

Focus

April 2012

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

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Calendar

- If you receive the Focus electronically, you can access the calendar separately by clicking on the appropriate link (i.e. "April Calendar") on the Newsletter page of the website. The calendar page will still be available in paper form.

Happy Summer . . . Um . . . I mean, Happy Spring!

As I'm typing this month's Musings the calendar is saying spring but the temps are saying summer, hence my confusion. Either way, this lovely weather has sure put a big smile on my face!

But with the ending of winter comes our fifth season—road construction—which this year is particularly impacting Dale Heights as the long awaited/anticipated/dreaded University Avenue reconstruction project has begun. Yes, it will make getting in and out of Dale Heights more of a challenge for awhile, but please don't let it keep you away from our various activities.

Among those activities will be the annual Holy Week services: Passion/Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Our last Korean Minute for Mission as part of our Lenten Korean emphasis will be during our Palm Sunday service. We are also invited to Covenant Presbyterian Church on Good Friday, and I will be participating in those reflections on Jesus' "Seven Last Words."

Also this month will be our Vision Retreat as part of our transformation journey on April 15 from 9-11:45 a.m. Our Vision Panel is busily meeting to prepare for this important step in our transformation journey, and I hope you're keeping all of us in your prayers during this important process. If you haven't added your thoughts to the Vision Wall in the Concourse, please do so as this will also inform our work.

And our 55th Anniversary Celebration with the Sah-lang Korean Church will be on April 29 at the special time of 11 a.m. This will be our first joint service in over a year and since Pastor Gam came to the Sah-lang Church and it would be lovely to fill the sanctuary!

We'll be concluding our Lenten Lunch & Learn during Holy Week, and then will begin a new four-week study from the Wisconsin Council of Churches on being welcoming on April 11. We'll hope to have some guest speakers/presenters for one or more of those sessions.

It's a busy and joyful month—see you in church!

Shalom in Christ Jesus—Marilyn

Ushers for April

April 1 Janice Krall & Rick Shannon
 April 8 Communion Servers
 April 15 Janice Krall & Rick Shannon
 April 22 Tom Jones & Rick Geiger
 April 29 Keith Chan & Sandy Weigt

Liturgists for April

April 1 Sandy Weigt
 April 8 Tom Jones
 April 15 Dick Corey
 April 22 June Zeeh
 April 29 Edi Chan

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 what-

Weekly Church School

The 2-7 year-old class meets from 9:15 am to 9:45 am 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!

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.

"What evidences have you seen of God at work in your life this week?"

Church Women United

The April Forum for Church Women United will take place on Saturday, April 14th, 2012 at The Crossing, 1127 University Avenue. Nikki Bown, Quest Coordinator, will speak on The Crossing's Quest Trips. The Crossing aims to provide a Christian community at UW-Madison where students are free to explore and affirm their relationship with God, each other, and the world. Through the Quest program, The Crossing offers a variety of trips to some of the world's most complex and fascinating locations.

Coffee and gathering begins at 9am, welcome and announcements at 9:30, and the program begins at 10am.

Elma Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

April New Beginnings

The April New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, April 17th at 11:30 at the Pancake House, 5518 University Ave, across from Dale Heights. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytown@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

April Birthdays

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

Transformation Team

Spring is in the air and our Transformational Journey is taking time to come together to talk about where we as a church see God calling us in our future. Please join us for the Vision Retreat on Sunday, April 15, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the lower level of church.

You may have posted ideas of the possibilities you envision for Dale Heights on the Vision Wall in the Concourse. The opportunity to do so continues. We will be praying/thinking/talking about our visions at the Vision Retreat. Please plan to come for a look to the future as well as food and fellowship on Sunday, April 15, 2012 beginning at 9:00 and concluding at 11:45 a.m. Our worship will be incorporated into the retreat.

Road construction on University Avenue has started on University Avenue so follow the signs.



MOM Needs:

Cereal
Pasta
Spaghetti sauce
Canned fruit
Fruit juice
Canned meats
Cooking oil
Flour
Sugar
Diapers (4,5,6)

April Worship Messages

Sunday, April 1—Passion/Palm Sunday with Communion & Korean Minute for Mission—“Transforming Dangerous Places into Places of Hope” - John 12:12-16

Thursday, April 5—Maundy Thursday Potluck with Communion and Voluntary Foot-Washing @ 6 p.m.

