shouts of praise are: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This year I hope you'll join us in experiencing as much of the range of the Holy Week events as you can that our Easter celebration may be all the more meaningful and all the more joyful. For those who will receive this month's *Focus* via e-mail or the church website before Palm Sunday, you won't want to miss this worship beginning our Holy Week journey, which this year is enhanced by our continued learning about Malawi and her Lent and Easter traditions. Our Holy Week observance will continue in a joint service with the Covenant and Westminster Presbyterian churches at Covenant during which our pastors will present three short vignettes from Jesus' Passover supper with his disciples through his arrest. Our church family is invited to join either Covenant or Westminster, or another church of your choice for Good Friday worship.

Then at the conclusion of Holy Week, I hope you'll join and add your voices to our joy-filled Easter celebration on April 4. Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

See you in church!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

*Marilyn*

# April Worship Messages

April 4, 2010 -Easter Sunday - "Remembering What Jesus Said" - Luke 24:1-12 - Communion

April 11, 2010 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - "Hearing Faith" - John 20:19-31

April 18, 2010 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - "Being Guided and Fed by Jesus" - John 21:1-19

April 25, 2010 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - "Being a Congregation of Resurrection Hope" - Acts of the Apostles 9:36-43

## Ushers for April

**April 4** Communion Servers  
**April 11** Youth of the church  
**April 18** Mary Towne, Gale Oakes,  
Dale Buske  
**April 25** Anne & Grant Lembcke,  
Roy Lembke

## Liturgists for April

**April 4**—Mary Towne  
**April 11**—Harold Meyer  
**April 18**—Rick Shannon  
**April 25**—Edi Chan

## A Malawian Lent and Easter this Year!

This Lent and Easter Dale Heights will be learning about Malawi as a country, its people, its foods, and its traditions, especially as related to Lent and Easter.



A BIG thank you to Sandy Weigt for making our new purple African paraments as part of our

Malawian Lenten observance.

Also, a BIG thank you to Marcia Holman for researching some Malawian recipes for folks to prepare and share during our weekly fellowship time Sunday mornings – recipes are available for pickup in the Concourse.

A BIG thank you to Elizabeth Holland for sharing with us about her Malawian culture, singing songs from her Malawian Presbyterian faith, and preparing and sharing Malawian foods with us.

Also, a BIG thank you to Mike Holland for sharing with us maps and other information from Malawi.

And a BIG thank you to Ndazonia Holland for sharing worship leadership with her mother as part of our Malawian observance.

## Joint Maundy Thursday Worship with Covenant and Westminster Presbyterian Churches at Covenant on April 1 – no fooling!

This year Dale Heights will join with Covenant and Westminster Presbyterian churches for a joint Maundy Thursday supper and worship at Covenant Presbyterian Church.



Plans include a potluck supper to begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by worship at 6:30 p.m. that will include Last Supper vignettes of "Basin," "Table," and "Garden" presented by the Covenant, Dale Heights and Westminster pastors.

Please plan to join us!

**Pastor Marilyn will be on Study Leave April 12-16.**

Another BIG Thank you to Sandy Weigt for making our beautiful new white paraments, which will be dedicated during worship Easter Sunday.

# Happy Birthday!

April 6	Judy Howard
April 9	John Hicks
April 10	Ndazona Holland
April 12	Zack Dachel
April 16	Judy Christie
April 19	John Koning
April 22	Gale Oakes
April 23	Leon Bernido
April 26	John Jakovich
April 30	Gerry Klump

## **New Beginnings Monthly LUNCH!**

New Beginnings will meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of the month. We will meet next on April 20 at 11:30 at Original Pancake House, 5518 Univ. Ave.

## **Adult Church School**

Our adult church school class continues most Sunday mornings.

Join us when and as you are able at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings!

## **Wednesday Lunch & Learn Class**

Our Wednesday Lunch & Learn class will continue using the study *Landscapes of Faith* by MaryAnn McKibben Dana as they become available in coming months.

