



Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

April 2011

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

If you're like me, sometimes this winter you wondered if spring would ever come, and now it's here! Sure there are the occasional attempts by winter to hang on a little longer, but according to the calendar and the greening grass and the spring flowers coming up it's spring! And that puts a big smile on my face and a lightness to my steps.

This month we're continuing our Hispanic/Latino cultural emphasis by learning about Chile through a Minute for Mission, a display in the Concourse, and sharing Chilean foods on April 3, and by sharing our Hispanic/Latino artifacts in a Concourse display April 10. I'm both looking forward to learning more about Chile, the birth country of Ryan Shannon and Kelsey Shannon, and seeing and hearing about the places others have visited in Central and South America.

Another thing I'm looking forward to on April 3 is hearing more about the Safe Families program benefiting children. This is our program for the after church Outreach and Mission Committee potluck this month.

Also this month, we're continuing our Lenten Bible studies and sermon series, concluding both during Holy Week. As part of our transformation process as well, we invite you to spend at least five minutes every day praying for five neighbors, for our team as they lead the Bible studies and for me as I prepare to preach, for those God may be leading us to serve and/or to invite to worship, and particularly for those God may be leading us to invite to our Easter Sunday worship.

This year during Holy Week we'll observe Maundy Thursday on April 21 by presenting a drama from the perspective of those who prepared the Last Supper for Jesus and his disciples, as well as sharing Communion and a potluck meal.

As always during Lent we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, which among other things benefits Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and is a way for us to help Japanese sisters and brothers recovering from the triple disasters of earthquakes, tsunami, and nuclear reactor challenges. I'm looking forward to reading the weekly One Great Hour of Sharing bulletin inserts during April, and hearing the minutes for mission about those it helps.

Finally we end the month with the joy of our Easter celebration on April 24! We'll begin with our annual Easter breakfast, followed by our joyful worship, and the hoped-for opportunity to reconnect with family and friends as well as welcome visitors.

See you in church and serving in our Madison/Middleton area community!

Shalom in Christ Jesus, Marilyn

April Worship Messages

April 3, 2011 - 4th Sunday in Lent - "Looking Into the Heart: Rejoicing in God's Dream" -
1 Samuel 16:1-13 - Communion

April 10, 2011 - 5th Sunday in Lent - "Living Through the Dry Times:
Restoring God's Dream" - Ezekiel 37:1-14

April 17, 2011 - Passion/Palm Sunday - "Suffering Messiah: Redeeming God's Dream" -
Matthew 27:11-54

April 21, 2011 - Maundy Thursday Potluck and Drama at 6:00 p.m. -
Beneath the Upper Room - Communion

April 24, 2011 - Resurrection of the Lord/Easter - "Breaking Loose:
Resuming God's Dream" - Matthew 28:1-10

Liturgists for April

Apr. 3	Kim Chan
Apr. 10	Jennifer Jones
Apr. 17	Caroline Pope
Apr. 24	Edi Chan

Ushers for April

Apr. 3	Communion Servers
Apr. 10	Janice Krall and Rick Shannon
Apr. 17	Tom Jones and Rick Geiger
Apr. 24	Communion Servers

Hispanic/Latino Lent and Easter

This year's Lent and Easter cultural emphasis is Hispanic/Latino, learning during worship and fellowship particularly about Chilean traditions and foods during these seasons of reflecting upon Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Share your Hispanic/Latino Artifacts on April 10

This is another opportunity to broaden our exposure to our Central & South American neighbors. Share items you have purchased during your travels or have received as a gift. A table will be set up (similar to that at Christmas) to display items. Please indicate where the item is from, name in Spanish/Portuguese & English, its use if not apparent, and your name on a small card. Items will be on display in the concourse on April 10.

Contact Marcia Holman if you have something(s) to display so she can arrange for adequate display space.

Learn about Chile Sunday, April 3!

As part of our Hispanic/Latino cultural emphasis this Lent and Easter, Janice Krall will share a Minute for Mission about Chile during worship Sunday, April 3, will have a Chilean display in the Concourse, and will have Chilean foods for us to share during the fellowship time. Thank you, Janice!

Maundy Thursday Potluck and Drama April 21 at 6:00 p.m.!

We are moving forward with our plans to share the Maundy Thursday drama *Beneath the Upper Room*, which looks at Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples from the perspective of those who prepared the meal.

Plans are to present the program in the Dale Heights kitchen and fellowship hall at the beginning of a potluck Maundy Thursday meal, starting at 6:00pm.

Please let Pastor Marilyn or Maggie Rogers know of your interest in being in the drama.

