



Focus

July 2012

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Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

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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.

Although it's felt like summer for sometime now, as I'm writing this month's musings it actually IS the first day of summer! Although I could do with less heat and humidity, and this year more rain, I do love the long days of daylight hours and being able to be outside in God's beautiful creation. May each of you enjoy these days as much as I do!

Also as I'm writing this month's musings I'm getting ready to attend our biennial Presbyterian General Assembly again, this time in Pittsburgh, and this time Craig is the commissioner and I'm the tag-a-long spouse. I have gotten a volunteer position serving one of the committees, which will help pay my way and also occupy some of my days. Please keep the General Assembly and all the commissioners in your prayers as they meet June 30-July 7. There are both weighty and controversial issues before the General Assembly for which the commissioners will be prayerfully seeking God's wisdom and guidance in their decision-making and in the recommendations that will be forwarded to the Presbyteries for their consideration in the coming year.

In last month's musings I asked for your continued prayers for our Vision Panel and our Transformation Team. Some of those prayers are bearing fruit in that as I'm writing this month's musings the Vision Panel is preparing to share the Guiding Vision draft over which we have been prayerfully meeting and writing since March with the Transformation Team. After receiving the Guiding Vision draft from the Vision Panel and offering its feedback, the Transformation Team over the summer will be sharing it with various groups in our congregation for even more feedback. It will probably then be presented to the whole congregation during a meeting early this fall. Our transformation journey continues! Please continue to hold this important time in the life of our congregation in your prayers.

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

Shalom in Christ Jesus—Marilyn

Liturgists for July

July 1 Jennifer Jones
 July 8 Sandy Weigt
 July 15 Bill Mercer
 July 22 Roy Lembcke
 July 29 Lenore Mercer

Ushers for July

July 1 Marcia Holman, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
 July 8 Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
 July 15 Vreni Straubhaar, Janice Krall, Rick Shannon
 July 22 Rick Geiger, Mike Holland, Tom Jones
 July 29 Keith Chan, Kim Chan, Janet Jones

Upcoming Guest Ministers

July 1: Reverend Sam Buffat

July 8: Reverend Gwen Brandfass

July 22: Reverend Scott Anderson

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?”



July New Beginnings

The July New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, July 17th at 11:30 at The Original Pancake House, 5518 University Ave. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytowne@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

If you did not get to sing your favorite hymns during our annual Hymn Festival in June do not despair—you may yet get to sing them sometime this summer!

For the rest of the summer Pastor Marilyn is as much as possible selecting hymns for worship from those you voted for but did not make it into the Hymn Festival.

Transformation Team/Vision Panel

Summer is in full swing and even though you may not have been hearing a lot about our Transformation Journey, it does not mean that steps are not being taken as we go forward together.

The Vision Panel has finished a Guiding Vision statement draft, and the Transformation Team will begin leading the congregation in interacting with it this month.

You may have noticed that the Post It Notes have been removed from the Vision Wall for input into our Guiding Vision. However, you can still check them out – they're now typed up and posted on the Vision Wall. And you are still welcome to put more thoughts on Post It Notes and attach them to the Vision Wall.

Your thoughts and prayers for all parts of this journey have been felt and are appreciated. Thanks and keep 'em coming!



MOM Needs:

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

July Worship Messages

Sunday, July 1—5th Sunday after Pentecost—Guest Preacher—Rev. Sam Buffat—Communion

Sunday, July 8—6th Sunday after Pentecost—Guest Preacher—Rev. Gwen Brandfass

Sunday, July 15—7th Sunday after Pentecost—"Strengthening the Church for Service"—Ephesians 1:3-14

Sunday, July 22—8th Sunday after Pentecost—Guest Preacher-Rev. Scott Anderson

Sunday, July 29—9th Sunday after Pentecost—"Drawing Upon God's Resources"—2 Kings 4:42-44

Wednesday Lunch & Learn

Our Wednesday Lunch & Learn group is now studying the biblical book of Genesis. Genesis, meaning "origin," is a book of stories of God's early dealings with the world and, in particular, with the early Israelite, or Hebrew, people. We are exploring together 2-5 chapters covering particular stories per week through the summer and early fall.

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!

MOM SEEKING CHILDREN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS

Help Middleton Outreach Ministry clients stretch their budgets by providing access, free of charge, to good quality children's clothing. As part of MOM's annual School Supply program in August, we will offer clothing for school-aged children. Please help us by donating good quality clothing for school aged children (K-12). As you clean out your closets or shop for new clothes, remember those trying to make ends meet by donating clothing that kids can wear to school. Donations can be dropped off at the MOM Distribution Center, 8710 Montclair Avenue, Middleton on Mondays-Thursdays, 10-2 and Fridays/Saturdays 9-12.