In the meantime, we will be moving on to other topics.

During Holy Week on March 31 we will study the Passion Narrative of the last week of Jesus' earthly life from Luke's Gospel.

On April 7 we will explore the topic of what makes a miracle a miracle.

Join us when and as you are able at 11:45 a.m. Wednesdays!

## **Dale Heights Knitters & Crocheters**

Our Dale Heights members and friends are gathering Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Come to both learn to knit or crochet, and also to work together on knitting or crocheting projects for mission - such as "healing shawls" and skull caps for soldiers' helmets.

To date we have completed and delivered 22 prayer shawls and 63 skull caps. Everyone welcome to join us in this ministry.



## **Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 4**

Please join us on Easter morning, April 4, at 8:30 a.m. for our traditional Easter breakfast. The menu is egg strata, fruit salad, various breads and coffee, juice and milk. Come for fellowship and food as we greet the risen Lord.

This year, the free will donations we collect for breakfast will be given to Malawi by way of the Presbyterian Church (USA).



**Dale Heights Website has an all  
new look and easier to navigate  
format – check it out at  
[www.daleheightspc.org](http://www.daleheightspc.org).**



## The Lenten Trip to the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible Exhibit



What a wonderful trip it was! Seventeen people caravanned to Milwaukee to see the *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures* exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum. With tickets in hand, we proceeded to the exhibit entrance at the appointed time and were checked in. The exhibit was much more than most of us expected.

It is the largest temporary exhibit the Milwaukee Public Museum has ever produced. It explores the history of the Holy Land during the era in which the scrolls were written, from the third century BCE through the first century CE, then leaps forward over two millennia to the discovery of the first scrolls in the 1940s.

We saw parts of the actual Dead Sea Scrolls, a full-size reproduction of the 24-foot long Great Isaiah Scroll, one of the earliest and most complete scrolls found and other early biblical artifacts to learn how

transmission of these early writings has shaped the beliefs of Judaism and Christianity and influenced aspects of Islam. The exhibit also featured papyri containing early Greek translations of the New Testament, pages from rare hand copied medieval Bibles and early printed and modern Bibles. There was also a section containing many archaeological objects—oil lamps, pottery fragments and reconstructed water and storage jars, dishes, coins (shekels and half shekels), medical instruments, sole of a child's sandal, comb, jewelry and many other items.

Ask any of the people in the photo about their reaction to the exhibit. After a late lunch, we were ready to head home about 2:30.

If this description of the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit piques your interest, the Exhibit runs until June. Check out their website at <[www.mpm.edu](http://www.mpm.edu)>

# 11th Annual National Multicultural Church Conference



**Chicago**  
**May 26-30, 2010**  
**Pre-conferences May 26-27, 2010**

This year's conference explores the theme, "H2O: Deepening our Faith, Widening our Culture" focusing on the biblical vision of Ezekiel 47:1-12.

The conference seeks to explore "growing the Christ's church deep and wide" in an increasingly diverse world. The conference is a place of differences. People with varying languages, cultures, ethnicities, theologies, genders, generations and backgrounds will come together to recognize the amazing potential of differences and, through affirming and celebrating those differences, create something new.

Come and wade in the H<sub>2</sub>O, that is the 2010 11th National Multicultural Church Conference and be nourished, sustained and reborn.

## **Apply for a scholarship**

The Multicultural Congregational Support Office is offering scholarships to individuals to attend the Eleventh National Multicultural Church Conference in Chicago. Scholarship recipients will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## **Hotel accommodations**

The 2010 National Multicultural Conference will be held at the **Marriott Chicago O'Hare Hotel**, Chicago, Ill., conveniently located just minutes from O'Hare International Airport and 15 miles from downtown. The Chicago Marriott O'Hare is one of the few Chicago hotels that is close to the airport and easily accessible to the heart of the city. The Chicago Marriott O'Hare is a non-smoking hotel with helpful amenities, including complimentary shuttle service to and from Chicago O'Hare Airport, state of the art fitness center and hotel business center.

