



Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

February 2012

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

Soup to celebrate a football game . . . hearts and flowers to celebrate love . . . King cake, masks and throw beads to mark the ending of the Epiphany season . . . followed by ashes to remember to mourn as part of the Lenten season - we have all these and more coming up this month.

Yes, it's Souper Bowl time again, as in we'll enjoy soup together to raise funds for the Middleton Outreach Food Pantry before watching the annual National Football League Super Bowl championship game. Sandy's cooking again - need I really say more about the delicious soups we'll have - and you can read more about it elsewhere in this month's *Focus*.

Don't forget to let the ones you love know it on Valentine's Day February 14, remembering that we love because God first loved us (1 John 4:19).

We'll enjoy the fun of Mardi Gras during worship and fellowship time February 19 just before the beginning of Lent with its focus on prayerful self-reflection and repentance on Ash Wednesday February 22.

Also on February 22 we'll begin a new Lenten Bible study about "gates" throughout the Bible as metaphors for God's gracious activities, which you can also read more about elsewhere in this month's *Focus*. Before beginning that study we'll continue and conclude the transformation Bible study "A People of Salt and Light" that we began in January.

We'll celebrate the first Sunday in Lent in a big way as we remember Jesus' baptism by baptizing Andree Ann Jakovich on February 26. Following worship, the Jakovichs plan to provide a celebration thank you meal for our Dale Heights church family, as well as for their visiting family members.

Also during Lent, we will learn more about Korea from some of our Sah-lang Church sisters and brothers, who will share with us about their culture and traditions.

See you in church and serving in our Madison/Middleton area community!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Marilyn

February Worship Messages

February 5, 2012 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany - "A People of Salt and Light: Jesus' Model for Community - Jesus' Vision of Right Relationships" - Matthew 5:17-48; 22:34-40 - Communion

February 12, 2012 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany - "A People of Salt and Light: Jesus' Model for Community - A Model for Praying and Acting" - Matthew 6:1-18

February 19, 2012 - Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday - "Passing the Torch" - 2 Kings 2:1-12

February 22, 2012 - Ash Wednesday - 12 Noon - Daily Prayer Service and Study with Voluntary Imposition of Ashes

February 26, 2012 - 1st Sunday in Lent - "Living in the Light of the Rainbow" - Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15 - Baptism of Andree Jakovich

Liturgists for February

Feb. 5	Gale Oakes
Feb. 12	Bonnie Savonne
Feb. 19	Roy Lembcke
Feb. 26	Harold Meyer

Ushers for February

Feb. 5	Communion Servers
Feb. 12	Janice Krall & Rick Shannon
Feb. 19	Tom Jones & Rick Geiger
Feb. 26	Keith Chan & Sandy Weigt

Lenten Wreath Readers and Candle Snuffers

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on February 22. 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 February 26.



Dale Heights Mardi Gras Celebration Sunday, February 19

On Sunday, February 19 we will celebrate Mardi Gras during worship and our morning fellowship.

Where observed, Mardi Gras celebrations of varying lengths precede the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 22.

As part of our celebration, we will again enjoy King Cake during the fellowship time after worship. Bring and wear your Mardi Gras beads and masks as part of the fun!

Ash Wednesday Daily Prayer Service and Study with Voluntary Imposition of Ashes February 22 at 12 Noon

Again this year instead of an Ash Wednesday evening service the Session has approved a daytime observance in conjunction with the weekly Lunch & Learn study.

The service of Daily Prayer will begin at 12 Noon in the Lounge and will include Scripture reading, beginning a new Lenten study, and voluntary imposition of ashes.

See you there!

Korean Lent and Easter

This year's Lent and Easter cultural emphasis will be Korean, learning from some of our Sah-lang Church sisters and brothers during worship and fellowship particularly about Korean traditions and foods during these seasons of reflecting upon Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Happy Birthday!

