



Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

February 2011

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

Since Valentine's Day is this month I'm beginning my musings talking about facets of love. As recorded in the thirteenth chapter of John's Gospel during what we call his Maundy Thursday or Last Supper meal Jesus taught disciples how we are to love, saying, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

One of the ways Dale Heights will be expressing this kind of love this month is through our annual Souper Bowl of Caring following worship on Sunday, February 6. All proceeds will benefit Middleton Outreach Ministry's food pantry, which since last March has been allowing clients to shop for their food anytime rather than being restricted to once a month. I hope to see you there, showing your love to the hungry in MOM's service area through your generous financial contributions to our Souper Bowl meal together.

Another way Dale Heights expresses this kind of love is through educational and missional opportunities provided through our Outreach and Mission Committee. In addition to our monthly opportunities to help stock the MOM food pantry, upcoming plans for possible potluck programs and opportunities to share in hands-on mission include: Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, Safe Families, Working Capital for Community Needs (formerly the Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua), and a "green" shopping bags project. Please look for an announcement about which of these groups will be speaking to us in February.

Here at Dale Heights we have a commitment to having the doors open serving our neighbors seven days a week, not only for church events, but also as a kind of community center. Toward that goal, we are opening our doors to a public forum with the Dane County Executive candidates hosted by United for Funding February 10.

Since February is also Black History month and as a means of better loving and respecting our many different races and cultures, our Wednesday Lunch & Learn class is learning more about black/white race relations in this country by reading and discussing Timothy Tyson's *Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story*.

And on February 27 we will especially show our love and thanksgiving to churchwomen through our Celebrate the Gifts of Women worship service.

Happy Valentine's Day!
And see you in church!

Shalom in Christ Jesus, Marilyn

February Worship Messages

February 6, 2011 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Souper Bowl Sunday -
"Peppering' the World" - Matthew 5:13-20 - Communion

February 13, 2011 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Dealing with Broken Relationships" -
from Matthew 5:21-37

February 20, 2011 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Gardening with God" -
Leviticus 19:2, 9-18

February 27, 2011 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday -
"Joining with the Birds and the Lilies" - Matthew 6:24-34

Ushers for February

Feb. 6 Communion Servers
Feb. 13 Janice Krall and Rick Shannon
Feb. 20 Tom Jones and Rick Geiger
Feb. 27 Sandy Weigt and Keith Chan

Liturgists for February

Feb. 6 Wendy Weber
Feb. 13 Edi Chan
Feb. 20 Caroline Pope
Feb. 27 Gale Oakes

Lenten Wreath

Readers and Candle Snuffers

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on March 9. Families and individuals willing to lead the Lenten wreath portion of Sunday morning worship are needed. Please let Marcia Holman know of your willingness to help, or sign up on the sheet that will be in the Concourse. The first Sunday in Lent is March 13.

Weekly 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!

Meanwhile, the adult class is beginning their study of *Return from Tomorrow* by George G. Ritchie. "*At the age of 20, a soldier died in an Army hospital. Nine minutes later he returned to life. What he experienced would change him forever.*"

MOM Pantry Needs for February

**Meals in a box
(Hamburger Helper, etc.)**

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.

Happy Birthday!

February 2 Marco Jakovich (2008)

February 3 Marlowe Elizabeth
Eldridge (1999)

February 28 Johanna Osten

Happy Anniversary!

February 21 Joan and John Hicks

Dale Heights Knitters & Crocheters

Our Dale Heights members and friends are gathering Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Come to both learn to knit or crochet, and also to work together on knitting or crocheting projects for mission - such as "healing shawls" and skull caps for soldiers' helmets.

Everyone is welcome to join us in this ministry.

New Wednesday Lunch & Learn Class

We are now reading from the book *Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story* by former University of Wisconsin professor Timothy B. Tyson. This book examines the civil rights struggle in the South.

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

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.

Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Although we prefer not to have to cancel worship, sometimes winter weather makes it necessary. So we do have a plan in place for getting the word out if worship is cancelled.