Chicago Marriott O'Hare Hotel  
8535 W. Higgins Road,  
Chicago, IL 60631  
Phone: (773) 693-4444, Toll-free: (866) 614-8407  
Fax: (773) 693-3164

## **Hotel Rate**

The Chicago Marriott O'Hare will offer a convenient rate of \$99/night + tax for single or double room occupancy (up to 4 people per room). Please, make sure to mention that you are with the Multicultural Conference to receive these rates.

## **Transportation**

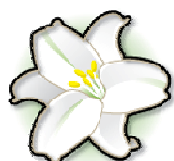
The Chicago Marriot O'Hare has a shuttle service to and from the airport.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

April Forum – April 9, 2010

6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (provided by CWU board)

6:45 p.m. Program: “Living on the Edge in the Current Economic Environment”  
Fitchburg Memorial UCC, 5705 Lacy Road, Fitchburg.



### Thank You for providing Easter Flowers

Gale Oakes, Dick Corey, Elma Metzloff, Wendy Weber, Edi Chan

Jennifer Jones, Marge Shumate, Otty Schaefer, Bob Jorgenson, Mary Towne,

Gerry Klump, Marcia Holman, Vreni Straubhaar, Rick Shannon, Sandy Weigt, Joan Hicks



You may take your floral plant home  
with you after the Easter Service.



### **MOM's 9000 Challenge**

As part of the Annual Feinstein Challenge, MOM is inviting ALL Member Churches to work TOGETHER to raise **9000 lbs of Donated Food and personal care products AND \$9000 in Financial Donations.**

For the 12<sup>th</sup> straight year, the Feinstein Foundation will divide up **\$1 million** among hunger-fighting agencies nationwide in order to promote giving to organizations like MOM who have a food pantry serving the most needy in our community.

The Challenge runs for two months – March and April. At the end of April, MOM reports its total donations and subsequently, receives a portion of the \$1 million. **The more donations MOM receives in March and April, the more Feinstein money we will receive in May!**

Anything you can give will help MOM receive a larger portion of that \$1 million.

The Challenge is on! It's our hope that we will exceed that goal and truly make a difference for those in need right here! *Many thanks to each of you for all you do for MOM and the clients they serve.*

## **Session Meeting Highlights – March 24, 2010**

- Approved the February 24, 2010 Session meeting minutes
- Heard reports that a request from Todd and Amy Schendel to present a concert and receive a love offering June 20, 2010, and participating in Bratfest again this year had been approved via e-mail
- During the Property and Finance Committee report, received a brief report on the February monthly and year-to-date financials, which showed a net income of nearly \$600, and a year-to-date net loss of just under \$5,000; approved a new format for the bulletin financial report and a recommendation that it be updated once a month instead of twice a month; received a report from the joint Dale Heights-Sah-lang painting and redecorating task force; and heard reports about Christian Education wing furnace water pump repairs and water fountain repairs
- Received the monthly Pastor's report, including a new website update report; and a report from the "Church with a Mission or Mission with a Church?" training report; tabled scheduling another Natural Church Development survey while seeking more "missional church" information
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report, heard reports on the pre-school and an additional children's Church School classes; and heard an update on the Lunch & Learn study
- During the Personnel Committee report, learned that background checks for all employees are current
- There was no Inviting and Welcoming Ministry Team report
- Heard Elder reports from the March 13 Church Leader Training event
- During the Outreach and Mission Committee report, heard reports of plans to schedule Dane County United house meetings; heard about upcoming informational potluck ideas; and heard an update on the Knitting/Crocheting Ministry
- During the Worship and Music Committee report, heard updates on the celebration of Lent and Easter Malawi-style; heard an update on plans for a joint Maundy Thursday worship service at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Madison; and heard a report on the Dead Sea Scrolls trip
- Approved giving the Easter Breakfast donations to Malawi routed through the Presbyterian Church (USA), which Gale Oakes will research further
- The next meeting will be April 21, 2010 with Caroline Pope leading devotions.

