



# Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

March 2012

## *Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings*

As I'm writing this month's musings I've just returned from my first General Assembly Mission Council meeting. In late January I was asked if I'd be willing to fill an unexpired term on the GAMC, beginning in February. I gulped and said yes, and the rest is history. From my first meeting I'm especially excited and encourage you to be especially on the lookout for more about a new initiative to establish 1,001 new worshipping communities over the next 10 years.

It is Lent and this year's cultural emphasis is Korea. Three Sundays during Lent, maybe all in March or maybe one in April, some of our Sah-lang Church Korean sisters and brothers will be sharing with us about their homeland. Since this is the fifth anniversary year of when the Sah-lang Church began nesting with us, it seems especially appropriate to have this opportunity to know more about the culture and traditions of our Korean brothers and sisters. And as an early heads up, we will celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sah-lang coming to Dale Heights in a special joint service celebrating our church's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, April 29 at 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday, March 4 we will again observe "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" during morning worship. We will also dedicate our new Vision Panel as part of our transformation journey that morning.

I'd like to especially invite you to join us when and as you are able in our Lunch & Learn class Lenten Bible study about "gates" throughout the Bible as metaphors for God's gracious activities, which continues this month, and you can read about elsewhere in this month's *Focus*.

It occurs to me that someone has a great sense of humor for the blarney fun and foolishness of St. Patrick's Day to occur annually during the somber, meditative Lenten season. As someone with a wee drop of Irish, I actually appreciate this irony. Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17!

This month on March 26 the long-awaited/dreaded University Avenue reconstruction project begins in front of Dale Heights. Please be patient and continue your active participation in Dale Heights activities during this road project, and please continue to invite and encourage others to come experience our Dale Heights church family as well.

See you in church and serving in our Madison/Middleton area community!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

*Marilyn*

# March Worship Messages

March 4, 2012 - Celebrate the Gifts of Women/2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent -  
"The Other Woman: Hagar" - Genesis 16:1-15; 21:1-21 - Vision Panel Dedication - Communion

March 11, 2012 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent - "Being Jesus' Church" - John 2:13-22

March 18, 2012 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - "Pouring God's Love on the World" - John 3:14-21

March 25, 2012 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - Guest Preacher - Rev. F. Gary Reynolds

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## Liturgists for March

**Mar. 4** Barb Fleishman  
**Mar. 11** Kim Chan  
**Mar. 18** Otty Schaefer  
**Mar. 25** Jennifer Jones

## Ushers for March

**Mar. 4** Communion Servers  
**Mar. 11** Rick Geiger & Kim Chan  
**Mar. 18** Vreni S. & Otty S.  
**Mar. 25** Gale Oakes & Dale Buske

## Lenten Wreath Readers and Candle Snuffers

February 26: Rick Shannon & Janice Krall  
March 4: Kim Chan & Sunday School  
March 11: Wendy Weber & Bob Jorgenson  
March 18: Vreni Straubhaar & Marcia Holman  
March 25: Bonnie Savonne & Joan Hicks  
April 1: Sophie and Sasha Jakovich

## Korean Lent and Easter

This year's Lent and Easter cultural emphasis will be Korean, learning from some of our Sah-lang Church sisters and brothers during worship and fellowship particularly about Korean traditions and foods during these seasons of reflecting upon Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

## University Avenue Reconstruction Project Begins March 26, 2012

There will be an information meeting for interested persons March 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church.

**Pastor Marilyn on Vacation March 19-25**  
**Guest Preacher Sunday, March 25**  
**Rev. F. Gary Reynolds**

## Weekly Church School

The 2-7 year-old class meets from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Sunday School Wing. Join us as we share the stories of our faith as you and your children are able to participate. Thanks to our Children's Sunday School teachers!

Everyone is welcome!

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

# Happy Birthday!

March 23 Don Weigt  
March 28 Elizabeth Holland  
Aaron Lembcke (2010)

# Happy Anniversary!

March 1 Vreni and Willy  
Straubhaar  
March 19 Kris and Jim Tracey

## Choir News

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, we recognized Janet Jones for her 26 years of faithful choral service. We retired her robe number, endowed a stool, gave her a photo collage, and sang a song written by Gerry Klump. Janet retired from the choir last fall.

