



# Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

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August 2011

## *Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings*

As I'm writing this month's Musings I'm preparing to be on vacation and then to go to Louisville, KY to defend the Presbytery before the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission. Although I do not yet know whether the GAPJC will rule in the Presbytery's favor or order us to reexamine Scott Anderson for ordination under our recently approved new standards, I do know either way the Presbytery will be ordaining him later this year. Our case is scheduled to be heard by the GAPJC beginning at 8:30 a.m. EDT on Friday, July 29 in Louisville, Kentucky. Please keep all of the involved parties in your prayers during this difficult process.

While I voted in favor of ordaining Scott and have been defending the Presbytery's vote to do so the past two and a half years, I also recognize that in so doing there will be more division in our denomination, at least for awhile. Ordaining called, gifted gay and lesbian persons to church service has been a very intense, very bitter battle in our denomination for over 40 years. Being denied ordination has caused called, gifted persons much pain, and some have left and even rejected the church. Now as we prepare to ordain this new category of called, gifted persons, others who sincerely believe we are wrong to do so are in pain, and some will leave and even reject the church. I am keeping all persons on both sides of this bitter issue in my prayers, and I'm asking you to also be praying for them and for our denomination as we make this transition toward greater inclusivity.

Changing topics, I hope you were able to share in our church in the Concourse worship service July 17, but if you weren't, don't despair. I don't know when, but hopefully sometime this fall we will have another Sunday service in our beautiful Concourse.

You'll see elsewhere in this month's *Focus* that we will have a special "Children's Sunday" worship service on Sunday, August 14. As of this writing plans include special musical offerings by our own Abby Rogers, Sasha and Marco Jakovich, and loads of all around cuteness. Hope to see you there!

Happy Summer and see you in church and serving in our Madison/Middleton area community!

Shalom in Christ Jesus, *Marilyn*

# August Worship Messages

August 7, 2011 - 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - "Going into Uncharted Waters" -  
Matthew 14:22-33 - Communion

August 14, 2011 - 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Children's Sunday -  
"Challenging God's Seeming Capriciousness" - Matthew 15:10-28

August 21, 2011 - 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - "Building Upon Testimony" - Matthew 16:13-20

August 28, 2011 - 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - "Accepting Change" - Matthew 16:21-28

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## Liturgists for August

<b>Aug. 7</b>	Vreni Straubhaar
<b>Aug. 14</b>	Otty Schaefer
<b>Aug. 21</b>	Edi Chan
<b>Aug. 28</b>	Mike Holland

## 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.

## Ushers for August

<b>Aug. 7</b>	Communion Servers
<b>Aug. 14</b>	June Zeeh & Jennifer Jones
<b>Aug. 21</b>	Edi & Keith Chan
<b>Aug. 28</b>	Gerry Klump & Janet Jones

## Weekly Children's Church School

There is no Children's Sunday School over the summer. We will resume in the fall. Thank you to all those who have taught Sunday School this past year!

## Dale Heights Web Site

Check out our church web site for the latest news: [www.daleheightspc.org](http://www.daleheightspc.org)

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

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

## Church Women United

So far since May many pennies have made their way to the Least Coin Jar! There have been 869 prayers for peace – and \$8.69 was collected to show for it! Please keep those Pesky Pennies coming, along with your sincere prayer for peace over each one. Wouldn't it be GREAT if we DID have World Peace? Even the least coins will benefit the world in amazing ways! Thanks for your prayers. Ellie Metzloff

# 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 (2006)  
August 27 Frank Rodriguez  
Jane Williams  
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

## August New Beginnings

The August New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Quaker Steak and Lube, 2259 Deming Way. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or [marytowne@chorus.net](mailto:marytowne@chorus.net) for reservations. Thank you.

## NEW Wednesday Lunch & Learn Study!

Beginning August 3 our new Wednesday Lunch & Learn study will be *The Sacredness of Questioning Everything* by David Dark.

According to David Dark, questions about faith are not only positive, but crucial, for Christians' health and well-being.

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

## Music News

August special music will include a special Children's Music Sunday, featuring performances from Sasha and Marco Jakovich, and Abby Rogers. Also this month, we'll be hearing from Gerry and Melanie Klump, John and Sophie Jakovich, and a trio featuring Maggie Rogers and two members of her family.

