



Focus

June 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.

Happy Summer!

As the calendar turns to June, school will soon be out for area children and teens, and summer vacations will begin in earnest. It's good for the soul to have times of rest and refreshment, so that is one of my prayers for us this month.

Also in June we'll bid farewell to Sophie and John Jakovich and their family as they move to Mankato, MN. We'll miss the Jakoviches very much, but give thanks to God for the many ways they have blessed our church family these past few years.

As you page through this month's *Focus* you'll see an announcement about a "Thank You" program and dinner by the Wisconsin Tibetan Association. The WTA Language and Culture School has been meeting on Saturdays at Dale Heights since October 1999. They continue to appreciate our having opened our doors to their school, and this is one of the ways they are saying thank you to us. Should be a wonderful evening.

Another announcement is our 8th annual Hymn Festival. If you haven't turned in your ballot to Maggie, please do so no later than June 3 in the hopes that your favorites will be among those receiving the most votes and included in this joy-filled service of song and praise.

The Sah-lang Church's Pastor Gam will be formally installed by his Presbytery in a special worship service June 24. Please continue to hold him and his congregation in your prayers even as they are holding us in their prayers.

Although the congregation isn't seeing a lot of transformation journey activity right now, our Vision Panel members are prayerfully composing a proposed guiding vision for our church. In the coming months drafts will be shared with various groups for feedback and possible revision toward eventually being adopted by our congregation. Please continue to hold both the Vision Panel and the Transformation Team in your prayers.

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

Shalom in Christ Jesus—Marilyn

Liturgists for June

June 3	Kim Chan
June 10	Harold Meyer
June 17	Gale Oakes
June 24	Barb Fleishman

Ushers for June

June 3	Marcia Holman, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
June 10	Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
June 17	Vreni Straubhaar, Janice Krall, Rick Shannon
June 24	Rick Geiger, Mike Holland, Tom Jones

Weekly Church School

June 3rd marks the end of the Children's Church School year. Thanks to all who made this year a success, and we will see you back in the fall!

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?"

Church Women United

Thanks to all of our Dale Heights friends who attended the May Friendship Lunch at Asbury United Methodist Church on Friday, May 4. Attending were Larry & Otty Schaefer, Ray Bayley, Bob Jorgenson, Carl & Ellie Metzloff, and Thelma Reynolds. The luncheon was delicious, and the program was "Listening to Our Sisters", which included a celebration service. Least Coin offerings were accepted, and Ellie turned in a check for \$53.41 for self-help projects in the U.S. and the world. Thanks to those who provided pennies and prayers for peace!

Elma Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

June New Beginnings

The June New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, June 19th at 11:30 at La Brioche, 2862 University Ave. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytowne@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

Hymn Festival

The votes are being tallied for the 8th Annual Hymn Festival! Thanks to those who voted, and be sure to attend worship on June 10th to sing your favorites. Those hymns that aren't selected for the festival will be used throughout the summer.

Transformation Team/Vision Panel

Our Vision Panel is meeting nearly weekly drafting a guiding vision for Dale Heights. Sometime soon a draft will begin to be circulated among certain church groups for reaction and feedback, after which any needed revisions will be made, eventually leading to presentation to the congregation, probably early this fall.



You may also participate by prayerfully considering and posting on the Vision Wall your hopes and dreams for some ways that you can envision Dale Heights faithfully and effectively expressing itself:

- As a church living for the world?
- As a community -- living Jesus' vision of right relationships?
- Attending to the primary issues of God's kingdom, shaped by the concerns of the Lord's prayer?

Please continue to keep the journey, our Vision Panel, and our Transformation Team in your thoughts and prayers.

MOM Needs:

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

June Worship

Sunday, June 3—Trinity Sunday with Communion —"Living Life Through the Spirit" - Romans 8:12-17

Sunday, June 10—8th Annual Hymn Festival

Sunday, June 17—3rd Sunday after Pentecost/Men of the Church/Father's Day —"Trusting in God's Guidance" - 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Sunday, June 24— 4th Sunday after Pentecost —"Turning to the God of the Storm" - Mark 4:35-41

New Wednesday Lunch & Learn

We have begun a new Lunch & Learn study of 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!

Wisconsin Tibetan Association “Thank You” to Dale Heights

Dinner and Cultural Dance Program, Saturday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m.

The Wisconsin Tibetan Association Language and Culture School has invited our Dale Heights church family to a “thank you” dinner and program on Saturday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the old fellowship hall. The program will include a Thank You speech by Wisconsin Tibetan Association Khamlung Tulku, a 15 to 20 minute culture performance and they have requested Pastor Marilyn to bless the gathering with a few words. They are planning to serve the dinner right after the program.

Please sign up to attend on the sheet in the Concourse, or let the church office know by phone or e-mail, so the Tibetans know how much food to prepare.

Everyone is welcome.