## Church Women United

The Christian women of Malaysia cordially invite us all to a celebration of World Day of Prayer. The theme for the service is "Let Justice Prevail," and Church Women United is its sponsor. The service will be at Oakwood West, 6209 Mineral Point Road, second floor of the Tower (lounge by Tea Room). The celebration is Friday, March 2, at 1:30 p.m. It promises to be an inspiring, worthwhile service, blessing all participants and attendees. Beverages and desserts will be served after the service.

Elma Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

## Pres House Meal

Dale Heights is providing the meal for the Pres House on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

There are many ways that you can help us with this meal.

- 1) Serving the meal at the Pres House on Sunday, March 25 at 5 p.m.
  - 2) Bringing one of the following items needed for the meal. There will be a sign up sheet in the Concourse.
    - Cut veggies, dip, milk, hamburger buns, chips, juice, ground beef, making a batch brownies, ice cream, spring salad mix, chopped walnuts, chocolate syrup.
  - 3) Donating money to help buy items for the meal. Please see Kim or Edi Chan or Wendy Weber if you have any questions.
- We will meet at the church on either March 23 or 24 to prepare the sloppy joes.

## New Lenten Wednesday Lunch & Learn

We have begun a new Lenten study *Open to Me the Gates* by Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Exploring how gates are conceptually used throughout the Bible, this Lenten devotional examines the metaphors of gates for modern Christians beliefs and practices, such as justice and equality.

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

## 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.

## Dale Heights Web Site

Check out our church web site for the latest news: [www.daleheightspc.org](http://www.daleheightspc.org)  
Pastor Marilyn's weekly sermons are posted on the website every Sunday afternoon.

# One Great

## Hour of Sharing



### Sharing resources, changing lives

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

#### Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

#### When is the offering received?

Dale Heights is receiving the offering throughout Lent, and dedicating it on Easter Sunday.

#### March New Beginnings

The March New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Sofra's, 7457 Elmwood in Middleton. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or [marytowne@chorus.net](mailto:marytowne@chorus.net) for reservations. Thank you.

## Transformation Team Report

Many on our journey have finished the Bible Study titled "A People of Salt and Light, Jesus' Model for Community". Those who have not finished this study will soon finish it. We have also heard thoughts about A People of Salt and Light from Pastor Marilyn on Sundays. Thanks to all.

The Vision Panel is going to have its first meeting on Wednesday, March 7.

Our journey continues. Enjoy the ride!

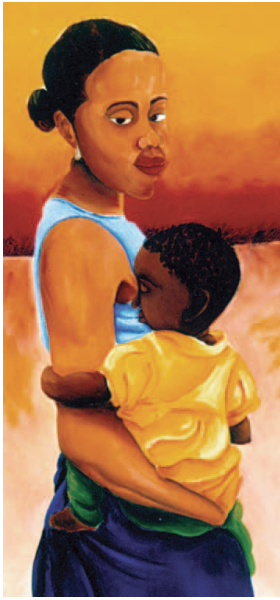
#### Nursery Available

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.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

A huge thank you to all who contributed to a very successful Souper Bowl. It was great to have the kids present the Children's Sermon and all the food other than soups that was brought in. Your generosity raised \$501.00 which will go directly to Middleton Outreach Ministry. Thank you.





## *Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday* *March 4, 2012*

### Honoring Stories of Courage, Struggle and Survival

On Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, March 4, 2012, we honor women who contribute their gifts to the church and community, lift up issues of women's rights, and focus on the role of women in our communities and world.