When Pastor Marilyn has to cancel worship, she will do the following: send an email, put a cancellation notice on the website, and change the answering machine by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning to indicate the cancellation.

If you are at all unsure about whether or not to come to church, please check your e-mail, check the website or call the church. **Above all, play it safe.**

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.

Directory Corrections

Please note: the email address for Vreni and Willy Straubhaar should be willyverenastraubhaar@gmail.com.

The correct address for John and Sophie Jakovich is 1745 Norman Way.

Todd and Amy Schendel's new address is 426 Gilbert St, Iowa City, IA, 52245.

If there are any other corrections, or you'd like to report a change in your information, please let Maggie know.



Souper Bowl of Caring

We now know it will be our Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers playing in the Super Bowl.

We also know there is a great need to help with the hunger problem in our own community. A simple meal of soup is going to be served in the lower concourse on Sunday, February 6, following worship. Donations will be accepted and 100% of the money brought in will go to the Middleton Outreach Ministry. You can put your donation in the offering plate (please make sure it is marked that it should go to the Souper Bowl fund) or in the basket at the serving table when you fill your soup bowl.

The soups on the menu are vegetable beef and one of Marian Todd's favorite soups, vegetarian lentil stew. If anyone wants to bring something to round out the meal, just bring it on Sunday February 6.

Please come for the fellowship and food. If so inclined, wear the colors of your favorite team (little league, high school, college or pro).

The prayer said at the first Souper Bowl is a simple one and very relevant: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

Hope to see you there.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



On Friday February 4th, 2011, Church Women United will meet at Glenwood Moravian, 725 Gilmore. The program is "Vital Issues Before the United Nations Now." The presenters are Tom and Lee Brown. 9:00 AM is Gathering and coffee, 9:30 AM starts Welcome and Announcements. The program starts at 10AM.

Fill the Robes!

On Sunday, March 6, the choir will be hosting Fill the Robes Sunday! On this day, everyone is invited to come sing a simple anthem with the choir! If you wish to participate in this fun event, please let Maggie know, and come to the rehearsal on February 23rd at 7:30 pm.



February New Beginnings

The February New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, February 15 at 11:30 at Pedro's, 499 D'Onofrio Dr.

Please call or e-mail Mary Towne for reservations at 831-6635 or marytown@chorus.net

Meet Our New Transformation Coordinating Team!

The January issue of Dale Heights' *Focus* introduced the Missional Transformation Journey. At that time, members were being recruited to be part of the team. Below, the team members let you know when and why they joined Dale Heights and let you know why they are excited to be a member of the team.

Mike Holland:

After moving to the Whispering Hills Townhouses just across University Avenue from Dale Heights in 1998, my wife, kids and I started walking to church for Sunday School and worship. In 1999 we became members. Those early family connections with the church got me involved in Dale Heights activities.

I am excited to participate in the Transformation team efforts because the program involves the congregation in simple and ongoing ways and because prayer and Bible study are included as part of the process for discerning how Dale Heights can continue fulfilling God's purpose in this new decade.

Roy Lembcke

I have been involved at Dale Heights since 1970. I came because Jim Sparks' first pastorate was my childhood church. Then, as now, members were asked to be on committees.

I welcomed the opportunity to help plan Dale Heights future, especially involvement with the congregation to find out their thoughts, goals and dreams about Dale Heights and its future.

Gale Oakes

I have been coming to Dale Heights for 11.5 years. Sam (my son) and I chose Dale

Heights after moving to Madison and attending a number of different churches.

From the moment I learned about the opportunity for a transformation journey being offered to congregations I was excited. I think this is a wonderful opportunity for us to be an intentional learning community that makes time to listen, share, and learn from one another as we discover what God wants to do through our church.

Rick Shannon:

I had my daughter Michelle with me when I came to Madison in 1978. I was looking for a church that had children her age. Dale Heights did not have any her age. She decided to go back to Wausau and Tom Dietrich asked me to give Dale Heights a try in 1980. I did and liked the people and stayed.