July Birthdays

July	1	Willie 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	Rick Geiger Todd Schendel

July Anniversaries

July	13	Maggie and Brian Rogers
July	16	Sandy and Don Weigt
July	24	Sophie and John Jakovich
July	25	Bill and Marcia Holman

Card Shower for Julia Olson's 100th Birthday

Julia Olson is Dale Heights longest living member and she will turn 100 years old on July 9!
To participate in a card shower marking this momentous occasion please send birthday cards to
Julia at:

6201 Elmwood Avenue Middleton, WI 53562

Music News

During the first week of July, I will be headed to Nashville to attend the American Guild of Organists National Convention. I'm excited for a week of discovering new music and learning new ways to lead Dale Heights' music program!

—Maggie

Personal Safety and Belongings Reminder

For your personal safety, whenever you are working alone in the church, or during the week after your group has gathered, please ensure that the building doors are locked.

Please do not ever leave your wallets, purses, or other valuable personal belongings unattended in or around the church. In late May a Sah-lang Church member's wallet was stolen from her purse while she was teaching Sunday School.

Pastor Marilyn is on Study Leave

June 29-July 8

to attend the Presbyterian General Assembly meeting in Pittsburgh with her spouse, the Rev. Dr. Craig Howard, who is one of John Knox Presbytery's Commissioners this year

Pastor Marilyn will be on Vacation

July 20-27

Redecorating Task Force Update

Stop and have a look at the new addition in the office entrance staircase! In big bold letters in a sunny yellow, you will see "Welcome" in 5 languages: Chinese, Chichewa (from Malawi), Tibetan, French, and Tagalog (from the Philippines). Coming attractions sometime this summer are another "Welcome" banner in the Fellowship Hall stairway and another "welcome" language frieze painted along that stairway. Thanks to the committee, to all who helped in various ways, to the memorial funds which made this possible, and to Karen Lee Weidig Designs.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of long-time Dale Heights member Marjorie Palmiter. We've just recently learned that Marge died at the age of 88 on December 19, 2011. The family held a private remembrance for Marge, and she was buried next to her husband, Harry, in Fassett Cemetery in Edgerton, WI. Memorials are suggested to Agrace HospiceCare, the Madison Lapidary Club, Macular Degeneration Research, or the charity of your choice.

Session did not meet in June
Next meeting is Sunday, July 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Property & Finance Committee Highlights

June 12, 2012

- Memorial Gardens: looked at some options for a marker for the Shirley-Dawn Jorgenson Memorial Garden area. The Prairie Garden and the Todd Memorial Garden plants were in and mulched in time for the service of the committal of ashes on Saturday, June 9. [Still to do: a few replacement plants, the ordering of spring bulbs as per the garden plan, mounting a trellis, ordering rain barrels].
- Work days: wait until a decision on what projects to do.
- A/C bid and concourse thermostat check still pending.
- Painting/Redecorating Task Force report: office entrance “welcome” painting is complete. Presented the design and the accepted bid for a second “welcome” banner and fellowship hall stairwell “welcome” lettering to be done this summer by Karen Lee Weidig Designs. Still to do: replacement soft covering for the poles in fellowship hall.
- University Avenue Reconstruction: curb and gutter and driveway apron are in.
- Further discussions on fellowship hall tables, restroom repairs, need for concrete flatwork repair by office entrance.
- Will obtain two bids for future paving of the parking lots and path to Brennans.
- Carpets: Sah-lang members will clean the carpets before Pastor Gam’s installation. Lounge carpet needs replacement. Bid will be obtained from Dan the Carpet Man.
- Inventory of church property is needed. Investigate possibility of a photographic record.
- Financial reports reviewed. Year-to-date net budgeted income is \$4,493.
- Next meeting Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 7:00 pm.

Outreach & Mission Committee Highlights

June 10, 2012

- The committee gives a big thanks to Kimberly Chan, Barb Fleishman, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber, June Zeeh 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 August. It is a blessing and privilege to meet and minister to these guests in a small way. Watch and listen for the next time we host guests as a ‘buddy church’ to St. Luke’s.
- PCUSA’s work through One Great Hour of Sharing has been recognized by the United Nations.
- The Outreach committee is in the process of creating a blog to share ideas for “green” house cleaning.
- Discussed possibility of having an “Afternoon on the Lawn” in early August, as well as participating in the Middleton Good Neighbor Festival in late August.
- Wendy Weber will be attending the Peacemaking Conference in Ghost Ranch, NM July 11-15.
- Wisconsin Council of Churches is calling for a Season of Civility. A workshop on this will be held at Orchard Ridge UCC on August 25 from 9-3. More information is available upon request.
- Saturday July 28 is a Mallards game for volunteers from The Road Home. More information will be forthcoming.
- Next meeting will be Sunday, July 15, 2012 at 11:30am.

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

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

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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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