On March 4, 2012, the second Sunday of Lent, assigned lectionary texts direct us to God's covenant with Abraham (Gen. 17) and his exemplary faith (Rom. 4 ). On this Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday, we do well to consider also the story that slips through the cracks: that of Hagar, the other woman in Abraham's life. Her full story is not featured in the lectionary, perhaps because the abuse she suffers at the hands of Sarah and Abraham does not reflect well on our foremother and forefather in faith. It is fitting to consider Hagar's story during Lent, a season of repentance. Remembering this story also provides an occasion to honor Hagar's courage and struggle to survive, to carve out a future for herself and her child with the help of God. Her commitment to survival and flourishing, amid the challenges that beset her, mirrors that of many women around the world to this day, and such commitment is to be celebrated.

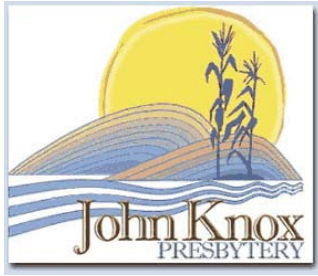
### **Property & Finance Meeting Highlights – February 14, 2012**

- New lavalier microphone part purchased.
- Roof heat tape installed; one hookup remains to be done.
- Revised 2012 Draft Budget being sent to Session for approval.
- Faucet repair in kitchen is done.
- Difficulty with locks. Will ask Bill's Locksmith to replace the office entry door and office door locks or lock cylinders (using the same keying system).
- Discussions on use of various Memorial funds and on a "Second Miler" proposal.
- Interior can light special bulb replacement needed.
- January pension bill now shows \$1,600 credit. This corrects previous overcharge.
- Financial status reports reviewed. Financial status as of 1/31/2012 (year-to-date) is -\$5,592 compared to budgeted net income. Primarily due to one-time payments in January. Also, January offerings were slightly down.
- Next meeting: Tuesday , March 13, 2012 at 7 p.m.



## **Stated Session Meeting Highlights – February 22, 2012**

- Examined new Session member
- Signed up for 2012 Session Committees
- During the Clerk's report, approved the minutes of the called January 22, 2012 Session meeting, the January 25, 2012 stated Session meeting, and the January 29, 2012 Annual Congregation/Corporation meeting
- During the Property & Finance Committee report received a brief report on the January monthly and year-to-date financials; approved a revised, 2012 budget projecting income of \$147,484, expenses of \$147,484, with a projected surplus of \$2,914; heard an update on replacing the sanctuary sound system; learned the University Avenue reconstruction project will begin March 26, 2012; received an update on church redecorating plans; tabled inaugurating any kind of a "Second Mile" offering proposal for a possible future time; reviewed and adjusted where the church plans to advertise this year; approved allowing Rick Geiger, Vreni Straubhaar and Sandy Weigt to tackle cleaning out the church attic; and approved giving the old gold choir robes to St. Vincent de Paul
- Received the monthly Pastor's report, including that she has been elected to a four-year unexpired term on the General Assembly Mission Council Class of 2016; approved her 2012 Vacation and Study Leave dates; and reported the death of member Betty Lewis on January 26, 2012
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report heard updates on the weekly children's church school and on the Wednesday Lunch & Learn class
- During the Personnel Committee report learned that all employee and volunteer background checks are current
- Received the February 18, 2012 John Knox Presbytery report
- During the Transformation Team report learned that the next meeting will be February 23, 2012, approved dedicating the Vision Panel during worship March 4, 2012; and that the team and Vision Panel will be trained by Coach Clara Thompson March 7, 2012
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report learned a Voter Registration Information and Drive has been being held in the Concourse; discussed ideas for a summer pig roast and a Thanksgiving dinner for the neighborhood; was reminded that the next Pres House Supper will be March 25, 2012; and learned there will be a potluck program on dyslexia May 6, 2012
- During the Worship & Music Committee report heard a report on the Ash Wednesday worship in conjunction with the noon Wednesday Lunch & learn class on February 22, 2012; heard an update on plans for the Korean Lent-Easter cultural emphasis, and the joint 55<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration service with the Sah-lang Church on April 29, 2012, with former pastors and members to be invited
- Set the next Session meeting for March 28, 2012 with Sandy Weigt leading devotions



## John Knox Presbytery Meeting Highlights

Here are some highlights from the February 18, 2012 Presbytery Meeting:

- Experienced worship in which Ruling Elder Bonnie Sue Lewis preached and she was installed as Moderator and Teaching Elder Clara Thompson was installed as Vice Moderator.
- During the Equipping the Saints time Rev. Jill Sanders from the Center for Parish Development introduced the John Knox Presbytery's Missional Journey.
- During the announcements heard an invitation from Teaching Elder Marilyn Gamm to Dale Heights Presbyterian Church in Madison, WI's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Gamm shared it will be a joint, bi-lingual English-Korean service with the Sah-lang Korean Church to celebrate its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary nesting with Dale Heights. Rev. Gamm also reported from the just ended February General Assembly Mission Council meeting that the GAMC is recommending to this summer's General Assembly meeting a new initiative calling for the establishment of 1,001 new worshipping communities in the next 10 years.
- Received the Committee on Ministry report, during which Teaching Elder Marilyn Gamm introduced new Teaching Elder LeAnne Clausen de Montes, new pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Oregon, WI, and approved an Administrative Commission for the purpose of installing Rev. Clausen de Montes as Pastor of the Oregon church; introduced new Teaching Elder Pamela Gnagy, new pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church, Winona, MN; approved Parkside Presbyterian Church, Madison, WI's request to name Teaching Elder Woody Carey Pastor Emeritus; approved having the Stated Clerk request Glacier Presbytery to dismiss Teaching Elder Louis Stoker to John Knox Presbytery and enrolling him as Honorably Retired; approved moving Teaching Elder Lin Grace Rohr from the Member at Large to the Validated Ministry Roll; approved the second reading and adopted an amended revision of the Committee on Ministry section of the John Knox Presbytery By-Laws Section V.C.; approved concurring with the request of Teaching Elder Sandra Nuernberg to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, WI, dismissed with thanks Rev. Nuernberg as Moderator and appointed Teaching Elder Sam Buffat as Moderator, and moved Rev. Nuernberg from the Validated to the Member at Large Roll; approved the appointment of Teaching Elders Sam Buffat, Shirley Funk, Glen Reichelderfer, and Clara Thompson, and Ruling Elders Bruce Barge, Deborah Little Cohn, and Carol Wright to comprise an Administrative Commission with original jurisdiction for Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church until the May 2012 John Knox Presbytery meeting; approved moving Teaching Elder Susan Li from the Validated to the Member at Large Roll; and approved dispensing with the 6-month interval and granting permission to First Presbyterian Church, Cambria, WI to form a Pastor Nominating Committee for the purpose of nominating the Stated Supply Pastor, Teaching Elder Kristin Frederich, as their called and installed Pastor.
- Received the Presbytery Council report, during which noted the Council's 2012 Action Initiatives; reported various actions taken in behalf of Presbytery including receipt of a \$27,792 gift from First Presbyterian Church, Baraboo, WI; and approved establishing five sites (Portage-Portage, Postville-Community, Presbyterian Church of West Salem, Dubuque-Westminster, and Madison, Covenant) to be equipped with Life Size video conferencing materials at a total cost of \$130,000.
- Received the Moderator, Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, and Stated Clerk's reports. During the Stated Clerk's report approved Session records reviewed since the November 2012 Presbytery meeting; approved granting First Presbyterian Church, Andrew, IA a waiver for the limitation on terms so that Ruling Elder Wendy Dunne may serve a third consecutive 3-year term on Session; approved the numerical parity of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders report; and approved the summary of the Annual Statistical Reports to the General Assembly
- The next meeting will be May 15, 2012 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dubuque, IA

Our 55<sup>th</sup> year serving in God's Mission

# Join us in Joplin for Mission Outreach



**Time:** May 20-26, 2012

**Location:** Stay at First Presbyterian Church, Joplin, MO

**Activity:** Help reconstruct Joplin, mainly new construction with organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity; as always, specific tasks depend upon the state of construction on each work day.

