



# Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

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August 2010

## *Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings*

For most of us it's now old news that I was not elected Vice Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. And for me, that's completely okay. Even without being elected, my General Assembly experience was plenty intense as we commissioners prayerfully worked our way through first our committee and then our plenary business items. I would do it again, though maybe not for awhile, and I definitely recommend experiencing General Assembly sometime.

Now it's August with September looming on the horizon - where has the summer gone? As such, planning is underway for our Church School this fall, our fall choral music offerings, and for our Advent/Christmas celebrations. You can read more about the fall Church School plans elsewhere in this issue of *Focus*.

But before we get too far ahead of ourselves, it **IS** still summer, and I hope you and yours are finding ways to enjoy it, and to rest and relax. Our Bible's book of Ecclesiastes teaches us that there's a time for everything, and Jesus taught and modeled for his first disciples that we need to make time in our busy lives for rest and relaxation, prayer and reflection. So my hope and prayer is that you have been or yet will be doing some of that for the refreshment of your body and your soul.

Toward that end, I'd like to share with you a prayer by Mark H. Landfried:

All around us, O God, are the evidences of your creative power and the reminder of how all things essential for life on earth have been given to us. So keep us, we pray, from moving blindly through our days, from failing to pay attention to the lessons these gifts have to teach us, from failing to witness to others the source of the gifts, and from failing to thank you for them. Forgive us, and use us as you will, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

See you in church!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

**Marilyn**

# August Worship Messages

August 1, 2010 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -

"Reflecting About What We Want and Why We Want It" - Luke 12:13-21 - Communion

August 8, 2010 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Being Ready to Receive Blessing" -  
Luke 12:32-40 - Aaron Lembcke Baptism

August 15, 2010 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Turning the World Upside Down" -  
Luke 12:49-56

August 22, 2010 - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
"Being Set Free: the Bent Over Woman" - Luke 13:10-17

August 29, 2010 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Seeing with God's Eyes" -  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Ushers for August

**August 1** Kim Chan, Mike Holland,  
Mary Towne, Edi Chan

**August 8** Youth of the church

**August 15** Dale Buske, Gale Oakes,  
Mary Towne

**August 22** Roy Lembcke,  
Anne Lembcke, Grant Lembcke

**August 29** Tom Jones,  
Otty Schaefer

## Liturgists for August

**August 1** Dick Corey

**August 8** Wendy Weber

**August 15** Mary Towne

**August 22** Roy Lembcke

**August 29** Gerry Klump

## Baptism

Aaron Lembcke, son of Anne and Grant Lembcke, baby brother of Andy Lembcke, and grandson of Roy Lembcke, will be baptized during morning worship, Sunday, August 8.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Pastor Marilyn will be on  
Vacation  
August 30-September 5**

**Read all about the just-  
concluded 219<sup>th</sup> General  
Assembly in the *Assembly in  
Brief* reports available in the  
Concourse or through the  
John Knox Presbytery  
website at  
[www.jknox.org/links](http://www.jknox.org/links) and  
clicking on Assembly in Brief  
2010.**

# Happy Birthday!

August 3	Grant Lembcke
August 5	Trudi Gebhardt
August 6	Kelsey Shannon
August 8	Lenore Mercer Carl Metzloff
August 9	Marjory Palmiter
August 11	Bill Holman
August 18	Jackie Howard
August 19	Richard King Janice Krall
August 23	Sam Roecker
August 25	Sasha Jakovich
August 27	Frank Rodriguez
August 28	Amy Schendel

# Happy Anniversary!

August 11	Dale Buske and Gale Oakes
August 17	Bill and Norma Sebert
August 18	Janet and Tom Jones
August 24	Zack and Jenny Dachel
August 31	Vicki and Gerry Klump

## New Beginnings Monthly LUNCH!

New Beginnings will meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of the month. We will meet next on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 11:30 at Pedro's, 499 D'Onofrio Dr. Madison.

## Dale Heights Knitters & Crocheters

Our Dale Heights members and friends participating in our crocheting and knitting ministry are now taking the summer off and will resume in September.

