



Focus

April 2013

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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. "May Calendar") on the Newsletter page of the website. The calendar page will still be available in paper form.

Happy Easter!

May your Easter and Easter celebrations be both joyous and joy-filled as we again remember God's gift of new life through Jesus' resurrection.

Here at Dale Heights our Easter celebration begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast prepared by our Care & Fellowship Committee. It's followed at 10 a.m. by worship with communion in our spring flower-bedecked and fragranced sanctuary during which we hear again one of the Gospel accounts of grieving women disciples being the first to see and talk with the risen Jesus.

The Sforza Hours, a 15th-century image by Giovan Pietro Birago, shows Mary Magdalene ascending into heaven. Clad only in her own hair, illustrating her complete dependence upon God, she leaves behind scenes in which she preached the gospel message of hope. As she is borne aloft by four handsome angels, below her are the oceans, abysses, deserts and mountains where she witnessed to the sacred moment of her encounter with the risen Lord. In the foreground is a rocky path inviting you and me into the rugged landscape.

As we hear again the story of Mary Magdalene's tears-transformed-into-joy encounter with her risen Lord and how she ran to share the news with the other disciples, may our trust and hope in God's gift of new life for us send us running to tell others, through word or deed or both, as well.

See you in church, and in mission and ministry in our community!
Shalom in Christ Jesus—Marilyn

April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship with Communion—"Unlocking Our Hearts" - Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32; John 20:19-31

Liturgist: Otty Schaefer

Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter Worship—"Fishing On the Right Side"—Acts of the Apostles 9:1-20; John 21:1-19

Liturgist: Vreni Straubhaar

Ushers: Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

April 21 4th Sunday of Easter Worship—"Risking Our Status"—Acts of the Apostles 9:36-43; John 10:22-30

Liturgist: June Zeeh

Ushers: Vreni Straubhaar, Janice Krall, Rick Shannon

April 28 5th Sunday of Easter Worship—"Living a Renewed Lifestyle" - Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18; John 13:31-35

Liturgist: Bill Mercer

Ushers: Rick Geiger, Mike Holland, Tom Jones

Before worship time singing praise songs began Sunday, March 24 and will happen occasionally for now, with the next time planned for Sunday, April 21 at 9:50 a.m. Join us!

And see Jamie Klump to help!

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.

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?"

Easter Flowers Thank You

A big thank-you to those who provided Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary: Edi Chan, Dick Corey, Barb Fleishman, Joan Hicks, Jennifer Jones, Marcia Holman, Ellie Metzloff, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar, Mary Towne, and June Zeeh.



THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Lenten cultural emphasis on the British Isles. Janice Krall, Tom Jones, Marcia Holman and Pastor Marilyn shared their ancestral heritage and the history of Lenten traditions in Ireland, Wales, England and Scotland respectively. Culturally significant food was provided during the past four weeks by Janice, Marcia, Maggie and Pastor Marilyn, and the display of cultural items from the British Isles provided by Vreni, Janice, Marcia, Ellie and Barb concluded this learning experience.

New Wednesday Lunch & Learn Study Now Underway

Our new Wednesday Lunch & Learn study is *When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church* by Lillian Daniel. See Pastor Marilyn to pick up a copy and join us Wednesdays at noon when you are able.

MOM Needs:

Cereal
Pasta
Spaghetti sauce
Peanut butter
Fruit juice
Jelly
Cooking oil
Sugar
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Diapers (4,5,6)



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dede Mayberry, who died March 14, 2013.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, April 27 at Dale Heights.

Pres House Worship and Supper Sunday, April 7

Our church is responsible for providing supper for the Pres House students on Sunday, April 7. Worship with the students is at 4:30 p.m., followed by serving and sharing supper with them around 5:30 p.m. Please talk to Edi and Kim Chan to help provide food and to serve! There are many ways that you can help:

- 1) Serving the meal at the Pres House on Sunday, April 7 (Please be at the Pres House by 5 pm at the latest).
- 2) Bringing one of the following items needed for the meal. There is a sign up sheet in the Concourse.- Cut veggies (two large plates), dip (3 large containers – garden veggie and ranch), milk (1 gallon chocolate low fat, two gallons 1%), hamburger buns (80), chips (5 large bags – variety – some healthier), juice (lemonade – 5 frozen), 9 lbs. lean ground beef, 4 large batches brownies, spring salad mix (3 large containers) one large bag chopped walnuts, 5 ripe pears, two jars olives, two large jars of pickles, one large bag M and Ms.
- 3) Donating money to help buy items for the meal.