Happy Birthday!

April 6 Judy Howard
April 7 Bill Mercer
April 9 John Hicks
April 10 Ndazona Holland
April 12 Zack Dachel
April 19 John Koning
April 22 Gale Oakes
April 23 Leon Bernido
April 26 John Jakovich
April 30 Gerry Klump

Safe Families for Children Outreach & Mission Potluck Sunday, April 3 at 11:30 a.m.

.....a community outreach ministry where children are temporarily placed into a Christian home (**Safe Family**) when their parent(s) are impacted by a life-crisis or a health-related issue, etc.

Safe Families helps “our neighbors” in a variety of situations.

Come and learn more Sunday, April 3!

Weekly Children’s Church School

Our weekly Sunday School continues to meet every Sunday. The 2-7 year-old class meets from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Sunday School Wing. Join us as we share the stories of our faith as you and your children are able to participate. Thanks to our Children’s Sunday School teachers!



Nursery Available

Children at Dale Heights are always welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in Sunday worship. The nursery is available when parents have a need to take their children out of church for whatever reason, but it is not staffed.

Transformation Team Report

As part of our Dale Heights transformation journey during the six weeks of Lent now through Holy Week in April we are using a church-wide Bible study titled *Behold: There is a New Creation*. This is the first of four anticipated church-wide studies during our three-year transformation journey.

In addition to the Sunday morning adult Church School and Wednesday Lunch & Learn classes, the study is being offered at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings before choir, and Saturday mornings at 10:15 a.m. at Mary Towne’s, with a request that all adult members and attendees endeavor to participate in one of these opportunities.

We are all using the same materials and have different leaders so what is happening in one study is unique. Our hope is that you talk about this with your friends in the concourse. Everyone has a different perspective on the verses studied based on his/her background and where s/he is at the moment. If you miss one class, please plan to join one of the other classes.

Enjoy this journey we are taking together.

Looking Ahead – Conference on the Past Sunday, May 1 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our transformation journey’s Conference on the Past Sunday, May 1 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.. Brunch will be provided.

April New Beginnings

The April New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, April 19 at 11:30 at the Prairie Cafe & Bakery, 6720 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave., Middleton.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



Church Women United of Madison will hold a forum at Community of Hope and Advent Lutheran Church, located at 7118 Old Sauk Road on Friday April 1st, 2011. It will begin with free dinner at 6pm. The program will begin at 7pm. The program will be presented by Yahara House, a place for people with mental illness to begin again, belong and heal. All are welcome.

Inquiring Into Membership Conversations

Persons interested in becoming members of Dale Heights are invited to make an appointment with Pastor Marilyn at a mutually convenient time throughout the month.

Needed: an upholstery cleaning machine in order to spruce up the lounge before Easter! Have one? Please contact Jennifer Jones at 257-0566.

Fill the Robes!

A big thank you to those who participated in the Fill the Robes Sunday on March 6th! This will become a twice-per-year occurrence, so we hope to see even more people participating in the fall!

Invitation to be on the Prayer Tree

The power of prayer is remarkable. Someone notifies Pastor Marilyn of a prayer concern and she passes it on by e-mail. Those who do not have e-mail will be called with the prayer concern. Your responsibility is to keep the individual in your prayers. If you are not on the list and wish to be on the prayer tree, please let Sandy Weigt know by phone (238-9402) or e-mail d_weigt@sbcglobal.net.

Easter Breakfast

Please plan to join us on Easter Morning for our traditional Easter Breakfast of ham or vegetarian strata, breads and fruit. Breakfast begins at 8:30 April 24 and after breakfast you can chat over a cup of coffee prior to the Easter Morning service.

Donations will be accepted and the proceeds will be given to a to-be-determined entity.

See you at breakfast!

Easter Flowers

The sign-up sheet for Easter flowers will be in the concourse on March 27 through Palm Sunday. Daffodils, tulips, lilies, & hyacinths will be available for purchase (price has not been determined). Make check payable to Dale Heights P.C. with the memo note "Easter flowers" & place in offering plate. Flowers displayed on Easter Sunday may be taken home after the service.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Sharing resources,
changing lives



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.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

When is the offering received?

Dale Heights is receiving the offering throughout Lent, and dedicating it on Easter Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE!

Once again, the Dale Heights men's breakfast group will be hosting the family breakfast on the day before Mother's Day. Plan to be with us on Saturday, May 7. Serving will begin at 8:30 am. Cost will be \$4 for adults, \$2 for children ages 5 to 11, and free for children under 5.