## Autumn Choir News

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

Rehearsals will be back to Thursday evenings this year, still at 7:30. The first choir rehearsal will be on September 1, and the choir's first Sunday in the loft will be September 11. Please consider joining choir this year, we have a lot of fun pieces planned!



Pastor Marilyn will be on  
Vacation August 29-September 5

We will have a Hymn Festival  
Sunday, September 4

## Middleton Outreach Ministry – School Supply Program

MOM is gearing up for its 2011 School Supply Program! The Program makes it possible for kids to have the items they need to succeed in school and for families to save their limited resources for other necessary expenses such as rent and utilities.

With your help in 2010, we sent nearly 700 students to school with the necessary supplies. Client registration starts July 1 and backpack distribution takes place August 25th and 26th at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Join MOM again in addressing this important need and let's show everyone how much we care as a community.

Our top ten needs are:

- Markers - thick and thin
- Pocket folders -glossy
- Pocket folders - with & without prongs
- Spiral Notebooks -college ruled
- Spiral Notebooks - wide ruled
- Colored Pencils
- 3-ring binders - 1" & 1.5" only
- 3-ring binder dividers
- XL High School Backpacks
- Erasers

## 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.

## Interfaith Day at Miller Park Tuesday, August 2 at 7 p.m.

It'll be the Brewers versus the Cardinals, with Pastor Marilyn in her Cardinals jersey and probably the rest of us from Dale Heights and High Point churches supporting the Brewers. With the National League pennant at stake, this should be an exciting game.

### Summer Church Work Days

Please join us when and as you are able for our summer work days each Saturday morning beginning around 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon or so, depending on the day and the projects. Many hands make light work!

### Transformation Team Report

Our journey continues. Mike Holland, with sunglasses and suitcase in hand, brought us up to date with our travels so far during our church in the concourse Sunday. How appropriate! The suitcase held some souvenirs of our stops along the way. The conference on the past had many "snapshots" of our history, personal, church and global. The highlights shared at the conference on the past are posted on the board in the concourse for you to check out.

The input from the congregation at the conference on the past is helping us decide on how we proceed on the next part of our journey. A number of hypothesis will be presented in services and discussion groups in September and October. I thought I knew what "hypothesis" meant but checked it out on the internet. I think the first definition I found is appropriate:

### *hy·poth·e·sis*/hi'päTH?sis/Noun

1. A supposition or proposed explanation made on the basis of limited evidence as a starting point for further investigation.

I particularly liked the statement "as a starting point for further investigation". Wonder what our further investigations will turn up on this exciting journey? We will need to wait and see as we travel together.

# Flowers

Many gardens are bursting with 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.

## Session Meeting Highlights – July 19, 2011

- Approved the minutes of the May 24, 2011 stated Session meeting, the June 12, 2011 called Session meeting, the June 15, 2011 called Session meeting, and the June 26, 2011 called Congregational meeting
- During the Property & Finance Committee report received a brief report on the May and June monthly and year-to-date financials; heard a report on the 2012 University Avenue reconstruction project; heard an update on church security concerns; approved making the church a no firearms property unless affirmatively requested by Session or Pastor; and received an update on church redecorating plans
- Received the monthly Pastor's report
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report learned that a fall planning meeting is set for August 7; that some of our young children will participate in the Sahlang Church's Vacation Bible School August 19-20; and that a new Lunch & Learn study will begin August 3
- During the Personnel Committee report learned background checks for all employees are current, and are on-going for new volunteers
- During the Transformation Team report approved holding a "Conference on the Present" in place of worship Sunday, October 23 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.; heard about plans for "hypothesis" Sundays and adult studies during September and October; and that the next meeting will be August 10
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report learned that some funds were used to help a neighborhood boy attend Scout camp this summer; heard a report on the mini-Bratfest fund-raiser July 17; learned the next Habitat for Humanity build is July 23; heard about plans to participate in Interfaith Day at Miller Park August 2; learned the next meeting will be August 7 and the next potluck program will be August 14; and approved providing supper for Pres House students October 23, 2011 and March 25, 2012
- During the Worship & Music Committee report learned a hymn by Ray Bayley and Tom Jones was debuted during worship July 10; heard a report on holding church in the Concourse July 17; that the guest preacher July 24 will be Sam Buffat and July 31 will be F. Gary Reynolds; heard a report that Maggie Rogers will be off and June Zeeh will play for worship July 31; heard about plans for periodic themed worship services throughout the year; learned there will be a "Children's Sunday" August 14 and another Hymn Festival September 4; and that the next meeting will be August 21
- Set the next Session meeting for August 23, 2011 with Gerry Klump leading devotions