**Cost to participant:** You provide your transportation to Joplin and back and personal spending; bring your own bedding

**FPC mission budget pays food and lodging costs**

**Open to anybody from FPC or other John Knox Presbytery churches;** but participants must be at least 16 years old

**Reserve space with a \$50 deposit per family** by April 20; deposit will be returned when you go on the trip

**Contact** Chuck Frihart at 608-644-9294 or [afrihart@wildblue.net](mailto:afrihart@wildblue.net)

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## **Joplin details**

### **SUPPLY LIST**

Sleeping bag or sheet set and pillow  
*In addition to the usual personal toiletries, bring:*

Sunscreen  
Insect repellent  
Personal medication for length of the stay

*Also:*

Ear plugs, if light sleeper  
Reusable water bottle

### ***DO NOT BRING:***

Alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind  
Weapons or fireworks  
Smoking is not allowed within our facilities

### **WE PROVIDE at the 502:**

Air-conditioned facility

*In addition to the usual clothing items, bring:*

Heavy work boots (lots of dangerous debris) Leather or heavy-duty work gloves  
Light-weight cotton gloves  
Rain gear  
Hat, visor, bandana  
Sunglasses

*\*It is highly recommended that every volunteer have a current tetanus shot.*

A limited number of mattresses and air mattresses are currently available;  
have 30 twin bed frames & mattresses .

A full kitchen with appliances and cooking and eating utensils  
(no food, but an evening fellowship meal will be provided once a week)  
Dining area with seating for 40  
Two large sleeping rooms; two small sleeping rooms  
Two refrigerators and one chest freezer  
Large water coolers from which you can fill water bottles  
Ice Maker  
Washer and dryer w/detergent  
Toilet tissue, paper towels, cleaning supplies  
Four showers with bath towels and mats, laundered every other day  
Free wireless Internet  
Weather radio  
Entertainment-TV, ping pong, foosball, pool table, outdoor basketball