Christian Education News

Lent and Easter lesson topics and dates:

March 27 (Third Sunday of Lent): The children will make and/or decorate a piñata.

April 3 (Fourth Sunday of Lent): The children will finish decorating the piñata and/or make maracas.

April 10 (Fifth Sunday of Lent): The children will talk about heaven and read a book called "God Gave us Heaven". They will also talk about Palm Sunday.

April 17 (Palm Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Lent): The children will learn about Colombia and Chile. They will color the flags and maps of each country, and find out interesting facts about each country. They will also talk about Easter.

Please note: There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 24th.

We hope that you will join us for one or more of our Lent/Easter Sunday School classes!

MOM Top Ten

- Hearty Soups (chili, beef stew)
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Boxed Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta
- Canned meats (turkey/chicken/tuna)
- Canned Fruit
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers-- Size 4, 5 and 6
- Towels and sheets
- Blankets and pillows

Session Meeting Highlights – March 15, 2011

- Approved the February 17, 2011 Session meeting minutes
- Received the 2010 annual statistical report to the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a 10-year analysis of those annual statistical reports prepared by Clerk Mike Holland
- During the Property and Finance Committee report, received a brief report on the February monthly and year-to-date financials; and approved selling three of the churches unused pianos
- Received the monthly Pastor's report; and offered feedback to Pastor Marilyn on plans to send out a weekly prayer request for the Lenten Bible studies and sermon series, spending 5 minutes a day praying for 5 neighbors as well as for those we may invite to join us at Dale Heights
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report, heard reports on the Church School classes; heard an update on the Lunch & Learn study; and learned that a decision is still being made about doing a children's Easter skit during worship one Sunday
- During the Personnel Committee report, learned that background checks for all employees and volunteers are current
- Received the February 19, 2011 John Knox Presbytery report
- During the Transformation Coordinating Team report heard that the team met weekly through March 2, and the next meeting will be March 30; heard reports on the beginning of a church-wide six-week Bible study during Lent, with study booklets and a brochure having been distributed during worship March 6 and by mail the following week; heard an update on the congregational Conference on the Past being planned for May 1; was reminded that there will be a transformation training for the Session on April 2 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Madison; and that the next training for the transformation team will be May 14
- During the Outreach and Mission Committee report, learned another possible Habitat for Humanity build in April or May; that the committee is following up on possibly chartering one or more Scout troops; that in conjunction with Dale Heights Hispanic/Latino cultural emphasis they hosted Helen Madsen and Ginger McIntosh talking about their church's Guatemala mission trips on March 6; heard a report on hosting Road Home families at St. Luke's March 11; learned about upcoming informational potluck plans, including programs by Safe Families April 3; and that we will serve the Pres House Supper March 27
- During the Worship and Music Committee report, learned that the next meeting is March 27; heard about plans to learn about Chile April 3 after having learned about Guatemala March 13 as part of Dale Heights Hispanic/Latino emphasis for Lent and Easter; learned that 11 participated in the Ash Wednesday class/service March 9; and that plans continue for doing a drama called *Beneath the Upper Room* on Maundy Thursday
- During the Care and Fellowship Committee report heard a reminder that committees or groups hosting potlucks and potluck programs are responsible for the set-up and the clean-up
- The next meeting will be April 26, 2011 with Mike Holland leading devotions.

Property & Finance Committee Meeting Highlights – March 8, 2011

- No action yet on sound system extension, faucet replacements or repairs to garages.
- Work days for spring grounds cleanup will be scheduled at April meeting.
- Discussed enclosing sump pump in the fellowship hall.
- Discussed replacing foam pads on posts in fellowship hall.
- Discussed repairing or replacing concrete at office door entrance.
- Financial report received. As of February 28, 2011, net income was -\$1,123 compared with a budgeted net income of -\$6,476. The large budgeted deficit at this time is due to some large expenses that occur early in the year and some payments which come in later in the year. Year-to-date actual income was \$2,878 over budget largely due to pre-paid pledges. Actual expenses were \$2,475 under budget.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm.

Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting Highlights – March 6 and 20, 2011

- Discussed the possibility of buying earth-friendly shopping bags for our members, visitors, and possibly others
- Heard reports and updates on potluck programs, including the upcoming one on Safe Families April 3 and on Middleton Outreach Ministry May 15
- Learned plans to provide the Pres House supper March 27 are in good order
- Tabled action on possibly chartering one or more Scout troops pending receipt of some additional information
- Learned the next Habitat for Humanity work day will probably be sometime in May
- Discussed One Great Hour of Sharing minutes for mission plans for April
- Discussed some possible “Concourse Café” ideas, including hosting a Middleton Outreach Ministry mobile food pantry, and establishing some kind of coffeehouse
- Reviewed the committee’s mission disbursements for the past five years, discussed a proposal by Parish Associate Dietrich Gruen for prioritizing future disbursements, and began identifying disbursements for this year
- Received a proposal from Dietrich for “growing the pie” for mission funds through a couple of extra fund-raising opportunities during the year
- The next meeting will be Sunday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m.



