



Focus

January 2013

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Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

Dale Heights Staff

Pastor: Rev. Marilyn Gamm

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Clara Thompson

Music Director/

Administrative Assistant:

Maggie Rogers

Financial Secretary:

Dick Corey

Custodian: Rick Geiger

Calendar

- If you receive the Focus electronically, you can access the calendar separately by clicking on the appropriate link (i.e. "May Calendar") on the Newsletter page of the website. The calendar page will still be available in paper form.

Happy New Year! As we wrap up one year and begin a new one, I'd like to say some "Thank You's!"

Thank you to Maggie Rogers and Rick Geiger for your faithful service as church staff this past year. Thank you to Dick Corey for your faithful service as the church's financial secretary for another year.

Thank you to the 2012 Session members: Kim Chan, Mike Holland, Tom Jones, Gerry Klump, Bill Mercer, Caroline Pope, and Sandy Weigt, noting that Sandy had to step down, and that Mike and Gerry completed their service at the end of 2012, and with an especial thank you to Mike Holland for serving as Clerk of Session the past five years.

Thank you for your faithful service to the Corporation officers: President Roy Lembcke, Vice President Gerry Klump, Secretary Mike Holland, and Treasurer Harold Meyer—noting that Mike and Harold are stepping down at the end of 2012.

Thank you to our Transformation Coach Clara Thompson, and to Transformation and Vision Panel members: Joan Hicks, Mike Holland, Jennifer Jones, Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Rick Shannon, and Sandy Weigt.

Thank you for your faithful service to the committee Chairs: Kim Chan, Edi Chan, Dick Corey, Marcia Holman, Gerry Klump, Ruby Meyer, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar, and Sandy Weigt, and to the folks who served on the Care & Fellowship, Christian Education, Nominating, Outreach & Mission, Personnel, and Worship & Music committees and ministry teams.

Thank you to the Choir for joyfully leading our singing: Edi Chan, Dick Corey, Barb Fleishman, Jennifer Jones, Gerry, Jamie and Melanie Klump, Harold Meyer, and June Zeeh.

Thank you to everyone else for your faithful participation in worship, in fellowship activities, in Church School and the Wednesday Lunch & Learn studies, in the financial and other stewardship of our resources, the prayer chain, and the many other activities I'm forgetting to mention. I give thanks to God for each and every one of you.

I appreciate each and everyone of you, and the ways you participate in Dale Heights mission, life, and ministry, and look forward to the ways God will use our gifts and talents through Dale Heights in 2013.

See you in church, and in mission and ministry in our community!

Shalom in Christ Jesus—Marilyn

January 6 Epiphany of the Lord Worship with Communion—"When God Comes Among Us: The Magi" - Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Liturgist: Melanie Klump

Ushers: Marcia Holman, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

January 13 Baptism of the Lord Worship with Reaffirmation of Baptism and Installation of Church Officers—"Belonging to God" - Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Liturgist: Mike Holland

Ushers: Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

January 20 Conference on the Future—9:30-11:30 a.m.—Followed by Soup Lunch Provided by the Transformation Team

Liturgist: (none)

Ushers: Vreni Straubhaar, Janice Krall, Rick Shannon

January 27 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Worship—"Worshipping Together" - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Luke 4:14-21

Liturgist: Tom Jones

Ushers: Rick Geiger, Mike Holland, Tom Jones

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.

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

Upcoming New Wednesday Lunch & Learn Study

Beginning in January, our new Lunch & Learn study will be *The Life of Prayer: Mind, Body, and Soul* by Allan Hugh Cole, Jr. This is contingent upon our backorder of these books being fulfilled.

Join us when and as you are able – we begin gathering for fellowship at 11:45 a.m., with class beginning at 12 Noon, Wednesdays!

January New Beginnings

The January New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, January 15th at 11:30 at Adler's, 8202 Watts Road. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytown@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

Annual Congregational/Corporation Meeting

The Session has called the annual meeting of the Dale Heights congregation/corporation for Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. following morning worship. Please plan on attending.

In addition to receiving various annual reports, the congregation will be voting upon proposed new terms of call for Pastor Marilyn, and during the corporation meeting will elect new corporation officers.

Annual reports from committee chairs are due to the office by **January 22nd**.

January Birthdays

January 5 Vicki Klump

January 9 Andy Lembcke (2008)

January 12 Keith Chan

Michelle Shannon

January 18 Colleen Shannon Longua

January Anniversaries

January 1 Bill and Lenore Mercer

January 17 Edi and Keith Chan

Church Officer Installation

Sunday, January 13

We will install newly-elected Ruling Elders Roy Lembcke and Gale Oakes during morning worship Sunday, January 13.

**Pastor Marilyn will be on
Vacation
December 25-January 1**

*Sunday, December 30
Lessons & Carols Service*

Church Women United

In January, Church Women United will be celebrating Human Rights Day with a worship service titled "Breaking Down the Doors of Injustice." The celebration will take place on January 12th at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1123 Vilas Avenue, in Madison. Breakfast will be served at 9am, welcome and announcements at 9:30am, and then the service will begin at 10:00am.

The Least Coin offering for Dale Heights is up to \$25.91!

Ellie Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

Music News

Our annual tradition of “Fill the Robes” Sunday continues this month. The goal is to have enough guest singers to use every robe in the cabinet. Please join us at rehearsal on January 23rd in preparation to sing on Sunday, January 27th. If you’re interested in participating, please see Maggie.



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.**



MOM Needs:

- Cereal
- Pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter
- Fruit juice
- Jelly
- Cooking oil
- Sugar
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Diapers (4,5,6)

Thanks to all those who purchased poinsettias this year: Joan Hicks, Gerry Klump, Vreni



Straubhaar, Barb Fleishman, Bonnie Savonne, Carl and Ellie Metzloff, Rick Shannon, Margie Shumate, Bill and Lenore Mercer, Jennifer Jones, Mary Towne, Marcia

Holman, and Elizabeth Holland.