Friday, April 6—Good Friday @ Covenant Presbyterian Church @ 12 Noon—“Seven Last Words of Jesus”

Sunday, April 8—Easter with Communion—“Being Called by Name” - John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 15—Transformation Vision Retreat 9-11:45 a.m. in Church Lower Level

Sunday, April 22—“Coming Out from Behind Closed Doors” - John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 29—55th Anniversary Bi-lingual English/Korean Worship with Sah-lang Church @ 11:00 a.m.—“Opening Closed Minds” - Luke 24:36b-48

Wednesday Lunch & Learn

We will conclude our Lenten study *Open to Me the Gates* by Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Wednesday, April 4.

Then on Wednesday, April 11 we will begin a new four-week study, *Becoming Welcoming Communities: Immigration in Light of Biblical Faith*, a study guide for Wisconsin congregations from the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

Hospitality and justice are important words for us today as we encounter new neighbors who are immigrants and refugees from Latin America, Africa, Asia, or Europe. The question we must ask is not, "Who are they?" but: "Who are we? Are we welcoming people, welcoming churches, welcoming communities? Do we reflect God's grace and justice for everyone, no matter where they are from?"

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

Holy Week at and for Dale Heights

Sunday, April 1—Palm Sunday Worship with Communion at 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 5—Maundy Thursday Potluck Worship with Voluntary Foot Washing and Communion at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 6—Good Friday Worship with "Seven Last Words of Jesus" @ Covenant Presbyterian Church at 12 Noon

Sunday, April 8—Easter Sunday Worship with Communion at 10 a.m.

Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

55th Anniversary Celebration

Bi-lingual English/Korean Worship Service

Co-celebrating Madison Sah-lang Korean Church's

5th Anniversary at Dale Heights

Sunday, April 29 at a special time of 11:00 a.m.

Dale Heights Pastor Marilyn Gamm

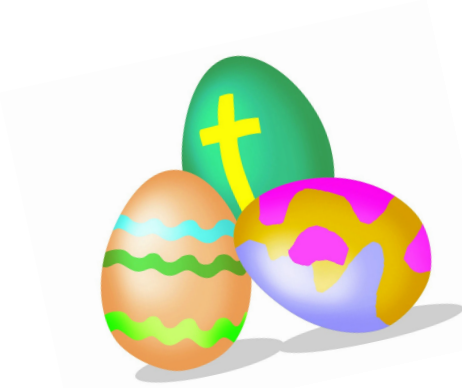
and

Sah-lang Pastor Ki Tak Gam

Co-officiants and Preachers

Everyone Welcome!





Easter Flowers

The sign-up sheet will be in the concourse through Palm Sunday. Daffodils, tulips, lilies and hyacinths are available for \$10 each. Make checks payable to Dale Heights P.C. with a memo note "Easter flowers" and place in offering plate. Flowers displayed on Easter Sunday may be taken home after the service.

Easter Morning

Come for Breakfast ... Stay for Worship

Please plan to join us on Easter Morning, April 8, for our traditional Easter Breakfast of ham or vegetarian strata, breads and fruit. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. 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 cause.

See you at breakfast.

University Avenue Construction

Spring is here so it must be construction season. This time it is on University Avenue in front of Dale Heights Church.

We have been told it will not be pretty but a real effort is being made to make sure we can get to our destination during construction. University Avenue will remain open to traffic during construction. At least one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained throughout the project. Temporary turn lanes and temporary signals will be provided at signalized intersections.

Left turns will only be allowed where left turn lanes are provided. University Avenue at Norman Way will not have a signal so you will not be allowed to make a left turn in or out of Norman Way. Please plan to always turn right. Possible routes for those coming from the east (downtown Madison) would be Old Middleton Road and right onto Norman Way (a one way road that ends its one way at Dale Heights) or onto Capital where you can make a right onto University Avenue. For those who want to go toward Middleton from Dale Heights, you might be able to make a left hand turn at Spring Harbor Drive or go down to Whitney Way and get onto Old Middleton Road. Watch the signs.

The project website is at this address: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/universityAvenue/segoeAllen.cfm>



Preventing Homelessness, Ending Hunger

Upcoming activities with which Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) needs help:

The annual Feinsein Challenge begins March 1st and ends April 30th.

A portion of all food and **food-directed donations** made during this time will be matched by the Feinsein Foundation! "Just Say Feinsein!" when delivering your food or write "Feinsein Challenge" in the memo of your check and we'll count your gift towards our Feinsein Challenge total. Interested in doing a Food Drive? You can count your donations towards our Community Wide Food Drive running throughout April. Our goal is to raise 25 tons of food - which equals over a semi-truck filled with food! Find out more at canstructionmadison.org.

