



# Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

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May 2011

## *Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings*

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This joyful Easter shout is about hope reborn from the depths of human grief. It's about restored life and new possibilities. Easter is God's gift to us to energize us to get up, dust ourselves off, and try, try again. It gives power to our witness about our faith in the God who in the beginning had a dream for a harmonious creation of inter-connected relationships, and who never gives up on us, even when we give up on ourselves. Thanks be to God!

Speaking of inter-connected relationships, you'll want to join us May 1 when instead of our regular Sunday church school and worship our transformation team will lead us in a "Conference on the Past," beginning with a brunch served by a High Point Church men's group. You can read more about it elsewhere in this month's *Focus*. Even as studying our Scriptures helps us to understand the progression of God's relationship with humankind down through the ages, reviewing our congregation's past together is a key component of identifying our Creator's current mission for our church family.

Also this month, the men of our church will provide our annual Mother's Day breakfast on Saturday, May 7. The food is always good, the centerpieces beautiful, and it's fun to see who will win the door prizes, as well as whether or not they're able to keep their choices till the end.

This month's Outreach and Mission potluck program speaker will be Middleton Outreach Ministry Executive Director Jackson Fonder. Jackson will be sharing with us about a number of new programs and initiatives by MOM this past year, as well as possibly some new ones to begin soon. Come hear from Jackson on Sunday, May 15.

I also have the joy of four graduations in my family during May. On May 7 Craig's oldest daughter, Jackie, will graduate with her bachelor's degree from Miami of Ohio University. On May 14 Craig will graduate with his Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Seminary. On May 23 Craig's youngest daughter, Judy, will graduate from Marian Catholic High School. And in May my sister, Jo, will graduate with her bachelor's from Columbia College after having been a stay-at-home Mom for a number of years.

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

Shalom in Christ Jesus, *Marilyn*

# May Worship Messages

May 1, 2011 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter - "Conference on the Past"

including Brunch and Worship 9:00-11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall -

NO regular worship service

May 8, 2011 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day -

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jessica Nylund Salt

May 15, 2011 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - "Widening the Gate with Jesus as the Gatekeeper"

- John 10:1-10

May 22, 2011 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - "Growing in Every Way" - 1 Peter 2:2-10

May 29, 2011 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - "Meeting People Where They Really Are" -

Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31

## Liturgists for May

<b>May 8</b>	Wendy Weber
<b>May 15</b>	Tom Jones
<b>May 22</b>	Vreni Straubhaar
<b>May 29</b>	Marcia Holman

## Ushers for May

<b>May 1</b>	Communion Servers
<b>May 8</b>	Keith Chan and Sandy Weigt
<b>May 15</b>	Vreni Straubhaar & Otty Schaefer
<b>May 22</b>	Gale Oakes and Dale Buske
<b>May 29</b>	TBD

## 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.

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

## Pastor Marilyn's Study Leave and Guest Preacher

Pastor Marilyn will be on Study Leave May 6-12, during which she will attend her step-daughter, Jackie Howard's college graduation in Ohio May 7.

Guest Preacher Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day - will be the Rev. Jessica Nylund Salt, who recently moved to Madison with her spouse and children from the Detroit area.

## Central & South American Display

Thanks to all who made the display of Central and South American articles such a success! It was interesting to see items that people purchased in their travels or, were given by friends or relatives, that provided us with a view of the culture of our neighbors to the south.

# 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 16 Maggie Rogers  
May 17 Hayden Herritz (2007)  
May 20 Janet Jones  
Rick Shannon  
May 24 Jim Tracey  
May 27 Elliana Herritz (2010)  
May 28 Ray Bayley

# Happy Anniversary!

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

## **New Wednesday Lunch & Learn Study!**

On April 27 we're beginning a new 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!

## **Weekly Children's Church School**

Our weekly Sunday School continues to meet every Sunday. 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!



Our deepest sympathy to the Rev. Craig Howard and our Pastor Marilyn in the death of Craig's mother, Hazel Howard, on April 15. Funeral services were April 20 in Chicago.

## **Transformation Team Report**

We have had a good attendance in the whole church Bible study. Many ideas are being talked about. Thank you for attending and participating.