## **Outreach Committee Highlights – March 14, 2010**

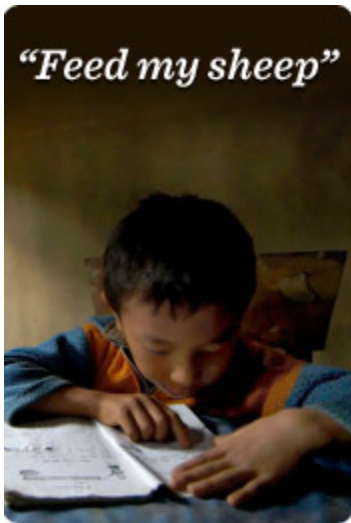
- Discussed a Minute for Mission to promote the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which Barb Fleishman and Wendy Weber will lead
- Discussed plans for upcoming Dane County United house meetings on the topic of how the challenges of the current economic situation are affecting people's lives toward helping DCU identify its next issue to organize the community to address
- Shared ideas for potluck speakers, including the Presbytery's mission trips assisting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Guatemala, Earth Day issues, Alzheimer's issues, domestic violence issues, human trafficking issues, and the new Middleton Outreach Ministry Executive Director
- Approved going ahead and paying the Outreach allocation to Middleton Outreach Ministry in March to go toward the Feinstein Challenge



## Property & Finance Committee Meeting Highlights – March 9, 2010

- Heard an update on seeking bids to clean up the downed limbs, etc. from the church yards
- Learned Session had approved using some of a recent undesignated gift of \$25,000 to pay off the remaining two years of the sidewalk loans with the city this year
- Learned the motor on a furnace water pump had been replaced and should last through the remainder of this winter heating system, but that the whole water pump will need to be replaced this summer before next winter's heating system
- Learned plans are being made to repair the upstairs water fountain in the Christian Education wing
- Approved recommending to Session that the bulletin financial reports only be updated once a month; a new bulletin financial report format was also shared
- Reviewed the financial status through February, which showed a net income of nearly \$600, and a year-to-date net loss of just under \$5,000
- Received a report from the joint Dale Heights-Sah-lang painting and redecorating task force
- The next meeting will be April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Being Received Now Through Easter



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

After deducting administrative costs (up to 5 percent) and the costs of creating and distributing promotional materials (roughly 5 percent), the remaining undesignated gifts are divided among three programs as follows:

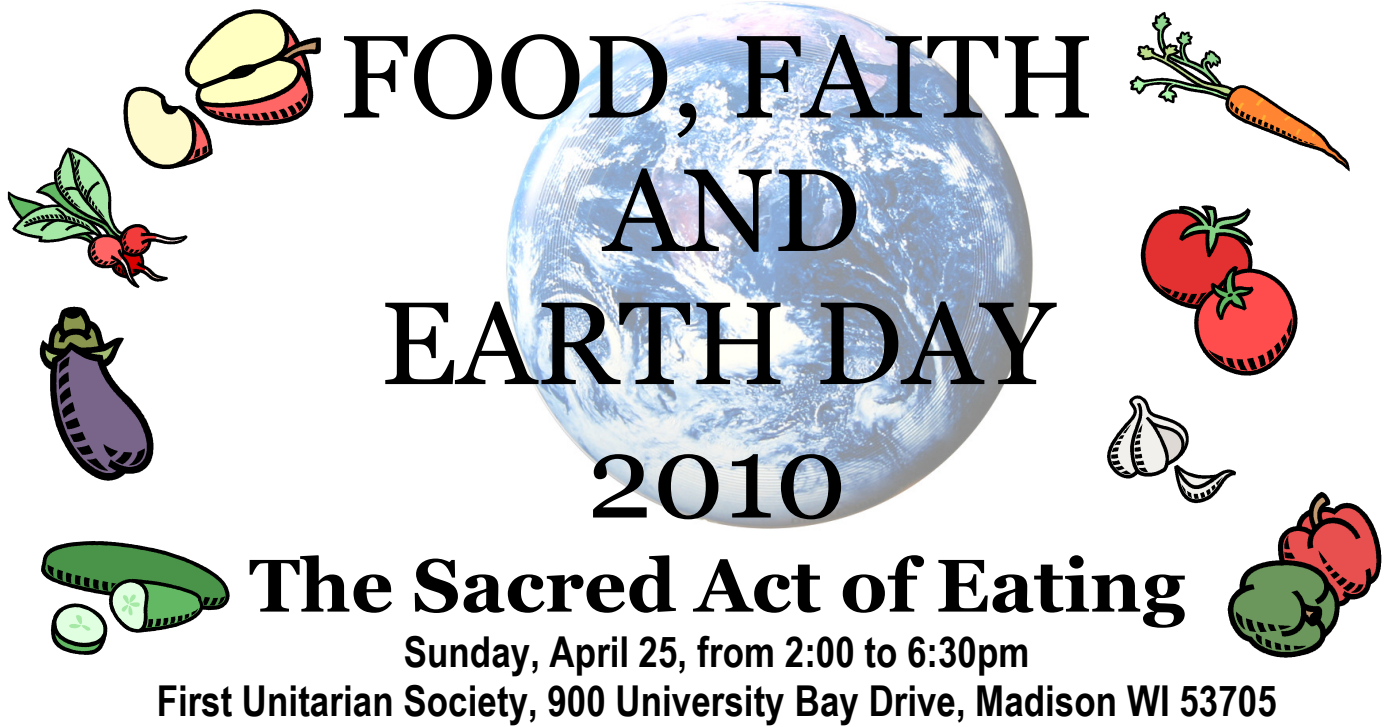
Presbyterian Hunger Program (36 percent) For ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and hungry people in local communities, in the nation and throughout the world, as well as

ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32 percent) For disaster response and ministries with refugees.

Self-Development of People (32 percent) For partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized to do something about their own condition, and have decided what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.






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## FEATURING

- ❖ **Welcome:** Fawn Young Bear-Tibbetts, White Earth Band of Minnesota Ojibwa(Chippewa)
  - ❖ **Keynote:** Jack Kloppenburg, Professor of Community & Environmental Sociology at UW-Madison and founder of REAP. REAP publishes the Farm Fresh Atlas, organizes the Food for Thought Festival, developed the WI Homegrown Lunch farm-to-school project, and started the Buy Fresh, Buy Local initiative for Southern WI.
  - ❖ **Panelists:** Huda Alkaff, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin; **Jim Roseberry**, Snowflower Buddhist Sangha; **Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman**, Shaarei Shamayim; **Rev. Dr. Kurt Billings**, St. James Evangelical Lutheran
  - ❖ **Educational workshops** featuring leaders from local faith communities and food groups
  - ❖ **Exhibits** by local food and faith organizations
  - ❖ **Opportunities** for congregations to enrich their practice of earth stewardship
  - ❖ **Conversation** with people of faith who share your concerns for the earth
  - ❖ **Community Meal** featuring locally-grown food prepared by Chef Barbara Wright of The Dardanelles restaurant.
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## SCHEDULE

2:00-2:20	Welcome with Music
2:20-3:50	Keynote and Panel Discussion
3:50-4:10	Break and conversation
4:10-5:10	Workshops*
5:10-5:30	Break and conversation
5:30-6:30	Evening Meal

*Exhibits will be open 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.*

*\*See our website for workshop details.*

***Meal Reservations are highly recommended  
– seating and supplies are limited.***

*\$8 if reserved by Apr. 18; \$12 at the door  
(The rest of the event is free.)  
Child care provided if reserved by Apr. 18.  
To make meal or child care reservations go to  
[www.foodfaithearthday.org](http://www.foodfaithearthday.org).*

*Facilities are accessible.*

*During the event, a free-will offering  
will be taken for:  
Harvest of Hope  
Grace Episcopal Food Pantry*

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**For updated information visit [www.foodfaithearthday.org](http://www.foodfaithearthday.org) or call (608) 233-9774**

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*This event is organized by members and leaders of local faith communities, and local environmental, food, and farm-related organizations.*

# Read through the Bible in 1 Year!

Each month we are offering daily Bible reading suggestions which when you follow the guideline by this time next year you will have read the entire Bible!

