



Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

July 2011

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

We have some exciting things planned this month that you won't want to miss!

Sunday, July 3 will be our annual American Folk Music worship service for which Maggie selects hymns and other worship music from the range of American folk music for our worship enjoyment. I hated having to miss last year's American Folk Music Sunday while I was a commissioner to the 219th General Assembly, so am especially looking forward to being back for it this year.

On Sunday, July 10 we will debut a new hymn, with lyrics written by our very own Ray Bayley and music composed by our very own Tom Jones. We all know what a great poet and wordsmith Ray is, so this will be a real treat!

Then on Sunday, July 17 we will be worshipping in the Concourse. The idea to do so came after the power went out during choir rehearsal. Maggie and the choir moved to the Concourse because with all its windows it provided the best natural light. She shared with me how great the acoustics were and that it would be cool for the choir to sing in the Concourse sometime. I said why not have a whole service in the Concourse, asked the Session, and they said yes. So come, come, come, come, come to "Church in the Concourse" Sunday, July 17!

You'll see elsewhere in this month's *Focus* that I will be off the last two Sundays of the month, one for vacation and one as Chair of the Presbytery's Committee of Counsel defending it in a remedial case that has been appealed to the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission. The case was brought against the Presbytery for our decision to ordain Scott Anderson, an openly gay and partnered Candidate under care of the Presbytery. Last October the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission ruled in the Presbytery's favor, but those who brought the case had the right and did appeal the ruling to the GAPJC. However the GAPJC rules, this will end this case against the Presbytery. 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.

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

Shalom in Christ Jesus, *Marilyn*

July Worship Messages

July 3, 2011 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost - "Finding True Freedom" -
Romans 7:15-25a and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 - Communion

July 10, 2011 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost - "Being in the World" -
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 and Genesis 28:10-19a

July 17, 2011 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost - Church in the Concourse - "Living by the Spirit" -
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 and Genesis 25:19-34

July 24, 2011 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost - Guest Preacher - Rev. Sam Buffat

July 31, 2011 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost - Guest Preacher - Rev. F. Gary Reynolds

Liturgists for July

July 3	Jennifer Jones
July 10	Rick Shannon
July 17	Sandy Weigt
July 24	Roy Lembcke
July 31	Bill Mercer

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 July

July 3	Communion Servers
July 10	Barb Fleishman & Edi Chan
July 17	Dick Corey & Harold Meyer
July 24	Kim Chan & Gerry Klump
July 31	Kim Chan & Harold Meyer

Hymn Festival

Thank you to all of you who helped make our 7th Annual Hymn Festival a success! Look for a second Hymn Festival on September 4th!



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

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?"

Happy Birthday!

- July 1 Willy Straubhaar, Sr.
Kris Tracey
- July 9 Julia Olson
- July 11 Melanie Klump (1992)
- July 12 Marcia Holman
- July 13 Margie Shumate
- July 22 Eric Jason Mohr (1990)
Craig Howard
- July 23 Ottie Schaefer
- July 26 Dede Mayberry
- July 27 Jennifer Jones
Marilyn Gamm
- July 28 Todd Schendel

Happy Anniversary!

- July 13 Maggie and Brian Rogers
- July 16 Sandy and Don Weigt
- July 24 Sophie and John Jakovich
(also May 6)
- July 25 Bill and Marcia Holman

July New Beginnings

The July New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, July 19th at 11:30 at Pedro's West, 499 D'Onofrio Drive. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytown@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

Wednesday Lunch & Learn Study!

We are now using for our Wednesday Lunch & Learn study: *99 Things to Do Between Here and Heaven* by Kathleen Long Bostrom and Peter Graystone.

Kathleen Long Bostrom and Peter Graystone provide the ultimate to do list: 99 things that everyone should experience during their time on earth. Examples include giving blood, burying a time capsule, writing a letter to one's future self, and gazing quietly at the night sky. From the sublime (watch the sun rise), to the wonderfully silly (ride a roller-coaster!), the activities presented will breathe new life into readers' lives while opening them up to new spiritual experiences. Each one-page entry provides a description of the activity, what the reader can expect to gain from it, and how much of a time commitment it will require. Blank space is included to record memories of and thoughts about the experience.

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

Music News

Summer special music is off to a great start! In July, we'll be hearing from June Zeeh and Jennifer Jones, Barb Fleishman, Janet Jones, and others. A highlight of July's music will be the congregation singing an arrangement of a poem written by Ray Bayley, and set to music by Tom Jones.

Church Women United

There are no Church Women United events during July and August. However, I'd like to remind Dale Heights members and friends that they can still bring their "pesky" pennies and pray their prayers for peace over each penny, to the Least Coin jar in the Concourse each Sunday this summer. Thanks!

Ellie Metzloff

Transformation Team Report

There is not a lot to report from your transformational team this month. After “traveling” quite a bit in the first half of the year, we are taking a little break from the activities.

