



# Focus

May 2012

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## Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

### Dale Heights Staff

Pastor: Rev. Marilyn Gamm

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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.

As this month's *Focus* is being distributed preparations are being finalized for Dale Heights' 55th anniversary celebration. This time five years ago we had no idea later in the year we'd be welcoming the Madison Sah-lang Korean Presbyterian Church to nest with us. It was the beginning of a wonderful relationship sharing our building and occasional joint, bi-lingual worship services. So it seemed fitting for Dale Heights' 55th anniversary to be one of these bi-lingual worship occasions, and I am looking forward to it and to leading worship for the first time with Pastor Ki Tak Gam.

Looking ahead to May, we will conclude our current and very informative Lunch & Learn study from the Wisconsin Council of Churches looking at immigration and hospitality issues on May 2, with WCC Executive Director Scott Anderson and Voces de la Frontera Statewide Organizer Elena Lavarreda as our guest co-presenters. In April we were blessed to have the WCC's Peter Bakken, and Madison immigration attorney Mary Castro as guest presenters. You can read more about this study elsewhere in this month's *Focus*.

The Outreach & Mission potluck program Sunday, May 6 is an opportunity to learn more about dyslexia. This past year our own Kim Chan has been in an intensive training program to tutor persons with dyslexia, and recruited our guest speaker.

Happy Mother's Day to all who are mothers and to all who have mothers on Sunday, May 13! Our men will host us for breakfast Saturday, May 12.

On Sunday, May 27 we are planning our traditional outdoor worship service on Dale Heights front lawn. Please wear comfortable, red clothing and bring your lawn chairs and blankets for this informal service. Because of past experiences, I'm praying for a nice, gentle blowing of the Holy Spirit through us that Sunday!

With graduations and various spring activities in the community as well as our church family, it's another busy and joyful month—see you in church when and as you are able!

Shalom in Christ Jesus—Marilyn

### Liturgists for May

May 6	Vreni Straubhaar
May 13	June Zeeh
May 20	Kelsey Shannon
May 27	Bonnie Savonne

### Ushers for May

May 6	Communion Servers
May 13	Sandy Weigt & Keith Chan
May 20	Vreni Straubhaar & Otty Schaefer
May 27	Gale Oakes & Dale Buske

### Outdoor Pentecost Worship Sunday, May 27

Join us Sunday, May 27 for our annual outdoor Pentecost worship service on our Dale Heights front lawn. Dress is casual, and feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets as we celebrate the birthday of the church in God's beautiful creation.

### Weekly Church School

The 2-7 year-old class meets from 9:15 am to 9:45 am 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!

### 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

It's a special May Friendship Luncheon very close by Dale Heights! Church Women United May Friendship Day Luncheon is at Asbury United Methodist Church, 6109 University Ave., on May 4. Gathering is at 10:30. Lunch is \$7.00.

Elma Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

### May New Beginnings

The May New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, May 15th at 11:30 at China Wok, 6913 University Avenue in Middleton. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or [marytowne@chorus.net](mailto:marytowne@chorus.net) for reservations. Thank you.

### Piano Recital

Please join June Zeeh and her piano students for their spring studio recital here at Dale Heights on May 11th at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. Our own Abby Rogers will be one of the performers.

### Hymn Festival

We will be celebrating Dale Heights' 8<sup>th</sup> annual Hymn Festival on June 10th. Ballots will be included in bulletins through the month of May. Vote for your favorites and help make this tradition another success!

### Transformation Team

Thank you for touring with us on our Vision Retreat. Some of you were with us physically and some joined us in spirit. Please continue to keep the journey in your thoughts and prayers.

This is an on going journey and we would like you to think about the following statements and let us know any further thoughts you might have.

Considering your hopes and dreams for the future, what are 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?

Post it notes are still on the Vision Wall for your use.



#### MOM Needs:

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

## May Worship Messages

**Sunday, May 6**—5th Sunday of Easter with Communion—"Recognizing Our Divine Appointments" - Acts of the Apostles 8:26-40

**Sunday, May 13**—6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day—"Trusting in God's Care" - 1 Kings 17:8-24

**Sunday, May 20**—Ascension of the Lord Sunday—"Launching Jesus' Mission: Part I" - Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

**Sunday, May 27**— Day of Pentecost Outdoor Worship—"Launching Jesus' Mission: Part II" - Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

### Wednesday Lunch & Learn

We will wrap up our current four-week Lunch & Learn study, *Becoming Welcoming Communities: Immigration in Light of Biblical Faith*, a study guide for Wisconsin congregations from the Wisconsin Council of Churches on May 2. Our guest presenters for the last Session are: Scott Anderson from the Wisconsin Council of Churches, and Elena Lavarreda, Statewide Organizer, Voces de la Frontera.

