



# FOCUS

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

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May 2010

## *Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings*

As God's beautiful creation continues the greening and blooming and sending forth new life of spring, this month we reflect upon something similar happening in both our church and community.

Every Mother's Day we celebrate those who are mothers and those who have or who have had mothers through whom God gave us the beginnings of our earthly lives. We give thanks for the blessing of good mothers and those who serve us like mothers, for their nurture of us, their care and support in all the big and little ways that help to mold and shape us into the kind of people we are becoming.

This month we will also celebrate the Day of Pentecost, often referred to as the "birthday of the church" because of God's particularly powerful sharing of the Holy Spirit that day and the large number of persons who came to believe in Jesus as the Christ through the disciples' testimonies. Although neither the first nor the last time the Holy Spirit has been powerfully at work in the world, Pentecost marked a new beginning in the disciples' lives with the Holy Spirit inspiring and sending them forth anew to continue Jesus' ministry. May this Pentecost also mark a new beginning in our lives, inspiring and sending us forth anew to continue Jesus' ministry.

For many in our community and for some in our congregation, this month includes graduation from degree programs and studies, the ending of one chapter and the beginning of another as graduates are sent out into the working world or into advanced degree programs. We give thanks to our heavenly Teacher for all they have learned and for the teachers who have taught them over the years, preparing and birthing them for these next chapters of their ever emerging lives.

Every May we also observe Memorial Day in this country, a time set aside to particularly honor and remember those who have laid down their lives in the Armed Services, but also a time to honor, remember, and give thanks for the lives of all our loved ones now in their heavenly homes. There are as many ways to do this as there are personalities among us, but speaking for myself I welcome this opportunity to give thanks for the ways loved ones from my past have helped to mold and shape the person I'm becoming. Without their love and care and support and discipline, I might not even be here, and certainly would not be all that I am nor all I may yet be. My faith is built upon the foundation of many of their faith, the launching pad from which God has sent me to serve in this glorious world. Thanks be to God!

See you in church!

Shalom in Christ Jesus, *Marilyn*

# May Worship Messages

May 2, 2010 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - "Seeing God's Spirit at Work" -  
Acts of the Apostles 11:1-18 - Communion

May 9, 2010 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day - "Throwing the World Off Balance" -  
Isaiah 65:17-25

May 16, 2010 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord/Multicultural Church -  
"Witnessing to These Things" - Luke 24:44-53

May 23, 2010 - Pentecost - "Prophesying and Seeing Visions" -  
Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21 - Tentatively an Outdoor Service on the Front Lawn

May 30, 2010 - Trinity Sunday - "Receiving Wisdom's Invitation" - Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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## Ushers for May

May 2 Communion Servers  
May 9 Youth of the church  
May 16 Janice Krall, Rick Shannon  
May 23 Vreni Straubhaar  
May 30 Tom Jones, Otty Schaefer

## Liturgists for May

May 2 Henry Bouman  
May 9 Janice Krall  
May 16 Elizabeth Holland  
May 23 Tom Jones  
May 30 Ndaz Holland

## Thank You for providing Easter Flowers

Gale Oakes, Dick Corey, Elma Metzloff,  
Wendy Weber, Edi Chan, Mary Towne  
Jennifer Jones, Marge Shumate,  
Otty Schaefer, Bob Jorgenson,  
Gerry Klump, Marcia Holman, Vreni  
Straubhaar, Rick Shannon, Sandy Weigt,  
Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne  
Ray and Hazel Bayley.

## Mother's Day

### Breakfast Saturday, May 8

Please join us on Saturday morning,  
May 8, at 8:30 a.m. for our annual  
Mother's Day Breakfast. The men's  
group hosts this event and invites all to  
join in the celebration of mothers.

### Pentecost Worship Sunday, May 23

Please wear casual/  
comfortable **RED** clothing  
Sunday, May 23, when we will celebrate the  
Day of Pentecost in an outdoor service on  
the church's front lawn. Please bring lawn  
chairs and blankets for this relaxing service  
out in God's beautiful creation.