June Birthdays

June 1 Mike Holland
June Zeeh
June 7 Kim Chan
June 11 Edi Chan
June 15 Joan Hicks
June 21 Lucille Miller

June Anniversaries

June 6 Amy and Todd Schendel (1998)
June 13 Janice and Rick Shannon
June 18 Marian and Rowland Todd
June 22 Jane and John Koning
June 23 Carl and Elma Metzloff (1956)
June 30 Hazel and Ray Bayley

July Coffee Hour

In July, the congregation is invited to sign up to share treats during the fellowship time coffee hour. If you would like to do so, please sign up on the sheet in the Concourse. Thank you!

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 finding new music and learning new ways to lead Dale Heights' music program!

—Maggie

Pastor Marilyn will be 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

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 Sahlang Church member's wallet was stolen from her purse while she was teaching Sunday School.

Some Biblical Names/Images for God

Creator
Ruach—Breath/Spirit
Holy One
El Shaddai—Almighty One
Father
Mother
Savior
Sophia—Wisdom
Warrior
Shepherd
Protector
Gardener
Provider
Vineyard Owner
Yahweh/Adonai—LORD
Jehovah—LORD
Awesome
Majestic
Fearsome
Compassionate
Healing
Slow to Anger
Abounding in Steadfast Love

Committal Service

**for Rowland Todd's Ashes
in Dale Heights Memorial Gardens
Saturday, June 9 at 11:00 a.m.**

Worship and Music Committee Highlights

May 6, 2012

- Learned that the choir's last Sunday in the loft is June 3 and that the 8th annual hymn festival will be on June 10.
- Heard that Maggie is going to Nashville for the American Guild of Organists National Convention from July 1st to 6th.
- Pulpit Supply: On July 1st and 8th Gwen Brandfass will be the guest preacher while Pastor Marilyn is attends General Assembly. On July 22nd, Scott Anderson will fill the pulpit while Marilyn is on vacation.
- Learned the Korean church will loan us their sound equipment including the keyboard for the outdoor Pentecost service on May 27.
- Heard discussion about developing specially themed services this summer to entice people to brave the road construction to attend. Marilyn and Craig are considering a pulpit exchange sometime this summer.
- Learned that Kim and Keith Chan have resigned from the committee.
- Welcomed Tom Jones to the committee. He has offered to schedule ushers and communion servers. Discussed reviving the use of name tags especially to assist visitors and those new to DHPC.
- Next meeting—August 12, 2012.

Property & Finance Committee Highlights

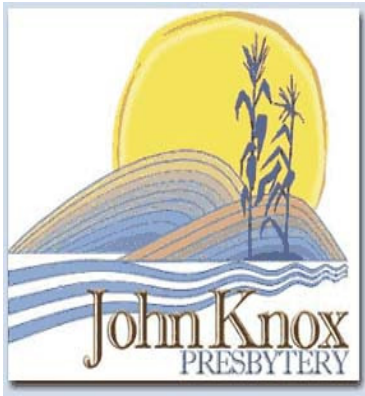
May 8, 2012

- Plants for the Todd Memorial Garden are here and will be planted May 9. Plants for the Southeast office wing building corner have been ordered and will be picked up May 14.
- Grounds work day is scheduled for May 9, 9am.
- Two new microphones are now in use in the sanctuary.
- 2012 University Avenue reconstruction is ongoing. Sandwich board directional signs are painted and will be in use soon.
- Women's restroom valve repairs will be made.
- Discussion about fellowship hall tables, rocks in the concourse planters; when to turn off the furnace for the year.
- Air Quality Systems estimate to replace the air conditioning unit for the sanctuary; request clarification of the \$2,350 bid to make sure it includes all our AC needs. Still needed—checkup of the concourse thermostat.
- 2012 QuickBook system will be purchased (necessary to support IRS/payroll changes which occur).
- Financial reports received and reviewed as of April 30, 2012. Net Budgeted Income Year-to-Date is \$6,283.
- Next meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 7:00 pm.

Session Highlights

May 20, 2012

- During the Clerk of Session report, approved the April 25, 2012 state Session meeting minutes
- During the Property & Finance Committee report, heard a brief report on the April and year-to-date financials, and also reviewed a comparison with the same period last year; continued discussion about the possibility of a capital campaign for the parking lot replacement this summer, as well as other possibly options; learned the estimate to replace the sanctuary air conditioner seems low and so more information is being sought; heard an update on replacing the sanctuary sound system; and heard an update on the church redecorating projects
- Received the monthly Pastor's report, and received information about the upcoming Middleton Good Neighbor Festival and discussed ways Dale Heights might participate
- During the Christian Education Ministry report heard updates on the Sunday morning children's church school and the Wednesday Lunch & Learn
- During the Personnel Committee report learned all employee and volunteer background checks are current
- Received the John Knox Presbytery meeting report
- During the Transformation Team report learned that the Vision Panel is meeting regularly doing their part of the transformation process, and that from the Vision Panel's work are requests for a service for healing and wholeness sometime soon, and to explore different kinds of prayer in worship
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report learned that Dale Heights was listed as a bronze sponsor in the Dyslexia Walk brochures and on the T-shirts; and discussed an idea to do an ice cream social for the neighborhood sometime this summer
- During the Worship & Music Committee report heard that the choir's last Sunday in the loft till fall will be June 3; that the Sah-lang Church will again loan us their sound system and keyboard for the outdoor Pentecost service on May 27; that the 8th annual Hymn Festival will be June 10; that Maggie Rogers will be gone to a conference July 1-6; that Tom Jones is now scheduling the usher and communion servers; and that Pastor Marilyn and Craig Howard are looking at doing a pulpit exchange later this summer
- The next Session meeting was set for Sunday, July 15, 2012 with Caroline Pope leading devotions.