February 2 Marco Jakovich (2008)
February 3 Marlowe Elizabeth
Eldridge (1999)

Happy Anniversary!

February 21 Joan and John Hicks

Choir News

Thanks to those who participated in the "Fill the Robes" Sunday on January 22nd! Look for another one in the future.

February New Beginnings

The February New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, February 21st at 11:30 at Adler's, 8202 Watts Rd. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytowne@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

Church Women United

The February CWU event will take place here at Dale Heights on Friday, February 3rd. The forum is entitled "Caring for God's Creation" and will be presented by Laura Pfeiffer. We will gather at 9:00am. Hope to see you there!

Elma Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

Weekly Church School

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!

Everyone is welcome!

Congregational Transformation Bible Studies Continue till Lent

We are continuing the four-week congregational transformation Bible study titled "A People of Salt and Light: Jesus' Model for Community" that we began in January.

The Bible study opportunities are Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. taught by Mike Holland, Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. taught by Rick Shannon and 7:00 p.m. taught by Gale Oakes, and a flexible date and time taught by Sandy Weigt.

This Bible study is particularly preparing us for a planned congregational vision retreat in the spring and everyone is encouraged to participate.

New Lenten Wednesday Lunch & Learn Studies begin February 22

On Wednesday, February 22 we will begin a new Lenten study *Open to Me the Gates* by Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Exploring how gates are conceptually used throughout the Bible, this Lenten devotional examines the metaphors of gates for modern Christians beliefs and practices, such as justice and equality.

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

New Babies! And an upcoming Baptism

Congratulations to Sophie and John Jakovich on the birth of their daughter, Andree Ann, born November 23, 2011. Andree will be baptized at Dale Heights during morning worship Sunday, February 26, 2012. The Jakovichs are planning to provide a celebration thank you meal following the service.

Congratulations to Sandy and Don Weigt on the birth of their first grandchild, a baby boy, Elliott Maxwell, born to Lisa and Matt Camaratta on January 22, 2012.

Transformation Team Report

Your transformational journey Coordinating Team tried to put the information gleaned from the Conferences on the Past and Present into a few short statements. While they seem like simple statements, they are only the tip of the iceberg and there are many specific ideas holding up these statements.

STRENGTHS

God has formed Dale Heights as a caring and compassionate church community of faith both inside and outside its walls.

Dale Heights lives out its faith and service both locally and globally.

Dale Heights relationships are formed, nurtured and strengthened in small groups.

CHALLENGES ... and OPPORTUNITIES

The congregation is aging and fewer young people are becoming involved.

Society is shifting away from organized religion as opportunities for meaningful relationships, service and recreation are available elsewhere.

The current state of the economy makes the imbalance between resources and demands/needs more challenging.

The Bible Study called "A People of Salt and Light, Jesus' Model for Community" is continuing. The times and places are listed below:

Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. at church

Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. at church

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at church

At Bob Jorgenson's at various times weather permitting. Call Sandy Weigt (238-9402) for information and/or rides.

The journey continues. Thanks for coming along on the ride.

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 5, 2012, is the Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants.

February 5, 2012, is the Souper Bowl of Caring.

We know there will again be a simple lunch of soup (plus some other stuff) following worship in the lower concourse. There will be a vegetarian and a non vegetarian soup on the menu. A free will donation will be taken and 100% of the donated money will go to the Middleton Outreach Ministry.

Last year \$9.5 million in dollars and food was collected for local hunger-relief charities. This year's goal is \$11 million collected for hunger-relief charities in local communities.

The simple prayer that was said at the first Souper Bowl of Caring continues to inspire: "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.