# Happy Birthday!

May	5	Paul Holland
May	9	Anne Lembcke
May	9	Betty Lewis
May	10	Erik Dachel
May	11	Hannah Eldridge
May	15	Dagmar Krause
May	20	Janet Jones Rick Shannon
May	24	Jim Tracey
May	25	Terry Gray
May	28	Ray Bayley

# Happy Anniversary!

May	6	Sophie and John Jakovich _
May	27	Grant and Anne Lembcke

## New Beginnings Monthly LUNCH!

New Beginnings will meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of the month. We will meet next on May 18 at 11:30 at Original Pancake House, 5518 Univ. Ave.

## Adult Church School

Our adult church school class continues most Sunday mornings.

Join us when and as you are able at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings!

## Dale Heights Knitters & Crocheters

Our Dale Heights members and friends are gathering Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Come to both learn to knit or crochet, and also to work together on knitting or crocheting projects for mission - such as "healing shawls" and skull caps for soldiers' helmets.

To date we have completed and delivered 22 prayer shawls and 63 skull caps. Everyone welcome to join us in this ministry.

## Wednesday Lunch & Learn Class

Our Wednesday Lunch & Learn class is beginning a new book: *Vision Stories: True Accounts of Visions, Angels and Healing Miracles* by John Sumwalt.

\* *What if Moses had never told anyone about the burning bush?*

\* *What if Paul had kept quiet about his experience on the road to Damascus?*

\* *What if John had never written a word of what he saw during his exile on Patmos?*

The Bible is filled with mystical stories, yet modern culture is often uncomfortable with the concept of spiritual visions. Though a recent study showed that as many as 44 of Americans have had some sort of mystical experience, people are frequently hesitant to share holy moments that might seem strange to others. But John Sumwalt discovered that whenever a small group is gathered together and a vision story is told, two or three others will recount a similar episode. Almost everyone has either a personal vision story or knows of a friend's experience -- and if they know that its sacredness will be honored, most people want to tell their story.

This remarkable collection shares 69 authentic, life-changing narratives that witness to the Lord's power and presence. Many of these intensely personal accounts have never been told before, and whether they concern visions, healing, or answers to prayer, they all demonstrate our spiritual thirst, as well as the indescribable joy, comfort, and peace that comes from encountering the divine. Each illustrates a scripture passage from Cycle B of the Revised Common Lectionary -- so *Vision Stories* is an especially valuable resource for lectionary preaching. But even more, it's inspiring reading for personal devotion and spiritual growth.

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

**Committal of Ashes Service for former Dale Heights Pastor Tom Dietrich will be Saturday, June 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dale Heights Memorial Gardens**  
Everyone is Welcome



### **Lent and Easter with a Malawi Influence**

Learning about Malawi as a country, its people, its foods, and traditions, especially as it related to Lent and Easter was a unique experience for the congregation at Dale Heights P.C. Maps and a wall hanging provided by Mike Holland helped us locate Malawi, a land locked country in Africa. Elizabeth Holland shared information and traditions, music and food from her Malawian culture throughout Lent and Easter Sunday. We learned that in Malawi the pastor of a church may serve many churches, which puts the responsibility of preaching on elders in the preacher's absence. We also learned that services may be outdoors and up to 3 hours in length.

Elizabeth and Ndazonia Holland shared worship leadership as they read scripture in Malawi and English respectively. Elizabeth's beautiful traditional Malawi outfits brought the culture closer to us.

Our annual Easter Breakfast resulted in a free will offering of \$263 to be sent to a Presbyterian Organization in Malawi, as yet to be determined. Several members of the congregation prepared delicious Malawian desserts to share during coffee fellowship. Sandy Weigt made new purple African paraments as part of our Malawian Lenten observance, as well as new white paraments which were dedicated on Easter Sunday.