Promoting Global Fellowship.

4th Annual Dialogue Dinner

"Dialogue and Unity"

Keynote Speaker:
Federal Representative
Tammy Baldwin

Friday, April 8, 2011
6 pm
Best Western Inn on
the Park Capitol
Square
22 S Carroll Street,
Madison, WI

Please RSVP by
April 1

to
madison@niagarafoundation.org

Niagara Foundation is honored to invite you to our 4th Annual Dialogue Dinner with the theme: "Dialogue and Unity". The program aims to bring academicians, policy makers, officials, other professionals and civic leaders together to create a peaceful environment as we break down social biases. There is **no cost** to the attendees and there will be live music during the program. We kindly request you to **RSVP by Friday, April 1, 2011 to:** madison@niagarafoundation.org with the name/s of those attending the dinner and dietary preference (poultry/vegetarian).

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FOOD, FAITH & EARTH DAY

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

James Reeb Congregation, 2146 E. Johnson

Doors and registration at 1 pm

Keynote Speaker at 1:30

Engaging panels and informative workshops throughout the afternoon

Family-style dinner, 5:30 pm, catered by Underground Kitchen Collective

(event is free and drop-in; dinner is \$12, please pre-register at SustainDane.org)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JOHN LEONARD, EDGEWOOD COLLEGE PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES presents his talk on "Make Bread, Not Bombs."

Not only "what" we eat but "how" we eat is critical to understanding our connection to food; and that has everything to do with our assumptions about "why" we eat. Are we only hungry for the right balance of proteins, fats, carbohydrates and minerals? Or, are we starving for connections with the Mystery of Life, with each other? How can the local growing and sharing of food enable us to re-discover the sacred power of food to satisfy multiple hungers and transform our society into real, vibrant and sustainable communities? What could happen if we really did "make bread: not bombs" and invited strangers and enemies to share the feasts prepared from our own gardens?

COMPLETE SCHEDULE, INCLUDING PANELS AND WORKSHOPS: SustainDane.org

Special thanks to: Wisconsin Council of Churches, Islamic Environmental Group of Wisconsin, Churches Center for Land and People



Read through the Bible in 1 Year!

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Church Women United 6 p.m. @ Advent Lutheran Church	2 Lenten Bible Study 10:15 a.m. @ Mary Towne's; Session Transformation Training 9-11 a.m. @ Westminster, Madison
3 4 th Sunday in Lent Chilean Emphasis; Lenten Bible Study 9 am; Outreach & Mission Potluck & Program 11:30 a.m.	4	5 Pastor Marilyn to JKP Pastors' Prayer Group 1- 3 p.m. @ Covenant, Madison	6 Lunch & Learn Lenten Bible Study 11:45 a.m.; Lenten Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Transformation Team 7 p.m.; Choir 7:30	7	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.; Lenten Bible Study 10:15 a.m. @ Mary Towne's
10 5 th Sunday in Lent Lenten Bible Study 9 am; Share Hispanic/Latino Artifacts; Outreach & Mission meeting 11:30 a.m.	11	12 Property and Finance Cmte 7:00	13 Lunch & Learn Lenten Bible Study 11:45 a.m.; Lenten Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Choir 7:30	14 Pastor Marilyn to Committee on Ministry @ Richland Center	15	16 Lenten Bible Study 10:15 a.m. @ Mary Towne's
17 Passion/Palm Sunday Lenten Bible Study 9 am	18	19 Monthly Birthday Lunch at 11:30 a.m.	20 Lunch & Learn Lenten Bible Study 11:45 a.m.; Lenten Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Bosom Buddies 6:45 p.m.; No choir	21 Maundy Thursday Drama & Potluck with Communion 6 p.m.	22 Good Friday Earth Day	23
24 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Easter Breakfast 8:30 am Easter Worship 10 a.m. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	25	26 Session 7 p.m.	27 Choir 7:30	28	29	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

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association:

There are various committees 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.*

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Christian Education

for all ages

September-May

10:00 a.m.

Worship

Child care provided

11:00 a.m.

Fellowship