## **Worship and Music Committee Meeting Highlights June 26, 2011**

- Learned that: July services will include an American Folk Hymn Sing, and a hymn written by Ray Bayley with music by Tom Jones.
- June Zeeh will fill in for Maggie who will be on vacation on July 31.
- Sophie and Maggie are planning a children's music day on August 14.
- Maggie may be gone one Sunday in August, not sure of date yet.
- Fall recital is still being considered for a Sunday evening or Sunday morning.
- Discussed various seating configurations for "Worship in the Concourse" on July 17.
- July 24<sup>th</sup>, Sam Buffat will be preaching while Marilyn is on vacation.
- September 4<sup>th</sup>: Hymn Festival
- Discussed worship options for September 11. Marilyn suggested that prayers be said for survivors and families of the deceased.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>: We hope to have a joint service with Sah-Lang for World Communion Sunday.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Transformation Team "Conference on the Present" to be held downstairs.
- October 30, November 6, and November 13 will be Stewardship Emphasis Sundays.
- Learned that liturgists have been scheduled through July, and are needed for August.
- Heard that the usher schedule for summer and fall has been put together.
- Next meeting date: August 21, 2011 with opening prayer by Marcia Holman.

## **Property & Finance Meeting Highlights – July 12, 2011**

- Grounds: overgrown yews cut and removed except one near the sanctuary on the University Avenue side. Stumps to be removed later, as will the old sumacs. Ah-lang members help with larger tasks on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month.
- Redecorating task force focuses next on Sunday School Room 13. Painting help will be needed after mid-August.
- Security camera still pending.
- 2012 Reconstruction of University Avenue: City Engineering Division letter received, detailing fees for concrete drive apron off Norman Way curb and gutter and 4' pavement, street lighting. Total \$12,458.72. No charge for sidewalk, which had been done a few years ago. Scott Appraisal is coming July 12 to look at the corner of the Dale Heights property to be affected by the reconstruction. Reimbursement for this loss may offset the charges above.
- Financial reports reviewed. Actual income is roughly even with year-to-date budgeted income, though furnace cost and higher gas and electric are reflected in the net budgeted income as showing -\$3744 as of 6/30/11.
- Because of passage of Concealed Carry law, committee is looking into what signs need to be posted.
- Concourse thermostat not working well: the heating and cooling company will be called to try to get things cooled down before the worship in the concourse this Sunday.
- Next meeting: Tuesday August 9, 2011 at 7 p.m.

# 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  
August 31 Lamentations 3-5



## August 2011

	1	2 Interfaith Day at Miller Park 7 p.m.	3 Lunch & Learn 11:45am	4 Pastor Marilyn to COM  Maggie Off  Church Office Closed	5	6 Church Work Day 9 am.
7 "Old Hymns with New Words" Worship with Communion 10 a.m.; Christian Ed & Outreach Committees 11:30 a.m.; Home Communion Visits	8	9 Pastor Marilyn to JKP Pastors' Prayer Group 12 Noon  Property & Finance mtg 7pm	10 Lunch & Learn 11:45am  Transformation Team 7 pm	11	12	13 Men's Breakfast 8am  Church Work Day 9 am.
14 "Children's Sunday" Worship 10 a.m.  Outreach Potluck Program 11:30 a.m.	15	16 New Beginnings Lunch 11:30am	17 Lunch & Learn 11:45am  Bosom Buddies, 6:45pm	18	19	20 Church Work Day 9 am.  Pastor Marilyn to JKP Meeting at Portage
21 Worship & Music Committee 11:30 a.m.	22	23 Session 7 p.m.	24 Lunch & Learn 11:45am	25	26	27 Church Work Day 9 am.
28	29 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	30 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	31 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation  NO Lunch & Learn  Church Office Closed			



## 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