Hospitality and justice are important words for us today as we encounter new neighbors who are immigrants and refugees from Latin America, Africa, Asia, or Europe. The question we must ask is not, "Who are they?" but: "Who are we? Are we welcoming people, welcoming churches, welcoming communities? Do we reflect God's grace and justice for everyone, no matter where they are from?"

We will not meet Wednesday, May 9, and then will begin our still to be determined new study on Wednesday, May 16.

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

### May Birthdays

May	5	Paul Holland
May	9	Anne Lembcke
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

### May Anniversaries

May	6	Sophie and John Jakovich (also July 24)
May	27	Grant and Anne Lembcke

### Mother's Day Breakfast

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 12. 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.

## **Choir News**

June 3 will be the choir's last Sunday in the loft before they are off for the summer. The choir has worked very hard this year and done a superb job, so as they wind down their year, take a moment and thank them for all they do!

## **Outreach & Mission Potluck Program Sunday, May 6**

The Outreach and Mission Committee is hosting a potluck next Sunday May 6th, 2012. The speaker is Ann Malone, who is the Director of Children's Dyslexia Center of Madison. She will be talking to us about Dyslexia and about the Children's Dyslexia Center. Please bring a dish to pass. We ask that you bring your own table settings.

We hope to see you there.

## **Easter Flowers Thank You!**

Many thanks to Sandy Weigt and Rick Geiger for the lovely arrangement of lilies, daffodils and hyacinths in the front of the sanctuary and colorful tulips in the side windows.



We thank the following for providing flowers:

Gale Oakes, Jennifer Jones, Bob Jorgenson, Wendy Weber, Dick Corey, Margie Shumate, Otty Schaefer, the Chan family, Elma & Carlton Metzloff, Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne, Bill & Lenore Mercer, Kelsey Shannon, Marcia Holman, Mary Towne, Vreni Straubhaar, Sandy Weigt, and Rick Shannon.

## **University Avenue Construction**

As is obvious, the University Avenue construction project is in full swing.

A few reminders:

Left turns will only be allowed where left turn lanes are provided. University Avenue at Norman Way will not have a signal so you will not technically be allowed to make a left turn in or out of Norman Way. Please plan to always turn right. Possible routes for those coming from the east (downtown Madison) would be Old Middleton Road and right onto Norman Way (a one way road that ends its one way at Dale Heights) or onto Capital where you can make a right onto University Avenue. For those who want to go toward Middleton from Dale Heights, you might be able to make a left hand turn at Spring Harbor Drive or go down to Whitney Way and get onto Old Middleton Road. Watch the signs.

The project website is at this address: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/universityAvenue/segoeAllen.cfm>



## Preventing Homelessness, Ending Hunger

### New Building Update

The Board has accepted the City's offer to purchase our main office building on Hubbard which includes a simultaneous agreement to lease the facility back to MOM for an extended period of time, if need be. This allows MOM maximum flexibility in working through the details of acquiring a new facility.

### New Executive Director to start May 15

The MOM Board of Directors is pleased to announced that Kathy Hansen, will be joining the MOM team on May 15 as our new Executive Director! Kathy is excited and states,

*"I am honored to serve the clients, volunteers, staff and BOD of MOM. I have never met a more dedicated group of people that do such wonderful things for the community. I am so impressed with what has already been done and can't wait to see the positive impact MOM will have on Middleton and the West Madison areas in the future."*

### CAN you help? Construction - May 2-4

Specifically, we are looking for **able bodied** people to help with the following shifts:

**Wednesday, May 2 - (8 am - 10 am)** - helping unload the trucks of canned food

**Thursday, May 3 - (3 pm to 5:30 pm)** - helping set up stage and sound

**Thursday, May 3 - (8 pm - 9:30 pm)** - helping decanstruct (taking apart the structures; packing the cans into boxes; loading the boxes onto pallets)

**Friday, May 4 - (8:30 am - 3 pm in 2.5 hour shifts)** - helping decanstruct (taking apart the structures; packing the cans into boxes; loading the boxes onto pallets)

*\* Please note that we have added an earlier shift to Friday starting at 8:30 am.*

If you would like to sign up to help, please contact Esther at MOM by calling 836-7338. For more information, please check out the MOM website at [momhelps.org](http://momhelps.org).