I am excited about the opportunity that Caroline Pope gave me because the church needs something to keep it going. We have been "treading water" too long and need to pick a direction and "swim" toward it.

Sandy Weigt

I have been a member of Dale Heights since 1980. I first came here because it was walking distance and after our daughter, Lisa, was born, I wanted a church home closer than the Moravian Church I was raised in.

I agreed to be a member of the transformation team because of the excitement the members of Session had when they presented the concept. I also believe that the only thing constant in life is change and this is an opportunity to invite the entire congregation in the journey.

Watch for more information in future newsletters. If you have questions, talk to one of us. We are on the same journey.

Session Meeting Highlights – January 25, 2011

- Examined new Elders
- Elected Mike Holland 2011 Clerk of Session and Harold Meyer Treasurer
- Elected Kim Chan and Bill Mercer to share serving as 2011 Commissioner to Presbytery meetings
- Signed up for 2011 Committees and Ministry Teams
- Approved the December 16, 2010 Session meeting minutes
- During the Property and Finance Committee report, received a brief report on the December monthly and year-end financials; approved a balanced 2011 budget of \$145,757; and received information about an upcoming public forum with Dane County Executive candidates at Dale Heights
- Received the monthly Pastor's report, which included a review of how the Sah-lang church came to be nesting at Dale Heights; and that Dale Heights will be featured on the John Knox Presbytery page in the 2012 Mission Yearbook
- Learned that the Committee on Ministry approved the covenant agreement with Parish Associate for Outreach and Mission Dietrich Gruen, that he has begun his work with the Outreach and Mission Committee, and that he is working on distributing fliers promoting Dale Heights as the Middleton Presbyterian Church
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report, heard reports on the Church School classes; and heard an update on the Lunch & Learn study
- During the Personnel Committee report, learned that background checks for all employees and volunteers are current
- During the Transformation Coordinating Team report heard about the first Presbytery training event; that the team is currently meeting weekly; and that the team will need to meet with Session sometime before the May Presbytery training event
- During the Outreach and Mission Committee report, learned about upcoming informational potluck plans, including programs by Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, and Safe Families
- Approved dissolving the Inviting and Welcoming Ministry Team, returning its functions to the Care and Fellowship, and Outreach and Mission committees
- During the Worship and Music Committee report, learned that the next meeting is rescheduled for January 30, 2011
- During the Care & Fellowship Committee report approved a request to move Anum Akai to the Inactive Roll
- During the Nominating Committee report decided to postpone church officer training plans till later this year after discussion about how the transformation process might refocus what kind of officer training is needed
- The next meeting will be February 17, 2011 with Bill Mercer leading devotions.

Property & Finance Committee Meeting Highlights – January 11, 2011

- Learned that Quickbooks is now up and running so that Gerry Klump can conduct our annual audit
- Discussed recent break-ins to the white garage and plans to install a padlock on the door
- Recommended a balanced 2011 church budget of \$145,757 to Session for approval.
- Financial reports received. As of December 31, 2010, year-to-date actual income was \$6,266 compared to budgeted net income of \$0, with most of that due to not having as high of snow removal costs as budgeted.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday February 8 at 7:00 pm.

Outreach & Mission Committee Highlights – January 23, 2011

We're busy and we know you're busy, so here it is, short and sweet. Mark your calendars for a future event or give thanks past events!

When the Outreach and Mission Committee met on Sunday, January 23rd, Dale Heights new Parish Associate for Outreach and Mission Dietrich Gruen joined us. Dietrich offered ideas for numerous future opportunities for outreach in our community and potentially in collaboration with other churches. Welcome, Dietrich, and we thank you in advance for your work!

