



Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

January 2010

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

Happy New Year!

Every year we hear talk about making New Year's resolutions, and many of us do make those resolutions, often forgetting, letting go, or giving up on what we resolved in the coming months.

Regardless, every new year is a new opportunity for growth and change, as individuals, as families, and as a worshiping community. Last year was a difficult year for many of us and our families as we experienced job losses or reductions, figuring out how to make do with less, how else to make ends meet, and so on. And last year was a difficult year for our church family as we faced making painful cuts to our employees and in our mission giving.

This is a new year with new opportunities. For myself, I have begun a new part-time position as the Madison Area Regional Coordinator on the Presbytery's staff along with my continued service as your Dale Heights Pastor. Although I am still figuring out how this new position will work, I already know it will afford me new opportunities to also learn how to better serve our Dale Heights church family.

This is a new year with new opportunities. Although it means we are not yet able to undo the painful employee and mission cut decision made this past year, our Session has approved a balanced budget for the first time in my ministry with you. I regard this as real progress in terms of learning to live within our church's current financial means.

This is a new year with new opportunities. Our Dale Heights church family has changed as members and friends have come and gone these past four years of my pastorate with you. The Session has approved our doing a new mission/vision study this year toward determining how better to both minister from our current context and minister to our current church family.

This is a new year with new opportunities. I see this year as an exciting time in the life of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. I hope you do, too, and will join with the Session and I in how best to move our ministry forward.

Happy New Year!

See you in church!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Marilyn

January Worship Messages

January 3, 2010 - 2nd After Christmas/Epiphany of the Lord -

"Seeking What God Is Doing" from Matthew 2:1-12 - Communion - Officer Installation

January 10, 2010 - Baptism of the Lord/Reaffirmation of Baptism -

"Being with All the People" - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17, 2010 - Race Relations Sunday/Week of Prayer for Christian Unity -

"Sharing the Shadow of God's Wings Together" - Psalm 36:5-10

January 24, 2010 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Understanding Jesus' Purpose" -

Luke 4:14-21

January 31, 2010 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Practicing Love" - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

- Annual Congregation/Corporation Meeting

Ushers for January

- Jan. 3 Communion Servers
- Jan. 10 Youth and Sunday School
- Jan. 17 Janice Krall, Rick Shannon
- Jan. 24 Vreni Straubhaar
- Jan. 31 Tom Jones, Otty Schaefer

Liturgists for January

- Jan. 3 Vreni Straubhaar
- Jan. 10 Mary Towne
- Jan. 17 Wendy Weber
- Jan. 24 Jennifer Jones
- Jan. 31 Barbara Fleishman

Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting January 31

Our annual congregational/corporation meeting will follow morning worship Sunday, January 31.

Committee Chairs:

Annual Reports Needed

Reports of the committees of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church for 2009 are needed for inclusion in the Annual Report which will be available at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January, 24, 2010.

Please turn reports in to Judy in the office by **January 10, 2010**.

Church Officer Installation

January 3

During morning worship Sunday, January 3 we will install Elders Mike Holland and Gerry Klump to active service on the Session for the next three years, and we will install Youth Elder Kim Chan to active service on the Session for the next one year.

Un-Hanging of the Greens January 3

Our annual Un-Hanging of the Greens will follow worship Sunday, January 3. Many hands make light work – please help us take down the Advent and Christmas decorations.

Happy Birthday!

January 5 Vicki Klump
January 9 Andy Lembcke (2008)
January 12 Keith Chan
Michelle Shannon
January 18 Colleen Shannon Longua
January 26 Jenny Dachel

Happy Anniversary

January 1 Bill and Lenore Mercer
January 17 Edi and Keith Chan

New Beginnings Monthly LUNCH!

New Beginnings will meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of the month. We will meet next on January 19 at 11:30 at the Blue Spoon Cafe, 2831 Parmenter St., Middleton.

Adult Church School

Our adult church school class continues most Sunday mornings.

Join us when and as you are able at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings!

Wednesday Lunch & Learn Class

Our Wednesday Lunch & Learn class continues using the book *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.

In *The Faith Club*, the authors wrestle with the issues of anti-Semitism, prejudice against Muslims, and preconceptions of Christians at a time when fundamentalists dominate the public face of Christianity.

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



Monthly Home Communion Offered to Our Shut-ins

Pastor Marilyn is now offering regular monthly home communion to our shut-ins, usually on the first Sunday afternoon by appointment. Please call the church office to schedule your appointment or an appointment for someone who would like to receive communion in his or her home before the first Sunday of each month.

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.

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.

To date we have completed and delivered 14 prayer shawls and 40 skull caps.

Everyone welcome to join us in this ministry.

Winter Weather & Flu Cancellations

Although we prefer not to have to cancel worship, sometimes winter weather, and this year possibly due to flu, we may have to do so. 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.