Property & Finance Meeting Highlights – January 10, 2012

- Heat tape for office entrance roof has been hooked up. Will create a channel through ice and snow to speed clearing.
- Sound system: new lavalier microphone needed.
- 2012 University Ave. reconstruction: At a Board of Public Works meeting December 14, learned that construction hours will be extended from 7 am to 7 pm, with bridge traffic detoured and surface paving taking place during hours of 10 pm to 6 am. Private utilities can work at anytime. One-lane traffic, gasoline engine blowers, and access disruption should be expected, through Craig Avenue will also serve to provide access to our church. Our representative at the meeting explained that the church has activities throughout the week and that access and noise are concerns. Construction will start after March with November as the hoped-for completion. A website with weekly updates and email messages will provide notification of working hours.
- Air Quality Systems (HVAC contract holder approved by Session) completed the Fall 2011 maintenance last week. Noted: a need for a bigger access space for this type of work.
- Preparation of end-of-year tax reports is ongoing. The through-November pledge statements have been distributed.
- Stewardship campaign completed. 2012 Draft Budget, likewise. Note: any operating surplus funds from 2011 (and later, 2012) will be allocated to a Capital Improvement Fund.
- Sidewalk is now completely paid up. Office entrance sign (\$300) has been paid for with memorial funds money.
- Financial status reports reviewed. Net year-to-date income is \$5086 over net budgeted income figure.
- Next meeting: Tuesday , February 14, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Called Session Meeting Highlights – January 22, 2012

- Approved Sophie and John Jakovich's request to have their baby daughter, Andree Ann, baptized during morning worship Sunday, February 26, 2012; also approved Sophie and John's request to provide a congregational thank you and celebration meal following worship Sunday, February 26, 2012

Called Session Meeting Highlights – January 15, 2012

- Received the Nominating Committee report to place in nomination during the upcoming annual congregation/corporation meeting Caroline Pope as a Ruling Elder on Session for the Class of 2013, a two-year unexpired term
- Met with the Transformation Coordinating Team to receive and respond to information gleaned from the past year's conferences on the past and present, and upcoming plans and activities

Stated Session Meeting Highlights – January 25, 2012

- Examined new Session members
- Re-elected Mike Holland Clerk of Session for 2012; elected Kim Chan and Sandy Weigt to share serving as 2012 commissioner to John Knox Presbytery meetings
- Signed up for 2012 Session Committees
- During the Clerk's report, approved the minutes of the December 20, 2011 stated Session meeting, and the January 15, 2012 called Session meeting
- During the Property & Finance Committee report received a brief report on the December monthly and year-end financials; heard an update on replacing the sanctuary sound system; approved with thanks to Dick Corey and the Finance Committee a 2012 budget projecting income of \$147,484, expenses of \$143,620, and a surplus of \$3,864; and received an update on church redecorating plans, including that the office entry welcome sign has been temporarily hung and was dedicated during worship January 15, 2012
- Received the monthly Pastor's report
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report heard updates on the weekly children's church school and on the Wednesday Lunch & Learn class
- During the Personnel Committee report learned that all employee and volunteer background checks are current
- Received the November 15, 2011 John Knox Presbytery report
- Denied a request to host the 2013 Madison Prayer for Christian Unity service
- Postponed having a Session retreat to work on a Session manual till the summer
- During the Transformation Team report heard an update on recruiting Vision Panel members; heard a report that a congregation-wide Bible study began January 22, 2012; and that the next meeting will be February 23, 2012
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report was reminded that the next Pres House Supper will be March 25, 2012
- During the Worship & Music Committee report approved offering an opportunity to sing praise hymns 10 minutes before worship once a month on the Sundays when the choir is not singing; learned there are plans to observe Mardi Gras in worship and fellowship February 19, 2012; approved holding this year's Ash Wednesday worship in conjunction with the noon Wednesday Lunch & learn class on February 22, 2012; heard about plans to have a Maundy Thursday potluck communion observance on April 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.; learned the Lent-Easter cultural emphasis will be Korean; learned the Celebrate the Gifts of Women service is planned for March 4, 2012; learned Rev. Gary Reynolds will be the guest preacher March 25, 2012; and approved a joint 55th and 5th anniversary celebration service with the Sah-lang Church for April 29, 2012, with former pastors and members to be invited
- During the Nominating Committee report approved installing Ruling Elder Caroline Pope during worship February 5, 2012, pending her election on January 29, 2012
- Set the next Session meeting for February 22, 2012 with Gerry Klump leading devotions