Your Outreach and Mission Committee has dispersed monies to designated organizations and has received thank you's as well. One example of a donation is to Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central Wisconsin, Inc. The ICWJ's supports the ongoing efforts to foster dignity and respect for all workers-with decent and safe working conditions, and wages and benefits that can support families. The organization pursues justice through education, advocacy and coalition building.

Another thank you was received from Gilda's Club, Madison. It was comedian Gilda Radner's dream to create a warm, welcoming place where children, men and women with any type of cancer come to share their feelings, needs, hopes, tears and laughter along with their family and friends. Your generous gift helps Gilda's Club Madison make this a reality for members of our community affected by cancer. Thank you!

Potlucks...!

There are several potluck informational programs being planned for the next few months. Watch the Bulletins and e-News for specific dates and these topics:

- **Safe Families**
- **Habitat for Humanity**
- **Mission opportunities to Guatemala or Nicaragua**
- **Sponsoring a Boy Scout Troup at Dale Heights**

IHN/The Road Home

Thanks to Edi Chan, Barb Fleishman, Gale Oakes 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 March. It is a blessing and privilege to meet and minister to these guests in a small way.

Soooo...watch and listen for the next time we host guests as a 'buddy church' to St. Luke's.

Looking Ahead.....Hosting the Pres House Sunday Evening Worship and Supper

Dale Heights will serve their traditional meal of sloppy joes, pear salad, veggies and dip, chips, and brownies and ice cream at Pres House on campus and worship with those students and adults who gather every Sunday evening. It is a wonderful experience.

The students have enjoyed this meal in the past and it is appreciated also because it is served on Dale Heights' dishes. Cook, bake, serve, worship, cleanup and/or pray for this important ministry!

- **Sunday, March 27th**
- **Worship @ 4:30**
- **Meal @ 5:30**

P.S. The next Outreach Meeting will be after church on Sunday, February 20th!

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

The Story of Moses

Feb-1 Leviticus 1-3

Feb-2 Leviticus 4-6

Feb-3 Leviticus 7-8

Feb-4 Leviticus 9-10

Feb-5 Leviticus 11-13

Feb-6 Leviticus 14-15

Feb-7 Leviticus 16-18

Feb-8 Leviticus 19-21

Feb-9 Leviticus 22-23

Feb-10 Leviticus 24-25

Feb-11 Leviticus 26-27



Desert wanderings

Feb-12 Numbers 1-2

Feb-13 Numbers 3-4

Feb-14 Numbers 5-6

Feb-15 Numbers 7

Feb-16 Numbers 8-9

Feb-17 Numbers 10-11

Feb-18 Numbers 12-13

Feb-19 Numbers 14-15

Feb-20 Numbers 16-18

Feb-21 Numbers 19-20

Feb-22 Numbers 21-22

Feb-23 Numbers 23-25

Feb-24 Numbers 26-27

Feb-25 Numbers 28-29

Feb-26 Numbers 30-31

Feb-27 Numbers 32-33

Feb-28 Numbers 34-35

Feb-29 Catch up day!

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

		~ February 2011 ~					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Choir 7:30pm; Transformation Team 7 pm	3 Knitting/Crochet Group 10 am; Pastor Marilyn to COM	4	5	
6 Souper Bowl lunch/fund-raiser for MOM 11:30 am	7	8 Property & Finance Committee 7 pm	9 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Choir 7:30pm; Transformation Team 7 pm	10 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Dane County Executive Candidates' Forum 7-8:30 pm	11	12 Men's Breakfast 8 am	
13	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15 Monthly Lunch 11:30 a.m at Pedro's	16 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; No Choir tonight; Bosom Buddies 6:45 pm; Transformation Team 7 pm	17 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Session 7 pm	18 John Knox Presbytery Nite Before meeting	19 John Knox Presbytery meeting	
20 Outreach & Mission Committee 11:30 am	21 Presidents' Day	22	23 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Choir 7:30pm; Transformation Team 7 pm	24 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am	25	26	
27 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday	28	Notes: MOM Pantry Needs for February: Meals in a box (Hamburger Helper, etc.)					

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