What a wonderful way to learn about a different culture!

Marcia Holman, Worship Committee



## Dale Heights' Family Summer Sunday School --2010

This summer the Christian Education Ministry Team is planning a Family Summer Sunday School. This is an opportunity for children, adults, and families to enjoy time together. We understand summer is a busy time for many, so attend when you are able. Summer Sunday School will meet one Sunday a month.. Included in the plans for Summer Sunday School are outings to the Zoo, the Arboretum, and story telling on the church lawn. All activities are subject to weather permitting, so let's pray for sunny days and fresh breezes!

### Summer Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 12 noon to 2pm

Theme: Noah's Ark

Outing to Henry Vilas Zoo and Picnic at the Park,  
weather permitting.

Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> 9:15am to 9:50am:

Prayer and Story Telling on the Church Lawn,

Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon to 2pm

Theme: Creation

Outing to UW Arboretum. We will go on a nature walk  
and have a Picnic at Hoyt Park,



More information will be available closer to the dates on the above schedule. Sign up sheets will be available prior to each outing so that we can have an idea of the number of people coming. Any questions or suggestions, please contact Kim Chan at (608) 238-4743 or [KChan@edgewood.edu](mailto:KChan@edgewood.edu).



### Summer Music Preview

During the summer, we have several opportunities the congregation, to participate in the Dale Heights music program. Each Sunday will feature something different for special music, and we'd like to get a good variety of performers involved this summer. If you're interested in participating, please contact Maggie to reserve your date.

The **Sixth Annual Dale Heights Hymn Sing** will take place on June 14th. Look for ballots in bulletins starting at the beginning of May and vote for your favorites!

Other music events this summer include American Folk Hymn Sunday on July 4th, and other themed hymn Sundays.



## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

May Forum – May 7, 2010

Celebrate May Friendship Day—*Living the Vision*

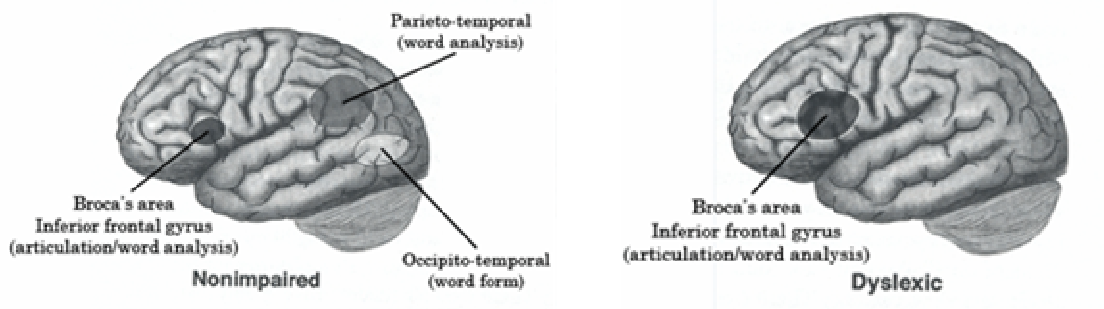
11:00 a.m. Gathering and Annual Meeting

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Celebration

Bashford United Methodist Church, 329 North St., Madison

### Matters of the Brain



Most of us can be happy that three areas of the left side of our brains are working properly: Broca's area (facilitates word use), Wernicke's area (gives meaning to word formations) and the Occipito-temporal area (storehouse of immediate word retrieval).

However, the person with "dyslexia" (literally, "trouble with reading") has deficiencies here, usually with an underdeveloped or missing Occipito-temporal area. Normal and speed readers have whole words (with pronunciation and meaning) pop up effortlessly with a single glance. Not so with the dyslexic who must be taught to read with a very specialized method usually not available in the general classroom.