Worship and Music Committee Meeting Highlights – January 22, 2012

- > Learned that the Christmas Cantata went very well, and was well-received by the congregation.
- > Heard that Maggie is registered to attend the American Guild of Organists National Convention in Nashville in July. She will be gone July 1-6.
- > Choir schedule/repertoire are planned through June; a cantata proposed for Holy Week 2013.
- > Christmas carol singing before church was well received by the congregation. It will be recommended to Session to repeat the carol singing and possibly for other church seasons on Sundays when the choir does not sing.
- > Worship on Jan. 22, 29, Feb.5 & 12 will be coordinated with the next transformation Bible study.
- > Sandy Weigt will do the children's time on Souper Bowl Sunday, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5.
- > Heard that Andree Jakovich will be baptized on Feb. 26 with March 4th as the weather backup date. Jakovich's will provide music that Sunday. Twenty family members are expected.
- > Discussed observing Mardi Gras Sunday on Feb. 19 with beads & masks as table decorations and possibly having a King cake.
- > Lenten preparations: recommend to Session that Ash Wednesday on February 22 be celebrated with a service in conjunction with the Wed. Lunch & Learn over the noon hour and the Maundy Thursday service, April 5 to include a potluck at 6:00 p.m..
- > Lenten cultural emphasis to feature either Korea or Ireland. If Ireland is the emphasis, we will do something for St Patrick's Day, March 18. Marilyn will talk with Pastor Gam about someone from the congregation to talk about Korean culture, Lent & Easter traditions.
- > Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday is March 4, with Communion. This will shift to March 11 if the baptism is moved to March 4.
- > Pastor Marilyn will be on vacation March 19-25. Gary Reynolds will be our guest preacher on March 25.
- > Learned the transformation team is planning a congregational retreat sometime over the weekend of April 13-15, which may or may not impact Sunday worship.
- > Heard that this is Dale Heights' 55th anniversary year. Session recommended one "celebration Sunday", probably April 22 or 29. Marilyn suggested a joint service with Sah lang, who came to Dale Heights during its 50th anniversary year. If this is not possible, then we will look for another date this spring/early summer for a joint service with Sah lang.
- > Pentecost is May 27. Marilyn suggested having an outdoor service and/or a joint service with Sah lang. Marilyn will talk with Pastor Gam about the joint service.
- > Next Meeting Date: May 6, 2012 at 11:30.

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.

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.

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.



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

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!

February 2012

			1 Transformation Study 11:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	2 Pastor Marilyn to COM Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm	3	4
5 Souper Bowl 11:30 a.m.	6	7 SMART, 7:00pm Pastor Marilyn on vacation	8 Transformation Study 11:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Pastor Marilyn on vacation	9 Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm Pastor Marilyn on vacation	10	11 Men's Monthly Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
12	13	14 Property & Finance, 7:00pm; SMART, 7:00pm	15 Transformation Study 11:45 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Bosom Buddies, 6:45pm	16 Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm	17	18 Pastor Marilyn to John Knox Presbytery Meeting
19	20	21 New Beginnings, 11:30am; SMART, 7:00pm	22 Ash Wednesday Service/ Lunch & Learn 11:45 a.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	23 Pastor Marilyn to COM NO choir rehearsal Transformation Team 7:00 p.m.	24	25
26 1 st Sunday in Lent Baptism of Andree Jakovich; Celebration Meal following worship	27	28 SMART, 7:00pm	29 Lunch & Learn 11:45 a.m.			

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.

Bosom Buddies 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.

SMART Recovery Self-Help for Addiction and Alcohol Abuse

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.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

Our 55th year serving in God's Mission