On May 14, your Transformation Team will be attending the second workshop supporting our Transformation journey. We will be going to Mauston and the topic of this workshop is Discovering our Missional Context. Stay tuned for more information about our journey because you never know where that suitcase might show up!

## May New Beginnings

The May New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, May 17 at 11:30 at the Sofra Family Bistro, 7457 Elmwood Ave in Middleton.

## Hymn Festival

We will be celebrating Dale Heights' 7<sup>th</sup> annual Hymn Festival on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Ballots will be included in bulletins through the month of May. Vote for your favorites and help make this tradition another success!

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



Church Women United of Madison will be celebrating "May Friendship Day" on May 6 at Bethany United Methodist Church, located at 3910 Mineral Point Road in Madison. This lunch and celebration will start at 11:00 am and will honor key women, including Shirley Robbins. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for details on making your reservation.

### Invitation to be on the Prayer Tree

The power of prayer is remarkable. Someone notifies Pastor Marilyn of a prayer concern and she passes it on by e-mail. Those who do not have e-mail will be called with the prayer concern. Your responsibility is to keep the individual in your prayers. If you are not on the list and wish to be on the prayer tree, please let Sandy Weigt know by phone (238-9402) or e-mail [d\\_weigt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d_weigt@sbcglobal.net).

### Mother's Day Breakfast

Once again, the Dale Heights men's breakfast group will be hosting the family breakfast on the day before Mother's Day. Plan to be with us on Saturday, May 7. Serving will begin at 8:30 am. Cost will be \$4 for adults, \$2 for children ages 5 to 11, and free for children under 5.

## "Conference on the Past" Sunday, May 1 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our transformation journey's Conference on the Past Sunday, May 1 from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

We will gather at 9:00 a.m. in the lower concourse. Breakfast will be prepared by a men's group of High Point Church and served at 9:00 a.m. Our Parish Associate, Dietrich Gruen, is part of that group and arranging everything related to breakfast. What a treat!

We will then combine our worship with the Conference on the Past. We will stay around the tables in the lower concourse. We will share our stories of Dale Heights. Bring clippings, pictures or other information about Dale Heights' history. We will share our hopes for the future of Dale Heights. We will begin to explore God's vision for where we can best carry out God's mission. We plan to end our worship/conference on the past at 11:30 a.m.

This is an earlier time than usual for worship. Mike Holland has offered to place a reminder call on Sunday morning, May 1, if you wish. Please see him if you would like a call.

Our reference materials talk about the Conference on the Past this way:

*History is not the dead past, but the strengths and weaknesses, the people, the stories, the decisions, the concerns that a church body carries from its previous experience. These offer a starting point as well as inspire prayerful reflection about the central questions, "Who do we say we are?" and "What is God calling us to be and do?"*

Come explore our past with us. Enjoy the fellowship, food and sharing.

## **Property & Finance Committee Meeting Highlights – April 12, 2011**

- Tile repairs have been completed in the dining room and all along the cast wall in fellowship hall
- Discussed covering the fellowship hall sump pump with a cupboard-like arrangement.
- Heard the painting/redecorating task force report with plans for cleaning the furniture in the lounge and for making new covers for the metal posts in fellowship hall.
- Doors of both red and white garages have been repaired or readjusted.
- Decided to call for an expert assessment into the feasibility and funding possibilities of a home access ramp for one of our parishioners.
- Referred to session: a request for consultation on the landscaping at the front of the church.
- Heard report from committee member who attended the most recent City of Madison informational meeting on changes to University Avenue and environs.
- Signs in memorial gardens need to be checked and some replacements ordered.
- First Spring Work Day will be April 30, 9 am. Limb pruning, leaf cleanup, wedding, and cutting out overly-enthusiastic flowering quince. All help is greatly appreciated.
- Financial report received. As of March 31, 2011, net income was -\$2,052 compared with a budgeted net income of \$0. Three minor adjustments will be made to clean up Balance Sheet categories: transfer \$5 and \$37 from “IHN” and “Field Trips” to General Fund, and transfer \$8 in UNICEF to Crop Walk.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10 at 7pm.