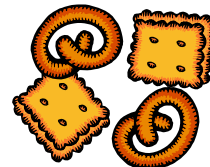
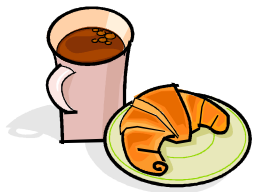
Fortunately there are knowledgeable groups and tutors who are able to support and teach dyslexic individuals very effectively. You can help by participating in or giving support to The Madison Walk to Help Children with Dyslexia on Saturday, May 22nd. Registration begins at 7:30 A.M. at the Henry Villas Park Shelter House at 606 South Randall Ave. The 5K (3.1 mile) walk starts at 8:30 A.M. Registration fees are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under twelve. Participants who will receive a commemorative T-shirt will be seeking sponsors. Checks should be made out to Madison Learning Center/Dyslexia Walk.

## **Session Meeting Highlights – April 21, 2010**

- Approved the March 24, 2010 Session meeting minutes and the January 31, 2010 Annual Congregation/Corporation meeting minutes
- During the Property and Finance Committee report, received a brief report on the March monthly and year-to-date financials, which showed a net income of nearly \$2,300, and a year-to-date net loss of just under \$2,700; learned that two of the three Concourse loans have been repaid; learned bids are being received to address sanctuary wing basement water management issues; learned that a spring church work day was set for April 24; learned that we will not be working Bratfest this year because all the slots have been filled; received a report from the joint Dale Heights-Sah-lang painting and redecorating task force; and heard reports about recent tree pruning, and Christian Education wing kitchen faucet and water fountain repairs
- Received the monthly Pastor's report, including a new website update report; that the Presbytery will pay for the pulpit supply when she is at the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission trial in October; and that an ash scattering service for former pastor Tom Dietrich will be June 5
- Participated in a 65-minute Presbytery Missional Church Survey of the Session
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report, heard reports on spring children's Church School classes and plans for three summer activities; heard a report on plans with our high school graduates; and heard an update on the Lunch & Learn study
- During the Personnel Committee report, learned that background checks for all employees are current; and referred to the committee a request to reestablish the Nursery Attendant position
- There was no Inviting and Welcoming Ministry Team report
- During the Outreach and Mission Committee report, heard a report that around \$200 was received in donations for Presbyterian mission work in Malawi during the Easter breakfast, and that the particular mission recipient is still being determined
- During the Worship and Music Committee report, learned it will meet April 25, during which the Pentecost service, a summer joint service with the Sah-lang church, and summer worship and music plans will be discussed
- The next meeting will be May 25, 2010 with Gerry Klump leading devotions.

## Property & Finance Committee Meeting Highlights – April 13, 2010

- Heard an update on seeking bids to clean up the downed limbs, etc. from the church yards. Will take action in the next few weeks and cut costs by cleaning up limbs and brush ourselves
- Learned that replacement of the upstairs water fountain in the Christian Education wing is almost complete. The leaking faucet in kitchen has been fixed.
- Reviewed the financial status through March, which showed a net loss of \$2,690 against an anticipated year-to-date loss [front-loaded with expenses such as per capita and unexpected January furnace repair] of \$7,436. Operating income to date was very close to budget, but operating expense was less than budget, primarily because costs of utilities and snow removal were considerably below our budget which was based on last year's costs.
- Decided on several changes to the format for bulletin budget report.
- Received a report from the joint Dale Heights-Sah-Lang painting and re-decorating task force.
- Voiced hopes for increasing participation on work days—special projects and Saturday morning clean-ups. First clean-up work day is Sat. April 24, 9 a.m. – noon.
- Made plans to get second bid on storm water management.
- Added discussion of chimney brick, smoke detectors or dual carbon monoxide/smoke detectors to new business.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.



### Food for Finals

It's that time of year when students at UW-Madison hole up for hours on end to prepare for final exams. Pres House is opening its Pridham Lounge for students to study in a warm and supportive environment. Please help feed them through finals week by dropping off baked goods and snacks between 5/8-5/10. Contact Sarah for more information: 345-9409.