**All items should be brought to church by Sunday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m.*

Please see Kim or Edi Chan if you have any questions (Edi's cell (608) 669-8610 or (608) 238-4743 (home)). Thanks for your generosity.

March Birthdays

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

April New Beginnings

The April New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, April 16th at 11:30 at The Original Pancake House, 5518 University Ave. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytown@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

Church Women United

Church Women United's March 1 World Day of Prayer Celebration, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church with the theme, "I Was a Stranger..." was inspiring. The celebration included a worship service and a French video showing examples of welcoming strangers. It was also announced that the Violence Against Women Act had passed.

April's Forum, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2019 Fisher St. on April 5 at 9 am has as its theme "Immigration 101." The presenter is Linda Clifford, attorney at the Community Immigration Law Center in Madison. All are welcome.

Ellie Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

Transformation Coordinating Team Update

Dale Heights continues movin', movin', movin' forward on our transformation journey.

On March 20 the Coordinating Team met with the Session to be led by Coach Clara in a time of ideas sharing that had been sparked by her homework assignment to spend 10 minutes a day prayerfully meditating upon Dale Heights' Guiding Vision Statement. From that assignment and additional time reading and meditating upon the Guiding Vision Statement during the meeting, 11 ideas were posted and agreed upon as having arisen from the Guiding Vision Statement.

Coach Clara then led the team in clumping the 11 ideas together into 4 broad categories.

The Session will next begin reviewing and discussing these for implementation.

Stay tuned for more details soon, as well as ways you may want to get involved!



April Outreach Potluck

Mark your calendars for the next Outreach potluck on **Sunday, April 28th**. Joy Schmidt, Community Education Specialist at the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin, will present an insightful, informative, and practical presentation for us on various issues and resources available regarding issues of dementia.

Joy will share information about what Alzheimer's and dementia are, what's normal, as well as what can be done. She will also share interesting and useful information on maintaining brain health and staying sharp at any age.

Join us for the presentation as well as the best potluck food around! Think about friends and family you may want to invite who may enjoy and benefit from the presentation and delicious meal. Please remember to bring your own table service. As much as we love fellowship together over the dishes, let's work together to keep the clean-up to a minimum. Thank you!



Middleton Outreach Ministry Has A New Home

The Middleton Outreach Ministry Food Pantry moved to a larger location in order to better serve a growing number of clients and to make it easier for them to obtain needed services. The new location at 3502 Parmenter Street in Middleton is also home to the MOM office, which provides case management services as well as administrative support for the busy pantry and Clothing Center.

Prior to the move, the Food Pantry and Clothing Center operated at a warehouse space in the Middleton Business Park approximately 3 miles away from the office, which was located in downtown Middleton in a deteriorating, aging building. The new facility is also near a bus stop, which will provide greater ease of access for those who can currently only use the Food Pantry when they can find a ride.

The new office, Food Pantry, and Clothing Center opened on Monday, March 11, 2013. Volunteers will spend the weekend prior to the move restocking shelves and prepping the Pantry for customers.

"One of the first things that those living in poverty lose, in addition to maybe a home or a job, is dignity. For many, asking for help is something they never thought they would have to do. The shame and loss of pride in being self-sufficient is seen clearly on the faces of those who visit," said Al Ripp, Executive Director of MOM. "We want to restore that dignity and offer a trusting, understanding environment. While our new home is not elaborate or extravagant, we want to have a place where people can feel comfortable."

Middleton Outreach Ministry has seen an increase in use of services. MOM, which works to prevent homelessness and end hunger in the West Madison, Middleton and Cross Plains areas, is serving record numbers of people and regularly distributing over 60,000 pounds of food per month, with a total of over 750,000 pounds distributed in 2012. The pantry and mobile food pantries saw over 14,000 visits in 2012, an increase of nearly 20% over 2011 and a two year increase in visits of over 80%.

MOM received a \$20,000 grant from the Madison Community Foundation (MCF) to help purchase refrigerator units for the new facility that will allow MOM to accept large quantities of perishable food items that they have had to turn down in the past. They will also provide better preservation of donated items, as well as save energy and space.

"Being open six days per week, having adequate space was a real challenge for the type of traffic the MOM Food Pantry sees every day," said Cheri Farha, Distribution Center Manager. "To more effectively and efficiently serve those in need, this new Pantry will accommodate the growth we've seen and that which is sure to come."