## **Outreach & Mission Committee Meeting Highlights – April 10, 2011**

- Continued discussions about supporting the Metzloffs’ grandson’s Cub Scout troop, and possibly chartering a Girl Scout troop later; approved recommending to Session a Scout Day, perhaps on Father’s Day, to raise funds to help two boys purchase their Scout uniforms and go to summer camp
- Approved recommending to Session that the proceeds from the Easter breakfast benefit the Juan Calvino School in Guatemala. supported by Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Continued discussion about a proposal for “growing the pie” for mission funds through a Thanksgiving fund-raising opportunity
- Learned that Gale Oakes will provide the projector for the May 15 potluck program by Middleton Outreach Ministry Executive Director Jackson Fonder
- Discussed possible ways of helping Frank Woodruff get a handicap ramp into his home
- Discussed ideas for upcoming potluck program speakers, and decided to invite someone from Porchlight in June and from ARC in July
- The next meeting will be Sunday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m.





The Outreach and Mission May potluck program speaker will be Middleton Outreach Ministry Executive Director Jackson Fonder. Join us Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to meet Jackson, who has been with MOM for about a year, and to hear from him about exciting things going on in this ministry, as well as ways Dale Heights may be supportive.

## **Worship and Music Committee Meeting Highlights March 27, 2011**

- Heard that the Fill the Robes Sunday was a great success. Plans are to do this twice a year—spring and mid-to-late September.
- Learned that the choir's last Sunday in the loft will be June 5. Ballots for the hymn festival planned for June 19 will go into the bulletin in mid-May. Another hymn festival may be done later in the summer. A piano recital/concert may be held in the fall—people willing to participate should contact Maggie.
- The Maundy Thursday 20 minute drama skit "Beneath the Upper Room" including communion, will take place downstairs at 6:00 p.m. on April 21. There will be a potluck dinner afterward.
- Learned that the program for Conference on the Past will be something worshipful. The Men's Group from High Point Church will provide a meal.
- Pastor Lim has been contacted to see if a combined outdoor service on Pentecost, with a potluck afterward will work for him and his church.
- The Easter flower sign up sheet is in the concourse. The deadline is April 17.
- Communion will be served three times in April (3, 21 and 24).
- Liturgists are scheduled through April and are needed for May and June.
- Keith Chan plans to contact choir members to usher for this summer.

### *Thank You to those who provided Easter Flowers*

*Jennifer Jones, Dick Corey, Wendy Weber, Marcia Holman, Gerry Klump,  
Margie Shumate, Elizabeth Holland, Barb Fleishman, Joan Hicks,  
Bonnie Savonne, Gale Oakes, Mary Towne, Edi and Kim Chan,  
Sandy Weigt, Vreni Straubhaar, and Bob Jorgenson.*

# Read through the Bible in 1 Year!

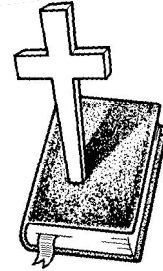
Some Tips for reading through the Bible:

**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 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> "Conference on the Past" 9-11:30 a.m.; NO Church School or regular Worship Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Lunch & Learn 11:45 a.m.; Choir rehearsal, 7:30	<b>5</b> Pastor Marilyn to Committee on Ministry	<b>6</b> Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	<b>7</b> Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave; Mother's Day Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
<b>8</b> Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave; Guest Preacher  Happy Mother's Day!	<b>9</b> Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	<b>10</b> Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave; Property & Finance Cmte 7:00 pm	<b>11</b> Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave; NO Lunch & Learn; Choir 7:30	<b>12</b> Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> JKP Transformation Training 10 a.m.-3 p.m. @ Mauston
<b>15</b> Outreach & Mission Potluck Program 11:30 a.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Pastor Marilyn to JKP meeting @ Covenant	<b>18</b> Lunch & Learn 11:45 a.m.;NO Choir; Bosom Buddies 6:45 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Outreach & Mission Meeting 11:30 a.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Lunch & Learn 11:45 a.m.;Choir 7:30	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Memorial Day	<b>31</b>				



## **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