To date we have completed and delivered 22 prayer shawls and 63 skull caps, with others completed and awaiting dedication before sending.. Everyone welcome to join us in this ministry.

## Wednesday Lunch & Learn Class

Our Wednesday Lunch & Learn class is now studying *Vision Stories: True Accounts of Visions, Angels and Healing Miracles* by John Sumwalt.

Almost everyone has either a personal vision story or knows of a friend's experience – and if they know that its sacredness will be honored, most people want to tell their story.

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

## New Member 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.

# In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of former Dale Heights member Esther Dunham, who died June 30, 2010. Funeral services were July 3, 2010 in Madison.

Our deepest sympathy to Michelle McNeal, Kathryn, Veronica, Yasmine and James, in the death of James McNeal on July 14, 2010. Funeral services were July 22, 2010 in Chicago.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Don Haven, who died July 15, 2010. Funeral services were July 22, 2010 at Dale Heights.



## Summer Saturday Church Work Days

The Property & Finance Committee is planning church work days for the second Saturday of the month through the summer for various projects, including weeding, painting, and other maintenance. Please plan to come August 14 and September 11 and help out as you can.

## Autumn Choir News

As summer starts winding down, it's time to start thinking about choir again!

Starting this year, choir rehearsals will take place on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30**, instead of Thursdays. The first choir rehearsal will be on September 1, and the choir's first Sunday in the loft will be September 5. Please consider joining choir this year; we are especially in need of **altos**. If you have any questions, please see Maggie.



## Flowers

Many gardens are bursting with late summer color and many porches have beautiful pots of flowers on them. If you would like to show off your blossoms, think about bringing them to church on Sunday for either the front of the sanctuary or the coffee table. No need to let anyone know that you are bringing the flowers, just bring them and hear the appreciation of the rest of the congregation. Then take your flowers home after worship and enjoy them yourself.

Thanks for brightening the sanctuary or concourse.



## August Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



Members of the congregation are invited to host a Coffee hour and bring some fellowship treats on Sundays in August. Coffee and juice are provided. We will gladly set up the table for you. Please sign up on the sheet in the Concourse.

## Nursery Reminder

The nursery will be staffed by volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the concourse and if no one signs up, the nursery will not be staffed. Please note that a background check is needed before you can stay in the nursery and play with kids other than your own. See Pastor Marilyn for the form.

The nursery will be open during the service if parents feel they need to leave the service with their children.

## Its Back to Sunday School Time Again!

The First Day of Sunday School is Sunday September 12th.

The 2-7 year-old class will take place from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Sunday School Wing. We look forward to sharing the stories of our faith as you and your children are able to participate.

This year there will also be many opportunities for children to participate in worship. They will learn songs and have the opportunity to be part of the Christmas Pageant.

Please join us after church on Sunday September 12th for our annual Sunday School Kick-Off Potluck. Please bring a dish to share. This is a time for adults and young children to share food and fellowship.

Sunday September 12 is casual Sunday – please wear casual, comfortable clothes to worship and stay for the potluck.

## **Session Meeting Highlights – July 28, 2010**

- Approved the May 25, 2010 Session meeting minutes
- During the Property and Finance Committee report, received a brief report on the May and June monthly and year-to-date financials, which showed a net income at the end of June of \$993, and a year-to-date net income of just over \$2,100; heard a report on the completion of the church basement storm water management project; heard reports of other repairs around the church this summer; discussed the upcoming fall stewardship campaign; and received an update from the joint Dale Heights-Sah-lang painting and redecorating task on its projects
- Received the monthly Pastor's report, received information about this year's Presbytery Day event in September, and agreed to invite Gwen Brandfass from the Committee on Ministry to the August Session meeting to conduct our triennial visit
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report, heard reports on plans for the fall children's Church School activities
- During the Personnel Committee report, learned that background checks for all employees are current
- There was no Inviting and Welcoming Ministry Team report
- Met with Anne and Grant Lembcke and approved their request to have their son, Aaron Joseph Lembcke, baptized during morning worship August 8
- Approved a request from Pres House to provide Sunday suppers October 24, 2010 and March 27, 2011 for their students
- During the Outreach and Mission Committee report, heard a report on the Rev. Gary Catterson, pastor of Community Presbyterian Church in Postville, IA and a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team's program during a potluck June 27; and learned that Gale Oakes is stepping down as chair
- During the Worship and Music Committee report, learned that choir rehearsals will be moving from Thursday to Wednesday evenings this fall; heard a report that the next cultural emphasis will be Swiss/German/Netherlands for Advent/Christmas; and that the next meeting is August 29
- The next meeting will be August 26, 2010 with Kim Chan leading devotions.