A challenge to join *Team MOMCanDo* - comprised of MOM volunteers!!

Construction in a community competitive event to end hunger. MOM is already recruiting corporate, church, school and youth teams to make a structure completely out of food. MOM does that every day in the pantry, so they can do that too! MOM volunteers will build a structure in the shape of the MOM logo to be placed at the doorway to Construction. This will be a fun, active way to give to MOM and a great way to meet volunteers from other areas and shifts.

If you are interested in joining **Team MOMCanDo**, send your email address to noreen@momhelps.org. Noreen is also looking for someone to step forward to be co-captains. The co-captains will keep contact with the team and to be in charge of what is needed for the build. The Team will also need the advice of someone with experience building structures, if you can recruit a builder, construction engineer or "handyperson" - wonderful! Donations to join the team will be used for the entry fees and for purchase of the canned goods. A suggested donation of \$20 to \$100 or more will get you a place on the team. All food and donations will go directly to the pantry!

Really short on time? There are other ways to help! Help MOM collect food or funds! Help create a team -- through your school or church or business.

Session Highlights

February 24, 2013

- During the Clerk of Session report, approved the January 20, 2013 stated Session meeting minutes, the February 13, 2013 called Session meeting minutes, and the January 27, 2013 annual Congregation/Corporation meeting minutes; and received the 2012 Statistical Report to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- During the Property & Finance Committee report, heard a brief report on the January and year-to-date financials; approved the final 2013 budget; and discussed the upcoming capital campaign for the parking lot and other potential projects, including a new sanctuary air conditioner, improvements to the sound system, and new flooring in the Lounge and the Concourse kitchenette.
- Received the monthly Pastor's report.
- During the continued Session reorganization conversation elected Harold Meyer as Treasurer for 2013, and elected Bill Mercer as Commissioner to Presbytery for 2013.
- Received highlights of the February 16, 2013 John Knox Presbytery meeting.
- During the Care & Fellowship Committee report learned that the Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$262.45 for the Middleton Outreach Ministry Food Pantry; and that the next meeting will be March 10 to plan the annual Easter Breakfast.
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report heard updates on the adult Church School and the Wednesday Lunch & Learn; discussed that there no longer is a functioning Christian Education Ministry Team and agreed that for now Session will do this as a committee of the whole; and decided not to have nor offer children's Church School this spring academic year while continuing to evaluate whether and how to offer it in the future.
- During the Nominating Committee report noted that Harold Meyer has agreed to serve as 2013 Church Treasurer.
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report learned about upcoming potluck programs; about plans for promoting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering; that we will be serving the Pres House supper April 7; that Ruby Meyer has stepped down and that Barb Fleishman is the new convener; and that the next meeting will be April 21.
- During the Personnel Committee report learned all employee and volunteer background checks are current; learned that due to the blizzard, flu and various deadlines that Maggie Rogers' and Rick Geiger's annual reviews are still to be scheduled; and learned that Edi Chan is coordinating volunteers to be with Maggie Rogers' children before and during Sunday worship.
- During the Transformation Coordinating Team report noted the next called Session meeting with the team March 20 to continue working on goals and other next steps following the Conference on the Future; noted the congregation-wide Bible study *Sign, Foretaste, Instrument* is underway and concludes March 13; and learned that from the Conference on the Future Tom Jones is reestablishing a church library in the Concourse and that Pastor Marilyn is working with Marcia Holman to recruit lay people to help lead the worship prayers.
- During the Worship & Music Committee report heard updates on the "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" service March 3 and plans for the Lent-Easter cultural emphasis on the British Isles; that the Maundy Thursday service will be incorporated into an evening potluck March 28; that Easter is March 31; and that the next meeting will be April 14.
- During Miscellaneous Business expressed thanks to Bill Holman for the business cards he designed for the church, and per his request discussed suggestions for improvement.
- The next stated Session meeting is Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with Tom Jones leading devotions.

March 20, 2013

During the Session's called meeting with the Transformation Team March 20, 2013 Coach Clara Thompson led us in a time of ideas sharing that resulted in 11 ideas being posted and agreed upon as having arisen from the Guiding Vision Statement. These were then clumped together into 4 broad categories. Session will begin reviewing and discussing these for implementation during its March 24, 2013 stated meeting.