The church office will be closed December 25th through January 1st.

Transformation Coordinating Team Update

Are You Ready to Take a Journey Into the Future?

The Transformation Journey Continues...

We have been on a journey as a community of Christians the past two years. Our purpose for this journey has been to discern how our congregation's calling is aligned with God's Mission in the world. God is working in our church, our neighborhood, our nation, our world and it has been and will continue to be an exciting process as we consider how Dale Heights is part of that Mission.

As a church family we have participated in Bible studies, a Conference on the Past, a Conference on the Present, and a Vision Retreat. We have been asked to seek spiritual guidance as individuals and as a community to discern where we should go in the future. These activities have led to the creation of a Guiding Vision. Now we will have the exciting opportunity to imagine the future as we begin to live this Vision.

Can you imagine Dale Heights five years from now? We will have the opportunity to spend a Sunday morning dreaming and imagining the future on January 20th, 2013. The Conference on the Future will be held that day from 9:30-11:15. A lunch of warm, comforting soup and bread will conclude the conference. We will be imagining our church faithfully and dynamically living out our Vision. Everyone will have an opportunity to provide input into planning and dreaming for the future of Dale Heights. We expect to have fun as we listen, share, experience and learn from each other.

So mark on your calendar January 20th, 2013 as the day you will journey forward in time to January 20th, 2018! We'll save you a spot on the time machine.



Session Highlights

December 16, 2012

- During the Clerk of Session report, approved the November 18, 2012 stated Session meeting minutes; and the December 9, 2012 called Congregational meeting minutes.
- During the Property & Finance Committee report, heard a brief report on the November and year-to-date financials; learned that as of December 11 there were 26 financial pledges for 2013 received, which is about average; approved a motion that next year all potential financial giving units receive the stewardship letter and a pledge card; approved a preliminary 2013 budget, as amended; learned that Treasurer Harold Meyer will be stepping down from his office and from the committee at the end of the year; and discussed the upcoming capital campaign for the parking lot and other potential projects, including a new sanctuary air conditioner, improvements to the sound system, and new flooring in the Lounge and the Concourse kitchenette.
- Received the monthly Pastor's report.
- During the Care & Fellowship Committee report learned that plans are being made for Souper Bowl; and that the next meeting will be in March.
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report heard updates on the children's and adult Church School, and the Wednesday Lunch & Learn.
- During the Nominating Committee report noted that new officers will be installed during worship Sunday, January 13, 2013.
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report learned that \$100 of their remaining funds is still to be distributed; and that the Christmas Joy Offering promotion continues through Christmas Eve.
- During the Personnel Committee report learned all employee and volunteer background checks are current; approved a recommendation to give church staff Rick Geiger and Maggie Rogers three percent raises for 2013, and to recommend to the congregation increasing Pastor's Marilyn's terms of call by three percent; received Pastor Marilyn's annual review; and learned that Maggie Rogers' annual review is scheduled for December 19, 2012, and that Rick Geiger's annual review is still being scheduled.
- During the Transformation Coordinating Team report learned that a Soup Lunch will be provided by the team following the Conference on the Future January 20, 2013; approved calling a Session meeting with the team January 27, 2013 to work on next steps following the Conference on the Future; and received a revised Percept report for information.
- During the Worship & Music Committee report learned that the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cultural emphasis on Eastern Europe continues through December 23, 2012; that the Lessons & Carols service plans for December 30, 2012 are being finalized; and that the next meeting will be January 13, 2013.
- During Miscellaneous Business approved calling the Annual Congregation/Corporation Meeting for January 27, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving annual reports, electing corporation officers, and voting upon new Terms of Call for Pastor Marilyn; and offered expressions of gratitude for their service to retiring Session members Mike Holland and Gerry Klump.
- The next stated Session meeting was set for Sunday, January 20 2012 at 6:30 p.m. with Caroline Pope or Kim Chan leading devotions.

Property & Finance Committee Highlights

December 11, 2012

- Sanctuary air-conditioning (leaking, though not broken) will not be included in the yearly budget at this point. If necessary, could be included in the coming capital campaign.
- Redecorating task force's next projects: second coat paint in fellowship hall stairwell in advance of painting "Welcome" lettering; meet to determine type of flooring for lounge and concourse kitchen.
- 2012 University Ave reconstruction: some work has been done to fix the Norman Way shoulder area.
- Lower restroom: overflow and leaks have been repaired.
- Floor cleaning machine: pricing models now to replace ancient model with a lighter one which also works on carpeting.
- Current Clerk of session Mike Holland brought along the manual of Operations which he is preparing. The PCUSA has recommended that each church prepare a manual and then bring it along to the Clerks' Minutes Review so that each church can see what other churches are doing.
- Harold Meyer, church Treasurer, let the committee know that he will not be treasurer next year. Committee received the news with regret, and thanks Harold for his valuable service.
- 2013 draft budget: was reviewed and discussed by the committee. An increase in the Outreach budget and several other adjustments were recommended.
- Pledges for the coming year: 26 pledges have been received so far.
- Financial status as of 11-30-2012: net budgeted income is \$3244. Special offerings for the year are at \$6605.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 7pm.

Greetings!

It's not too late to return your 2013 giving commitment card, but please do so very soon so that it can be included as we prepare for managing our financial resources in relation to our mission for the coming year. Thank you again for all that you do to make ministry through our congregation possible.

Read through the Bible in 1 Year!

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 Moses

Jan-18 Exodus 1-4

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

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Sunday Schedule

9:00-10:00am

Christian Education for all ages

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

Fellowship

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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