# 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**

## Desert wanderings

March-1 Deuteronomy 1-2

March-2 Deuteronomy 3-4

March-3 Deuteronomy 5-7

March-4 Deut.8-10

March-5 Deut. 11-13

March-6 Deut. 14-16

March-7 Deut. 17-20

March-8 Deut. 21-23

March-9 Deut. 24-27

March-10 Deuteronomy 28

March-11 Deut. 29-31

March-12 Deut.32-34



## The promised land!

March-13 Joshua 1-3

March-14 Joshua 4-6

March-15 Joshua 7-8

March-16 Joshua 9-10

March-17 Joshua 11-13

March-18 Joshua 14-16

March-19 Joshua 17-19

March-20 Joshua 20-21

March-21 Joshua 22-24

March-22 Judges 1-2

March-23 Judges 3-5

March-24 Judges 6-7

March-25 Judges 8-9

March-26 Judges 10-11

March-27 Judges 12-14

March-28 Judges 15-17

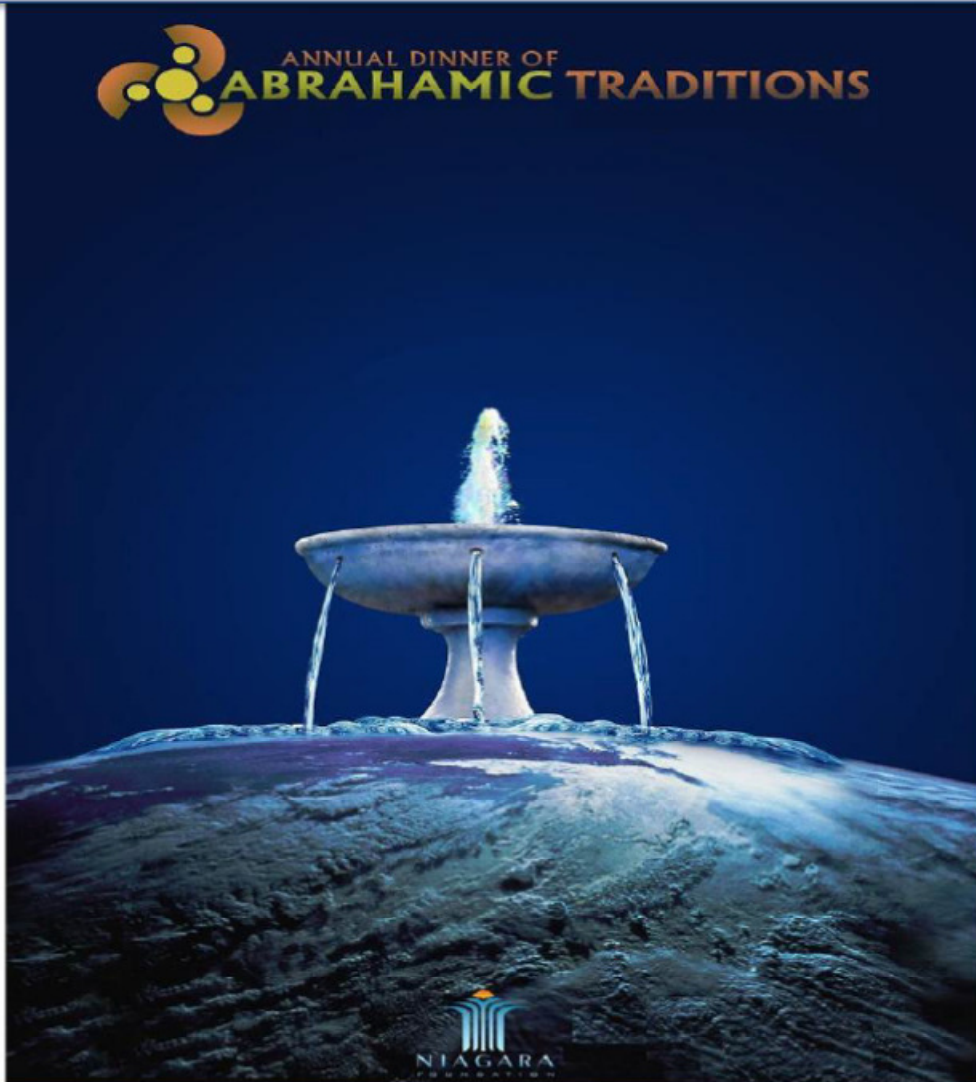
March-29 Judges 18-19

March-30 Judges 20-21

March-31 Ruth 1-4

# Perspectives of Abrahamic Religions : Charity

Resources and Wisdoms within the Abrahamic Traditions



29 March 2012  
Thursday 6 PM  
437 S Yellowstone Dr  
Madison, Wisconsin

RSVP by 22 March to [wisconsin@niagarafoundation.org](mailto:wisconsin@niagarafoundation.org)

"Dinner will  
be served"

March 2012



				1 Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm	2 Church Women United World Day of Prayer 1:30 p.m.	3
4 Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday with Dedication of Vision Panel & Communion 10 a.m.	5	6 SMART, 7:00pm	7 Transformation Team/Vision Panel, 7:00pm; <b>Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm</b>	8 NO choir rehearsal Pastor Marilyn to COM	9	10 Men's Breakfast, 8:00am; Set Clocks Ahead 1 hour
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13 Property & Finance, 7:00pm; SMART, 7:00pm	14 <b>Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm</b>	15 NO choir rehearsal	16	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day!
18	19  Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	20 New Beginnings lunch, 11:30am; SMART, 7:00pm  Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	21 Bosom Buddies, 6:45pm  Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	22 NO Choir rehearsal  Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	23  Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	24  Pastor Marilyn on Vacation
25 Gary Reynolds, Guest Minister Pastor Marilyn on Vacation Pres House Supper 5:30 p.m. (Worship 4:30 p.m.)	26	27 SMART, 7:00pm	28 Session 7:00 p.m.	29 Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm	30	31

## 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.

### Bosom Buddies 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.

### SMART Recovery Self-Help for Addiction and Alcohol Abuse

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. in the lounge

### Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts:

Troops meet 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.*

### **Dale Heights Presbyterian Church**

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[www.daleheightspc.org](http://www.daleheightspc.org)

### **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

Our 55<sup>th</sup> year serving in God's Mission