John Knox Presbytery Meeting Highlights

Here are some highlights from the May 15, 2012 John Knox Presbytery Meeting:

- During the Equipping the Saints time, as part of John Knox Presbytery's missional journey, heard testimonies about getting to know our contexts from Teaching Elders Larry Olson, Alex Thornburg, and Clara Thompson, and a presentation by Jim Ott and Almira Soler from "Bridges Out of Poverty."
- During the announcements received greetings from the General Assembly Mission Council through Teaching Elder Marilyn Gamm, who had just returned from the GAMC's May meeting, and encouraged presbyters to check out the GAMC handouts she'd brought back from Louisville.
- Received the Presbytery Council report, during which approved adoption of the 2011 Audit report; learned the 2012 Mission Pledges were \$16,000 less than projected and therefore approved reducing the 2012 Budget by \$6,000; approved first readings of three proposed changes to the Presbytery By-Laws; approved changing the Personnel section of the Manual of Operations to reflect the current *Book of Order* references; learned that Tom and Connie Buresh have been selected to represent the Presbytery traveling to Portugal this October; and heard encouragement from Teaching Elder Gary Catterson to go on the Presbytery's mission trip to Minot, ND in June.
- Received the Committee on Representation report, during which approved the first reading of six proposed changes to the Presbytery By-Laws; and approved a motion to adopt and forward these to the Synod, if required.
- Received the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission report, during which approved a continuation for the Commission to the November 2012 Presbytery meeting.
- Received the Nominating Committee report, during which elected Ruling Elder Alyson Janke and Teaching Elder Galen Smith as General Assembly 2012 Alternate Commissioners.
- Commissioned the following General Assembly 2012 Commissioners and Alternates: Ruling Elders Allen Hanson, Carol Iverson and Alternate Alyson Janke; Teaching Elders Shirley Funk, Craig Howard and Alternate Galen Smith, and Young Adult Advisory Delegates: Evangeline Smith and Alternate Kiernan Steiner.
- Received the Commissioned Ruling Elder report, during which approved changing all references to Commissioned Lay Pastor in the Presbytery's Manual of Operations to Commissioned Ruling Elder; and replacing the CLP Committee in the Presbytery's Manual with a revised CRE Manual of Operations.
- Heard a report by Ruling Elder Derek Pursey on the Presbyterian Association of Science, Technology and the Christian Faith, which was founded in 1992 and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.
- Received the Committee on Ministry report, during which presbyters were encouraged to note and hold in prayer the congregations in transition; approved a proposal replacing the old G-14 in the COM Manual; and recognized the Honorable Retirement of Teaching Elder Marilyn Sandin-Ross, Pastor of Union Presbyterian Church, Monroe, WI, who will retire on July 1, 2012.
- Received the Moderator, Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, and Stated Clerk's reports. During the Stated Clerk's report approved the minutes of the Administrative Commissions to install Teaching Elder LeAnne Clausen de Montes as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Oregon, WI, and Teaching Elder Pamela Gnagy as Designated Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Winona, MN; approved four proposals revising Session Records Review policies; approved receiving the Synod's approval without exception of the Presbytery's minutes; and approved spreading upon the Presbytery's minutes the COM Teaching Elders Occupations report.
- The next meeting will be August 18, 2012 via the Presbytery's five new video conferencing centers.

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

From David to exile

June-1 Ezra 1-2

June-2 Ezra 3-5

June-3 Ezra 6-7

June-4 Ezra 8-9

June-5 Ezra 10

June-6 Nehemiah 1-3

June-7 Nehemiah 4-6

June-8 Nehemiah 7-8

June-9 Nehemiah 9-10

June-10 Nehemiah 11-12

June-11 Nehemiah 13

June-12 Esther 1-3

June-13 Esther 4-7

June-14 Esther 8-10

God's faithful servant

June-15 Job 1-4

June-16 Job 5-8

June-17 Job 9-12

June-18 Job 13-16

June-19 Job 17-20

June-20 Job 21-24

June-21 Job 25-29

June-22 Job 30-33

June-23 Job 34-37

June-24 Job 38-40

June-25 Job 41-42

Songs of praise

June-26 Psalms 1-9

June-27 Psalms 10-17

June-28 Psalms 18-22

June-29 Psalms 23-30

June-30 Psalms 31-35



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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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