March 24, 2013

- During the Clerk of Session report, approved the February 24, 2013 stated Session meeting minutes.
- During the Property & Finance Committee report, heard a brief report on the February and year-to-date financials, noting that first quarter offering receipts are unusually down so far this year; heard progress updates on various projects; and approved a motion to launch a capital campaign to be led by Gerry Klump and to be conducted May 1-July 15, 2013.
- Received the monthly Pastor's report, which included that Ruling Elder member Cordelia "Dede" Mayberry died March 14, 2013 and that her memorial service will be April 27, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Dale Heights.
- During the Care & Fellowship Committee report heard plans for the annual Easter Breakfast, and approved their recommendation that the donations be designated for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report heard updates on the adult Church School and the Wednesday Lunch & Learn.
- During the Nominating Committee report learned that Bill Mercer will be moving from the area in May, that his last Session meeting will be in April, and that the committee needs to begin seeking a nominee to be elected to fill his unexpired term.
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report learned about an upcoming potluck program; and plans for serving the Pres House supper April 7.
- During the Personnel Committee report learned all employee and volunteer background checks are current; learned that Maggie Rogers' and Rick Geiger's annual reviews are still to be scheduled.
- During the Transformation Coordinating Team report continued discussion about the ideas generated during the March 20 meeting with Session and decided to let those prayerfully percolate for another month.
- During the Worship & Music Committee report were reminded that the Maundy Thursday service will be incorporated into an evening potluck March 28; that Easter is March 31; and that the next meeting is being rescheduled.
- During Miscellaneous Business selected a design from among the design options provided by Bill Holman for church business cards, and expressed thanks its thanks to Bill for his work on these.
- The next stated Session meeting is Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. with Bill Mercer leading devotions.

Property & Finance Committee Highlights

February 12, 2013

- Redecorating Task Force plans to paint fellowship stairwell on March 25 in advance of more “welcome” lettering to be done.
- Concrete Repair: will inquire about an estimate for redoing the church entrance concrete.
- Library bookcase: discussed attaching bookcase to the wall for safety reasons.
- Chair lift: quit working two weeks ago. Braun ThyssenKrupp did \$480 of repair work. To repair spring-loaded wiring spool, estimate is \$1420. Estimate received for \$8600 new from Braun. Internet search shows prices ranging from \$1780 to over \$2000. City of Madison permit costs range from \$480 to \$1010. Three options— to tear out, to repair, or to replace are referred to session.
- Discussed Peace Pole and Scouts line items under Local Outreach Funds. Referred to Outreach and session.
- Net budgeted income as if 2-28-13 is \$-5171. Offerings are low, even considering the “snow Sunday” when no collection was received.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 7pm.

Outreach & Mission Committee Highlights

February 21, 2013

- The committee met and began to think about ideas for the year. The committee would like to extend a big thank you to Ruby Meyer, who after serving many years as chair, has stepped down. She will continue to serve as a member of the committee. Our new chair is Barb Fleishman.
- The committee would like to thank all the members and friends of Dale Heights for their generous donations to One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Thanks to Edi Chan, Barb Fleishman, Wendy Weber, and others for continuing to volunteer their time for hosting families requiring shelter at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Middleton on February 15. The next opportunity to get involved is in May/June. It is a blessing and privilege to meet and minister to these guests in a small way. So watch and listen for details on the next time to help!
- Thanks to Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber, Margie Shumate, Roy Lembcke, Bill and Lenore Mercer, Ellie and Carl Metzloff, Bonnie Savonne, Joan Hicks, Bob Jorgenson, the Chan family, Pastor Marilyn Gamm, Barb Fleishman, Otty and Larry Schaefer and others who have donated items for the Pres House meal and plan to serve and host the dinner on April 7.
- The next outreach meeting will be Sunday, April 21 after worship.

TRIGGER:

The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence



Screening and Panel Discussion with Guests:

David Bamhart, Documentary Filmmaker of *Trigger*

Jeri Bonavia, Executive Director of WAVE
(Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort)

Christian Heyne, featured in *Trigger*; Coalition
to Stop Gun Violence

Thomas Woodmansee, Madison Police
Lieutenant of Special Investigation Unit

Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00PM

Marquee Theater, Union South

UW-Madison Campus

The documentary frames gun violence as a "Disaster" and "Public Health" issue by taking an in depth look at how one shooting creates a ripple effect that impacts individuals, families and communities.

TRIGGER is seen through the eyes of those most impacted by gun violence: emergency room chaplains and surgeons, survivors and victims' families, former ATF officials, police officers, school counselors, students and community leaders.



This TRIGGER screening is co-sponsored by Dale Heights' Outreach & Mission Committee

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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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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