## **Property & Finance Meeting Highlights – July 13, 2010**

- Storm water management drain and pump project completed except for baseboard which needs to be ordered. Fifty-four tiles were replaced without having to buy new ones. Thanks to committee members who cut, stained and installed the new look—wainscoting and paneling.
- Successful Sah-lang/Dale Heights July work day. Fellowship hall was cleaned up and all remaining bark for the grounds was spread. Some pruning will take place later this year on selected trees on the lawn and in the Memorial Garden.
- Painting/redecorating task force cancelled one paint day but will work on July, 16.
- Due to possible City of Madison plans for University Avenue/Norman Way work, we will delay for now paying off the complete sidewalk assessment.
- New tractor/mower is in use. Purchased for \$2,100 in June.
- Programming of newer computer is ongoing, but complicated by limited capacity on current machine.
- Other building /maintenance projects completed. New bearing and seals on furnace pump and basement bathroom are fixed. Elevator quit working one day but was fixed by committee member.
- Finances are in fairly good shape. Budget statement shows and actual net income year-to-date of \$2121 versus a projected year-to-date budget deficit of \$3,096.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

## **Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting Highlights – July 25, 2010**

- Kim Chan presented the plans for the 2010-2011 preschool Sunday school class.
- The first day of Sunday School will be September 12. It will be a casual Sunday followed by an indoor potluck meal.
- A new curriculum will be purchased to go with the Spark Bibles which have already been purchased for the younger children. We will use the Fall curriculum to assess the program before we purchase the Spring curriculum.
- One of the tables will be made shorter and carpet squares will be gotten so the story time can be done sitting on the floor.
- There are five individuals (Kim Chan, Sophie Jakovich, Gale Oakes, Vreni Straubhaar and Sandy Weigt) who will be teaching.
- The Adult Sunday School took the summer off and it is expected to resume in the Fall.
- The Wednesday Lunch and Learn group will continue. When one subject is ended, a new one is decided upon by the group.
- There will be a children's Christmas program again this year some Sunday in December.
- The children will be presenting the song "Jesus Loves Me" during worship sometime in the Fall. Sophie will accompany them with the accordion. Another song will be presented in the Spring.
- These children will be encouraged to help usher and will make some floating banners to swing in the aisles during the opening hymn. They will make them during Sunday School.





Would you like to learn more about homeless services in Madison? Join members from faith communities all over Madison on Tuesday, August 10th to hear presentations from the non-profit groups who are providing emergency shelter, including The Road Home.

Starting at 5pm, dinner will be provided, along with a game or activity for your table to begin to engage the issue of homelessness in Madison. A suggested donation of \$10 is asked to off-set the cost of the meal. From 6-7pm, each of the non-profits (The Road Home, Salvation Army, Porchlight, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, and YWCA) will present about their organization and how they are providing shelter followed by a question-and-answer session. At 7pm, people are free to leave or stay with their congregation or organization to debrief about what they heard for half-an-hour.

The event will be in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church at 203 Wisconsin Avenue. Carpooling is available. Questions? Contact Darby Puglielli at [togracechurchformation@gmail.com](mailto:togracechurchformation@gmail.com).

## \*\*\*Breaking News\*\*\*

John Knox Presbytery has just announced its annual. . .

### PRESBYTERY DAY. . .

to be held at the beautiful Sugar Creek Bible Camp near. . .

FERRYVILLE, WISCONSIN

Friday and Saturday,

SEPTEMBER 24 and 25, 2010.