That does not mean that nothing is going on. Coach Clara met with the Session and led another part of the process titled "Discovering How Our Church Organization Works."

The team has another meeting late in June to start planning our itinerary in the fall. Stay tuned. You never know where the suitcase will show up.

But until then, enjoy the more relaxed pace of summer.

Outreach Potluck Featuring Porchlight

On June 5th executive director of Porchlight, Steven Schooler, gave a presentation at an Outreach sponsored potluck. Porchlight provides emergency shelter, food, employment services, counseling, and affordable transitional and permanent housing to homeless people in the Dane County area. Porchlight's services are designed to foster independence and the transition into permanent housing and employment. Porchlight is the largest supplier of low-cost housing in Dane County and is comprised of an emergency shelter for men, housing and services for men and women suffering from serious mental illnesses, 172 single room or efficiency units and 55 family units. Every year Porchlight provides over 350 women, men and children with over 100,000 nights of shelters.

Steve's excellent presentation was filled with detailed information about the causes of homeless in Madison and the users of Porchlight's services. His presentation focused primarily on mental illness and homelessness. Fifty seven percent of currently homeless people had some type of mental health problem in their lifetime and forty seven percent report a mental health problem in combination with alcohol and drug addiction problem. In addition he presented information on why housing is not affordable in Dane county. A person earning \$9.62/hour has approximately \$500 available per month for an apartment yet even a studio apartment rents for \$574.00.

Steve presented a study that used neuroimaging of peoples' brains and their reactions to selected people. The results were very sobering. The research found that homeless people elicited brain reactions consistent with disgust and fear and that they are perceived as less than human provoking the same reaction in the brain as disgusting objects.

Porchlight is providing solutions to the struggle these people are facing by providing low cost housing. They also provide supportive services for the mentally ill. The organization is reaching the end of a campaign to raise \$3.5 million dollars to build a facility that will replace and expand their current facility that provides housing and support service for homeless men and women with mental illness,

We are very grateful for the wonderful work that Steven Schooler and the staff at Porchlight do for our community. The Outreach committee is also grateful for the continued support of the potlucks by the Dale Heights family.

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!

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.

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.

Pastor Marilyn will be on
Vacation July 21-27
and will be defending the
Presbytery in a trial before the
General Assembly
Permanent Judicial Commission
July 28-31

Guest Preacher July 24 will be
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Portugal Partnership

Our John Knox Presbytery has joined in partnership with the Northern Waters Presbytery and the Igreja Evangelica Presbiteriana de Portugal (IEPP). Northern Waters joined the partnership in 2003. Since that time they have traveled to Portugal, met the people of the IEPP, shared stories and exchanged prayer requests. The history of the Portuguese people is one of persecution and poverty. In the summer of 2010, Northern Waters invited John Knox to join with them in partnership. This opportunity will be one of learning about each other and becoming partners in prayer. It is an exciting time to learn of our friends in Portugal.

Church in the Concourse Sunday, July 17

O come, come, come, come, come to the church in the Concourse . . .

Come to church in the Concourse Sunday, July 17 at 10 a.m.!

We'll worship around tables and enjoy the acoustics and this beautiful space!

Middleton Outreach Ministry – School Supply Program

School is barely out, but MOM is already 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

Called Session Meeting Highlights – June 12, 2011

- Called a congregational meeting following worship Sunday, June 26, 2011 for the purpose of revising the church's by-laws reflecting changes in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Book of Order* taking effect July 10, 2011.

Called Session Meeting Highlights – June 15, 2011

- Met with Transformation Coach Clara Thompson for our "Discovering How Our Church Organization Works" exercise.
- Also in May Session met electronically to approve holding worship in the Concourse Sunday, July 17; and also met electronically in June to approve a request from Roy Lembcke to solicit funds from church members to help Anum Akai travel home to Ghana to visit family.

Property & Finance Meeting Highlights – June 14, 2011

- Met with Eli Kelling regarding security cameras. He will be asked to start the security process by putting a camera inside the office entrance to the church.
- Removal of two yews completed. No outside interest in taking the arborvitae, so they will be cut.
- Memorial gardens: in addition to extra markers, extra marker stands will be ordered to replace missing ones.
- Sound system: continued difficulty with sanctuary microphones—recalled that WORT sound engineer has advised replacement of both. No decision made.
- Work days: every Saturday this summer, but effort will be made to coordinate several work days with Sah-Lang. Special emphases: basement folding chair clean-up and yard tree removal. Spalling brick on two church chimneys: sealant will be purchased and Maintenance asked to apply.
- Referred to Outreach: information on peace pole signage and Little Library program.
- Financial reports reviewed. Memorial Fund donor will be asked about ideas for use. General: Year-to-date Net Income is \$-5,850 versus budgeted net income of 0. Furnace costs make up quite a bit of this difference.
- Next meeting: Tuesday July 12 at 7 p.m.

Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting Highlights – June 12, 2011

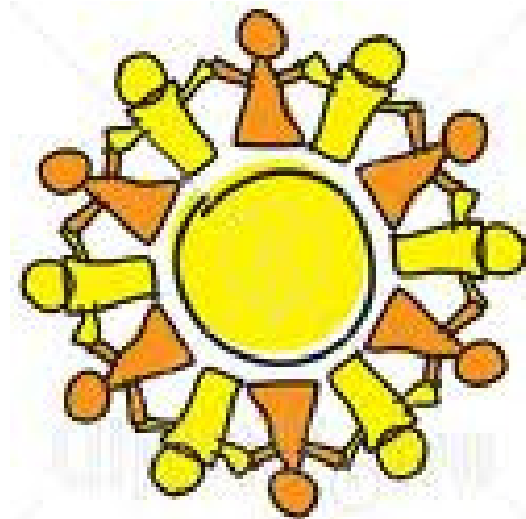
-The 2011 Bread for the World offering of letters campaign was discussed. This year's campaign urges Congress and the administration to press forward with reforms to make U.S. foreign assistance more effective in reducing poverty. These reforms will help millions of people move out of hunger and poverty. The committee plans to offer this information to the congregation and organize a letter writing after worship.

-Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice (WNPJ) is one of the state organizations that our church supports through Outreach funds. WNPJ is asking for signatures on an open letter to government officials stating opposition to the use of drones by the military. A drone is a small unmanned airplane-type vehicle that is flown by remote control. "Shadow drones" carry cameras and are used for surveillance. "Predator drones" carry bombs that are currently being dropped on the people of Afghanistan and Pakistan by the U.S. government. Wisconsin has plans to build an \$8.2 million drone training facility at Camp Williams to be used for military personnel learning to control drones. About 95% of the money will come from the federal government, with the rest coming from our state. The letter and more information are available on the outreach table.

-The committee approved funds be given to a local Cub Scout pack as a scholarship for a scout to attend summer camp. The cost of the camp is \$125.00. A gift is being made in the honor of Bob Jorgenson by his family for Father's Day in support of this scholarship along with Outreach funds,

-A potluck is scheduled for July 24th with a speaker from ARC Community Services. We will be asking those attending to bring their own table service (plates, silverware, cup).

-We plan to see if any members are interested in attending Interfaith Day at Miller Park, for 7pm game on Aug 2. The Brewers will be playing the St. Louis Cardinals. The purpose of the event is to create public-awareness for the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee. The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee is the interfaith agency established by the religious community to address the social issues affecting the quality of life in the Greater Milwaukee area. Tickets are \$10 and an Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee t-shirt is available for \$5. Everyone going from Dale Heights would be able to sit together. Deadline for tickets and shirts is July 1st. Gale will collect names and money.



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.

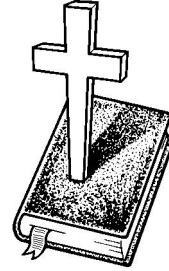
EXPLORE...what the Bible has to say by asking questions.

ACT...on the truth by finding one thing you can DO.

PRAY... the verses you have just read back to God

Songs of praise

- July-1 Psalms 36-39
- July-2 Psalms 40-45
- July-3 Psalms 46-51
- July-4 Psalms 52-59
- July-5 Psalms 60-66
- July-6 Psalms 67-71
- July-7 Psalms 72-77
- July-8 Psalms 78-80
- July-9 Psalms 81-87
- July-10 Psalms 88-91
- July-11 Psalms 92-100
- July-12 Psalms 101-105
- July-13 Psalms 106-107
- July-14 Psalms 108-118
- July-15 Psalms 119
- July-16 Psalms 120-131
- July-17 Psalms 132-138
- July-18 Psalms 139-143
- July-19 Psalms 144-150



Wisdom for life

- July-20 Proverbs 1-3
- July-21 Proverbs 4-7
- July-22 Proverbs 8-11
- July-23 Proverbs 12-15
- July-24 Proverbs 16-19
- July-25 Proverbs 20-22
- July-26 Proverbs 23-26
- July-27 Proverbs 27-31
- July-28 Ecclesiastes 1-4
- July-29 Ecclesiastes 5-8
- July-30 Ecclesiastes 9-12
- July-31 Song of Solomon 1-8

July 2011

3 American Folk Hymn Sunday	4	5	6 Lunch & Learn 11:45am	7	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8am
10	11	12 Property & Finance mtg 7pm	13 Lunch & Learn 11:45am Transformation Team 7 pm	14	15	16
17 Church in the Concourse	18	19 New Beginnings Lunch 11:30am Session mtg, 7pm	20 Lunch & Learn 11:45am Bosom Buddies, 6:45pm	21 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	22 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	23 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation
24 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation; Guest Preacher Sam Buffat Outreach Potluck 11:30 am	25 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	26 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	27 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation NO Lunch & Learn	28 Pastor Marilyn to GAPJC	29 Pastor Marilyn to GAPJC	30 Pastor Marilyn to GAPJC
31 Pastor Marilyn to GAPJC Guest Preacher Gary Reynolds						

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