Stuff the Truck

Metcalf's West has teamed with MOM to hold a "Stuff the Truck" event on Friday, April 6 from 10a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The MOM truck will be parked in front of the store on Mineral Point Road and volunteers will urge customers to purchase additional food items while they do their regular shopping at the store.

The shifts are detailed in this volunteer form. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers per shift with one of them being an adult. We prefer high school aged kids or older since they may be addressing questions from the public. Please let me know if any of your members are interested.

<https://middletonoutreachministry.wufoo.com/forms/stuff-the-truck-2012/>

Canstruction May 3

Canstruction is a community competition to end hunger. Teams build incredible, highly imaginative structures out of canned goods and packaged food they have either purchased or collected. After the competition, the food will be donated to MOM's Food Pantry. MOM will invite the public to view the structures and contribute their own donation of canned food to help end hunger. We need lots of volunteers to help execute this event. We will need volunteers especially the day before and after the event.

We currently have 24 teams for Canstruction and have raised over \$10,000 in financial sponsorship. Our celebrity guest judge will be Al Toon and Amy Carlson from NBC15 is our guest emcee. Please encourage all to attend. Details on the event can be found at canstructionmadison.org.

We still have a great need for individual or groups of 8 people to help unload the food from the trucks from 8 am to 4 pm in two hour shifts on Wednesday, May 2.

On the day after, May 4, we are still looking for individual or large groups of volunteers to help deconstruct the structures loading the food onto trucks from 10 am to 12:30 pm or 1:00 to 3 pm. Once again, here is the volunteer form detailing these and other shifts.

One Great Hour of Sharing



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.

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.

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

Outreach and Mission Committee Highlights—March 11, 2012

Your Outreach and Mission Committee has dispersed monies to designated organizations and has received thank-you notes from many of the organizations. So far the committee has dispersed money to the following organizations MOM, ARC, Dane County United, Church Women United, The Road Home and Wisconsin Network of Peace and Justice.

The Next Outreach Potluck will be on May 6. The topic is dyslexia and the speaker will be Ann Malone, the director of the Children's Dyslexia Center of Madison.

Thanks to Kimberly Chan, Barb Fleishman, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber and Harold Meyer for continuing to volunteer their time for hosting families requiring shelter at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton. The next opportunity to get involved is in June. It is a blessing and privilege to meet and minister to these guests in a small way. So watch and listen for the next time we host guests as a 'buddy church' to St. Luke's.

Thanks to all the members and friends of Dale Heights who donated items for the Pres House meal, and to those to help serve and host the dinner at Pres House on Sunday March 25th.

The MOM **Feinstein Challenge** ends April 30th, please consider donating items from the MOM top ten list during this time to help MOM reach its goal of 25 tons of food.

The next outreach meeting will be Sunday May 20th, 2012 at 11:30 am.

Property & Finance Committee Highlights

March 13, 2012

- Heard brief reports on Memorial Garden, sound system updates, fellowship hall tables, and from redeco-rating task force.
- University Avenue road construction begins March 19, 2012. Discussed possibilities for directional signs on Old Middleton Road, Norman Way, and at the church driveway. City meeting on March 16 regarding the start of construction.
- Office entry and office door lock repair/replacement has been completed successfully.
- First Spring Clean-up Day is April 14.
- Will do an inspection for possible hail damage and alert insurance company if necessary.
- Financial status reports received. As of 2/29/12, net budgeted income is \$-8,829. Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly payments of \$3,085 for the year are paid up.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 pm.

Session Highlights

March 28, 2012

Minutes from this meeting will be available in the May issue of the *Focus*.

Dale Heights Web Site

Check out our church web site

for the latest news:

www.daleheightspc.org

Pastor Marilyn's weekly sermons are posted on
the website every Sunday afternoon.

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

Join us in Joplin for Mission Outreach



Time: May 20-26, 2012

Location: Stay at First Presbyterian Church, Joplin, MO

Activity: Help reconstruct Joplin, mainly new construction with organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity; as always, specific tasks depend upon the state of construction on each work day.

Cost to participant: You provide your transportation to Joplin and back and personal spending; bring your own bedding

FPC mission budget pays food and lodging costs

Open to anybody from FPC or other John Knox Presbytery churches; but participants must be at least 16 years old

Reserve space with a \$50 deposit per family by April 20; deposit will be returned when you go on the trip

Contact Chuck Frihart at 608-644-9294 or afrihart@wildblue.net

Details available upon request.

Check out our website:

www.daleheightspc.org

Sunday Schedule

9:00-10:00am

Christian Education for all ages

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

Fellowship

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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