The theme for this year's event is . . .

## "Reaching Out, Reaching In —Freeing the Spirit"

All in the Presbytery are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and worship at this lovely facility. Inspiring speakers and workshop leaders, Cindi Beth Johnson and Sandra Zahn, will help us free and share God's spirit. In addition, the event will include a marketplace where individual churches will show how they, too, are experiencing the movement of God's spirit. Mark this date on your calendars, share this "breaking news," and watch for future details!

# 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**

## Wisdom for Life

August-1 Isaiah 1-4  
August-2 Isaiah 5-9  
August-3 Isaiah 10-14  
August-4 Isaiah 15-21  
August-5 Isaiah 22-26  
August-6 Isaiah 27-31  
August-7 Isaiah 32-37  
August-8 Isaiah 38-42  
August-9 Isaiah 43-46  
August-10 Isaiah 47-51  
August-11 Isaiah 52-57  
August-12 Isaiah 58-63  
August-13 Isaiah 64-66



## Tears for God's People

Aug-14 Jeremiah 1-3  
August-15 Jeremiah 4-6  
August-16 Jeremiah 7-10  
August-17 Jeremiah 11-14  
August-18 Jeremiah 15-18  
August-19 Jeremiah 19-22  
August-20 Jeremiah 23-25  
August-21 Jeremiah 26-28  
August-22 Jeremiah 29-31  
August-23 Jeremiah 32-33  
August-24 Jeremiah 34-36  
August-25 Jeremiah 37-40  
August-26 Jeremiah 41-44  
August-27 Jeremiah 45-48  
August-28 Jeremiah 49-50  
August-29 Jeremiah 51-52  
August-30 Lamentations 1-2



## 2010 SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

All items due to MOM by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

While it seems like school just ended (because it did), MOM is already working on this year's school backpack program. Below are the items we really need. Won't you please help?

✓ Marks the items we routinely run out of.

### SUPPLIES:

\*3-ring binders (1" & 1 1/2" ONLY)

\*3-ring binder Dividers ✓

\*3-ring paper – college & wide rule

\*Compass

\*Colored Pencils ✓

\*Dry Erase Markers

\*Erasers

\*Glue Sticks

\*Highlighters (yellow, green, blue) ✓

\*Markers- thick & thin (washable) ✓

\*#2 Pencils

\*Pencil Sharpeners

\*Pocket folders-glossy ✓

\*Pocket folders- regular (solid colors) (with & w/out prongs)

\*Protractors

\*Scissors

\*Sharpies- black (thick & thin)

\*Spiral Notebooks-College Ruled ✓

\*Spiral Notebooks- Wide Ruled ✓

\*Supply-Pencil box/pouch

\*1/4" graph paper ✓

\*3x5" lined index cards ✓

\*XTRA Large HS Backpacks ✓



### PERSONAL CARE:

\*Deodorant (full size men's/women's)

\*Shampoo (small size)

\*Toothpaste (small size)

\*Toothbrush



\$\$\$ Financial \$\$\$

Donations also accepted to purchase supplies needed to complete all backpacks.



Please bring items by:

AUGUST 20, 2010

To MOM, 7432 Hubbard Ave.  
Middleton, 9am-4:30pm, M-F

QUESTIONS?

Contact:

Carole Klopp, 826-3409

## THANK YOU!



# August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion; Home Communion Visits	2	3	4 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	5 Pastor Marilyn to COM	6	7 Men's Monthly Breakfast 8 am
8 Aaron Lembcke Baptism	9	10 John Knox Pastors' Prayer Group 11:45 am; Property & Finance Committee 7 pm	11 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	12	13	14 Church Work Day
15	16	17 Monthly Birthday Lunch 11:30 am	18 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Bosom Buddies 6:45 pm	19	20	21 John Knox Presbytery Meeting at Lodi
22	23	24	25 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	26 Session 7 pm	27	28
29 Worship Committee 11:30 a.m.	30 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	31 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation			<b>MOM Pantry Needs for AUGUST Pasta, Rice and other grains</b>	

## **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