# 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**

## From Solomon to exile

May 1 - II Kings 1-3

May 2 - II Kings 4-5

May 3 - II Kings 6-8

May 4 - II Kings 9-10

May 5 - II Kings 11-13

May 6 - II Kings 14-15

May 7 - II Kings 16-17

May 8 - II Kings 18-20

May 9 - II Kings 21-23

May 10 - II Kings 24-25

## From David to exile

May 11 I Chronicles 1-2

May 12 I Chronicles 3-5

May 13 I Chronicles 6-7

May 14 I Chronicles 8-10

May 15 I Chronicles 11-13

May 16 I Chronicles 14-16



May 17 I Chronicles 17-20

May 18 I Chronicles 21-23

May 19 I Chronicles 24-26

May 20 I Chronicles 27-29

May 21 II Chronicles 1-3

May 22 II Chronicles 4-6

May 23 II Chronicles 7-9

May 24 II Chronicles 10-13

May 25 II Chronicles 14-17

May 26 II Chronicles 18-20

May 27 II Chronicles 21-24

May 28 II Chronicles 25-27

May 29 II Chronicles 28-30

May 30 II Chronicles 31-33

May 31 II Chronicles 34-36



## **Middleton Outreach Ministry Names New Leader**

Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) is pleased to announce that Jackson Fonder has been named the organization's new Executive Director, overseeing all aspects of the agency's operations and management. He joined MOM on March 29th, 2010.

Most recently, Jackson served as the Site Director for the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) Phoenix Office, where he led the day-to-day operations of the company's largest customer service center outside their home office in San Antonio, TX. Under his leadership, USAA's community outreach impacted dozens of local nonprofits and community programs, including the United Way, family shelters, food pantries, clothing programs, season of sharing events, and education initiatives. For more than 10 years, Jackson also served as a volunteer and then President of the Board for the Back to School Clothing Drive; a 43-year old nonprofit serving children in need with clothing, school supplies and backpacks.

"Jackson brings a wealth of unique experience to our community as a military, corporate and nonprofit leader. His entrepreneurial approach to finding solutions for complex issues, and emphasis on sustainability and outcomes make him a superb choice to lead the Middleton Outreach Ministry," said Jim Hartlieb, President of MOM's Board.

Fonder, a Wisconsin native, enjoyed a distinguished military career with 22 years of combined service in the Air Force and Air National Guard. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of the Incarnate Word and a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Park University. He also earned a graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management from the ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation.

"I am honored and humbled to be joining MOM at this exciting time in the organization's history," said Fonder. "As MOM celebrates its 30th year of serving the people of Middleton and West Madison, I look forward to connecting with new friends—board members, staff, volunteers, partners, and members of the community—who share my passion for community service."

Jackson and his wife, Kathleen have three children – who will be joining him at the end of the school year.

*(From Middleton Outreach Ministry Blog)*

# May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>Oh, I went out a' walking on the first of May and then I saw it was a lovely day. The bees were a' buzzing through the blooming hay. It's May Day!</p>				1
2 Communion	3	4 Pastor Marilyn to Regional Coordinators Meeting	5 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	6 Pastor Marilyn to COM ; Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	7	8 Annual Mother's Day Breakfast 8:30 am
9 Mother's Day	10	11 Redecorating Task Force 11 am	12 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	13 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	14	15
16	17 Presbytery Meeting	18 Pastor Marilyn to JKP Meeting; Monthly Lunch 11:30 am	19 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am Bosom Buddies 6:45 pm:	20 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	21	22
23 Pentecost Outdoor Worship	24	25 Session 7 pm	26 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	27 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day	<p>MOM Pantry Needs for MAY Oral Hygiene Products (toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss mouthwash)</p>				

## **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

### ***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

May-September

10:00 a.m.

Worship

Child care provided

11:00 a.m.

Fellowship