Dale Heights Committees Want You!

Our Dale Heights committees and ministry teams are made up of members and friends who are interested in serving in those particular ministries and welcome new members at any time. When you are interested in serving with a committee or ministry team, please contact the chair or church office for current meeting times, or simply show up when one is announced.

The Christian Education Ministry Team

Chaired by Kim Chan

Meets as needed throughout the year
Coordinates Christian Education opportunities for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings, and at other times during the week and year

The Finance and Property Committee

Chaired by Dick Corey

Meets the second Monday each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge

Oversees the finances and investments of the church, and the maintenance of the church building and grounds.

The Care and Fellowship Committee

Co-Chaired by Mary Towne and Sandy Weigt

Meets as needed, and at least once a year in December

Leads the congregation in fellowship and building community, particularly on Sunday mornings and for some of the potlucks throughout the year

- Maintains the prayer tree ministry and the emergency calling list
- Coordinates rides for people to church and appointments
- Reviews the membership rolls annually for recommendations to the Session

The Mission and Outreach Committee

Chaired by Ruby Meyer with assistance from Gale Oakes and Wendy Weber

Meets nearly monthly throughout the year

- Disburses its budget to local, regional, national and international mission, particularly to organizations in which Dale Heights members and friends are active
- Hosts potlucks and other adult forums throughout the year to educate and raise awareness among our members and friends about various organizations and causes
- Offers Minutes for Mission on various subjects during Sunday worship throughout the year

The Personnel Committee

Chaired by Sandy Weigt

Meets as needed, and at least once a year.

- Hires all church employees except the pastor, who is called by the congregation
- Reviews all employees', including the pastor's, wages and salaries annually
- Conducts annual and as needed other performance reviews with employees, including the pastor



More committees on next page

The Inviting and Welcoming Ministry
Team

Chaired by Wendy Weber

Meets as needed

Develop and implement an overall, on-going inviting and welcoming strategy for the church

Oversees Sunday morning greeting program to welcome visitors

Trains members and friends to assist in the inviting and welcoming ministry in a variety of ways

The Worship and Music Committee

Chaired by Marcia Holman

Meets quarterly and as needed

- Coordinates the overall worship and music ministry, particularly special seasonal services, and the communion schedule
- Coordinates the Sunday and other special services Ushers, Communion Servers, and Liturgist



Poinsettia Thanks!

Thank you to those who shared poinsettias during this Advent and Christmas season: Gale Oakes, Janet & Tom Jones, Lenore & Bill Mercer, Barb Fleishman, Edi Chan, Ellie Metzloff, Jennifer Jones, Dick Corey, Caroline Pope, Joan Hicks, Marcia Holman, Mary Towne, Gerry Klump, Bob Jorgenson, Vreni Straubhaar, Jenny & Zack Dachel.



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

2010 Pledges

It's not too late to turn in your 2010 pledge cards. Please send them in or drop them in the offering plate as soon as possible, and no later than the end of December to facilitate our establishing our 2010 budget. Thanks!

The Finance & Property Committee and The Session

Care Fellowship meeting – December 20, 2009

- The emergency calling list is being updated and will be attached to the next directory.
- The prayer list is being updated and will be attached to the next directory.
- The church membership roll was reviewed.
- At the moment no one is need of food delivered to them. Pastor Marilyn will alert us if she sees a need. It is felt that members of the congregation typically step up and help when there is a need.
- Many of our congregation have health concerns. We keep them in our prayers and are aware that they may need help. It seems most who need rides to church are getting them. If someone notices that an individual might need a ride, please let Pastor Marilyn or a committee member know.

Property & Finance Committee Meeting Highlights – December 13, 2009

- Under Old Business noted that Boley's is doing the snow removal; someone still needs to check back on one storm water management estimate; that the freeze protection project on water pipes in the furnace room has been completed; that the broken furniture loan garage lock has been replaced; and that the fall HVAC maintenance check has been completed
- Learned that during the fall HVAC maintenance check that one of the four furnaces is leaking considerable carbon monoxide outside and it is recommended it be replaced
- Approved recommending to Session that the furnace be replaced in January at an estimated cost of \$3,500
- Reviewed the financial status through November, which showed a net income of just under \$700 for the month, and a year-to-date net income of just over \$9,100, noting that approximately \$6,700 of that net income is this year's increase in the church's investments market value
- Approved for recommendation to Session a 2010 budget that includes the estimated \$3,500 furnace replacement cost
- Discussed the probable need to replace the parking lots this summer, and the need for a capital campaign to do so
- Approved installing a bulletin board near the guestbook table outside the sanctuary for Middleton Outreach Ministry notices
- Learned of a problem with cars being parked overnight on the front lot; approved asking the Sah-lang church to park their van in the back lot and putting up no overnight parking signs on the front lot
- The next meeting will be January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Session Meeting Highlights – December 15, 2009