## Some Tips for reading through the Bible:

**READ...the passage for the day, listening closely for what God is saying.**

**EXPLORE...what the Bible has to say by asking questions.**

**ACT...on the truth by finding one thing you can DO.**

**PRAY... the verses you have just read back to God**

### The promised land!

- April 1 I Samuel 1-3
- April 2 I Samuel 4-7
- April 3 I Samuel 8-11
- April 4 I Samuel 12-14:23
- April 5 I Samuel 14:24-16
- April 6 I Samuel 17-18
- April 7 I Samuel 19-21
- April 8 I Samuel 22-24
- April 9 I Samuel 25-27
- April 10 I Samuel 28-31
- April 11 II Samuel 1-2
- April 12 II Samuel 3-5
- April 13 II Samuel 6-9
- April 14 II Samuel 10-12
- April 15 II Samuel 13-14
- April 16 II Samuel 15-16
- April 17 II Samuel 17-18
- April 18 II Samuel 19-20
- April 19 II Samuel 21-22
- April 20 II Samuel 23-24



### From Solomon to exile

- April 21 I Kings 1-2:25
- April 22 I Kings 2:26-4
- April 23 I Kings 5-7
- April 24 I Kings 8
- April 25 I Kings 9-11
- April 26 I Kings 12-13
- April 27 I Kings 14-15
- April 28 I Kings 16-18
- April 29 I Kings 19-20
- April 30 I Kings 21-22

# April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	MOM Food Pantry Needs for April Personal Hygiene Items (shampoo, deodorant, etc.)			1 Knit/Crochet 10; Maundy Thurs. Potluck & Worship 5:30 & 6:30 @ Covenant PC; Choir 7:45pm	2	3
4 <b>Happy Easter!</b>  Breakfast 8:30 am; Worship 10 am	5	6 Joint Re- decorating Committee 11 am	7 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	8 Pastor Marilyn to COM  NO Choir	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8 am
11	12  Pastor Marilyn on Study leave	13 Property & Finance Committee 7 pm; Pastor Marilyn on Study leave	14 NO Lunch & Learn  Pastor Marilyn on Study leave	15 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir 7:30pm Pastor Marilyn on Study leave	16  Pastor Marilyn on Study leave	17
18	19	20 JKP Pastors' Prayer Group 10 am; Monthly Lunch 11:30 am	21 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am Bosom Buddies 6:45 pm; Session 7 pm	22 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir 7:30pm	23	24
25 Worship Committee 11:30 am	26	27	28 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	29 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir 7:30pm	30	

## **Community Activities Held At Dale Heights**

### **Madison Sah-lang (Agape) Church**

We are the nesting site for this evangelical church belonging to Presbyterian Church in America.

### **Furniture Loan for International Students:**

Call Madison Friends of International Students office at 238-1046 for an appointment.

### **Breast Cancer Support Group:**

Third Wednesday of the month, 6:45 p.m. in the lounge.

### **Wisconsin Tibetan Association:**

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. in the lounge.

### **Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts:**

There is a Girl Scouts and a Cub Scouts troops meeting at various times

### ***Dale Heights Mission Statement:***

*Our open-minded congregation affirms and celebrates God's gifts of love and grace.  
We seek to share God's love by inviting others to join us in following Jesus  
and by serving those in need in our community and world.*

### ***Dale Heights Presbyterian Church***

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### **Sunday Schedule**

9:00 a.m.

Christian Education  
for all ages

May-September

10:00 a.m.

Worship

Child care provided

11:00 a.m.

Fellowship