- Approved the November 17, 2009 Session meeting and December 6, 2009 congregational meeting minutes
- During the Property and Finance Committee report, learned Madison Area Technical College is moving five more classes to Dale Heights in January; learned we have received the first tuition payment from private classes by MATC teachers at Dale Heights; learned one of the church's four furnaces is leaking significant carbon monoxide outside and that it is recommended it be replaced; approved replacing the furnace in January at an estimated cost of \$3,500; approved having carbon monoxide detectors installed in the church building; approved establishing a locked box in which various persons and groups using the church building may make donations to help offset snow removal costs; discussed the probability of the need to replace the church parking lots next summer and the need for a capital campaign for the project; learned that 2010 pledges are estimated to end up being around the same as for 2009; approved a provisional balanced 2010 operating budget of \$146,100; and received a brief report on the November monthly and year-to-date financials, which showed a monthly net income of just under \$700 and a year-to-date net income of just over \$9,100, noting that approximately \$6,700 of that net income is this year's increase in the church's investments market value
- Received the monthly Pastor's report, briefly reviewing two *The Presbyterian Outlook* handouts for future discussion
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report, heard a report on the Christmas pageant; heard reports on the pre-school and adult Church School classes; and heard an update on the Lunch & Learn study
- During the Personnel Committee report, learned that background checks for all employees are current, and are on-going for new volunteers; and learned that employee annual reviews are being scheduled
- There was no Inviting and Welcoming Ministry Team report
- During the Outreach and Mission Committee report, heard updates on the Middleton Outreach Ministry Sharing Christmas and Christmasfest dinners; heard a report on a recent Dane County United assembly and upcoming training events; and heard an update on the knitting/crocheting ministry
- During the Worship and Music Committee report, heard a report on celebrating Advent and Christmas Filipino-style; and approved the 2010 Communion Schedule
- Noted that the Care & Fellowship Committee will meet December 20 to conduct the annual review of the membership rolls for recommendation to Session
- Approved installing new church officers during morning worship January 3, 2010
- Approved calling the annual congregation/corporation meeting to follow worship January 31, 2010
- Discussed holding a Session retreat in the spring after receiving the results from the next planned Natural Church Development survey
- The next meeting will be January 20, 2010 with Kim Chan leading devotions.

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

In the Beginning

Jan-1 Genesis 1-3
Jan-2 Genesis 4-6
Jan-3 Genesis 7-9
Jan-4 Genesis 10-12
Jan-5 Genesis 13-15
Jan-6 Genesis 16-18
Jan-7 Genesis 19-21
Jan-8 Genesis 22-24
Jan-9 Genesis 25-27
Jan-10 Genesis 28-30
Jan-11 Genesis 31-33
Jan-12 Genesis 34-36
Jan-13 Genesis 37-39
Jan-14 Genesis 40-42
Jan-15 Genesis 43-45
Jan-16 Genesis 46-48
Jan-17 Genesis 49-50

The Story of

Jan-18
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Moses

Exodus 1-

Jan-19 Exodus 5-7
Jan-20 Exodus 8-10
Jan-21 Exodus 11-13
Jan-22 Exodus 14-16
Jan-23 Exodus 17-19
Jan-24 Exodus 20-22
Jan-25 Exodus 23-25
Jan-26 Exodus 26-28
Jan-27 Exodus 29-31
Jan-28 Exodus 32-34
Jan-29 Exodus 35-37
Jan-30 Exodus 38-39
Jan-31 Exodus 40

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						1 Happy New Year!	2
3 Communion; Church Officer Installation; Un-greening Church at 11:30 a.m.	4	5	6 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Church Officer Planning 3:30 p.m.	7 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir 7:30pm	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8 am; Pastor Marilyn to JKP Regional Coordintrs Training 9-12	
10 Reaffirmation of Baptism	11 Property & Finance 7 p.m.	12	13 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	14 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir 7:30pm	15	16	
17	18	19 JKP Pastors' Prayer Meeting 10 am; Monthly Lunch 11:30 a.m. Alz. Support 6:45 p	20 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Bosom Buddies 6:45 pm; Session 7 pm	21 Knitting/ Crocheting 10 am; Choir 7:30pm; Pastor Marilyn to COM Retreat	22 Pastor Marilyn to COM Retreat	23	
24 Worship Committee 11:30 a.m.	25	26	27 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	28 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir 7:30pm	29	30	
31 Annual Congregation/ Corporation Meetina 11 a.m.	MOM Pantry Needs for January Meals in a Can (beef stew, chili, hearty soups)						

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.

Alzheimer's Support Group:

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:45 p.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.*

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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