## Session Highlights

March 28, 2012

- During the Clerk of Session report, approved the February 22, 2012 state Session meeting minutes.; and approved Jenny and Zach Dachel's request to transfer their membership to First Presbyterian Church, Lodi, WI
- During the Property & Finance Committee report, heard a brief report on the February and year-to-date financials; discussed the 2012 University Avenue reconstruction project that began March 19, 2012 and asked Pastor Marilyn to have Maggie Rogers contact Brennan's about where they had applied to put up alternate route signage; heard and update on the Church Advertising placements; 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 approved a revised 2012 Vacation and Study Leave schedule for Pastor Marilyn
- 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
- During the Transformation Team report learned the newly-formed Vision Panel is currently meeting in Bible studies; and that the Congregational Vision Retreat Sunday, April 15 will encompass and include the regular Sunday worship
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report learned that a planned voter registration information drive potluck program is planned for later in the year; that there will be a Dyslexia potluck program on May 6; and discussed ideas for a neighborhood pig roast and/or a Thanksgiving dinner
- During the Worship & Music Committee report heard about plans for the Korean Lenten cultural emphasis; that a Maundy Thursday potluck communion service is being planned for April 5; that Pastor Marilyn and our church have been invited to Covenant's Good Friday service April 6; and about plans for the 55th anniversary service April 29
- The next Session meeting was set for April 25 with Tom Jones leading devotions.

## Property & Finance Committee Highlights

April 10, 2012

- Plan for three cubic yards soil delivery, moving of daffodils, removal of weeds, ordering of plants for Todd Memorial Garden and subsequent work day for planting.
- Redecorating task force will meet soon to discuss "Welcome" proposal.
- Microphone mounts for pulpit and lectern are purchased and will be installed.
- University Avenue reconstruction meeting attended March 16. Five stage construction process was explained.
- City sign permits received. Session is discussing the number and placement of Business Access signs.
- Some dining room round tables are in need of replacement or repair. Reviewed materials on replacement specifications and cost. Information passed on to Session for review.
- Contractor(s) will be contacted for an estimate for paving the church parking lot sometime in the future.
- Air conditioning regular maintenance inspection shows some leakage in the system. The newly-replaced concourse programmable thermostat continues to malfunction. Related: recommend purchasing a quantity of system filters that we can replace as needed; recommend preparing a "maintenance calendar" for regular/seasonal items.
- Lee Insurance will be contacted to arrange for a hail-damage inspection.
- At the request of session, 2011/2012 comparison quarterly financial reports will be prepared.
- Financial reports received and reviewed. 3-31-12 net budgeted income is \$-6,153, reflecting the fact that so far there have been no pre-paid pledges as in other years.
- Next meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 7:00 pm.

## Session Highlights

April 25, 2012

- During the Clerk of Session report, approved the March 28, 2012 state Session meeting minutes.; and received John Knox Presbytery's review of the Session minutes
- During the Property & Finance Committee report, heard a brief report on the March and year-to-date financials, and also reviewed a comparison with the same period last year; discussed the 2012 University Avenue reconstruction project that began March 19, 2012 and accepted Sandy Weigt's offer to explore making three sandwich board signs using frames we have to put up signage at Old Middleton Road and Norman Way and at the two church entrances; discussed the probability of a capital campaign for the parking lot replacement this summer; received cost information about round lightweight tables for fellowship hall, and decided to request Property & Finance to do an inventory of our tables and chairs; learned the spring HVAC checkup revealed the sanctuary air conditioner is leaking coolant and will need to be replaced; learned the insurance adjuster inspection on April 18 showed no hail damage; heard an update on replacing the sanctuary sound system; and heard an update on the church redecorating projects
- Received the monthly Pastor's report, including that there are tentative plans to spread Rowland Todd's ashes in the memorial gardens on June 9; that Bryn Mawr Pastor Craig Howard would like to do a pulpit exchange with Pastor Marilyn; that Sah-lang Pastor Ki Tak Gam's installation is being planned for June 17 at 5:00 p.m.; and offered date suggestions for a thank you dinner and dance performance offered by the Tibetan Language & Culture School
- During the Christian Education Ministry report heard updates on the Sunday morning children's church school and the Wednesday Lunch & Learn; and discussed Pastor Marilyn's idea of a "round table pulpit" discussion group
- During the Personnel Committee report learned all employee and volunteer background checks are current
- During the Transformation Team report reflected upon the recent Vision Retreat and learned about next steps; and heard a report from the April 21 Transformation Team training and next steps
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report learned that a planned voter registration information drive potluck program is planned for later in the year; that there will be a Dyslexia potluck program on May 6; discussed ideas for a neighborhood pig roast and/or a Thanksgiving dinner; and that the next meeting will be May 20
- During the Worship & Music Committee report heard discussed recruitment of communion servers; heard about plans for the 55th anniversary service April 29; that the next meeting will be May 6; that the outdoor Pentecost service will be May 27; and that choir rehearsals will move to Wednesday nights this fall
- During miscellaneous business, learned that Sandy Weigt is 95 percent sure she'll be going to Connecticut for 9-12 months to help take care of her grandson, and discussed the need to cover her many leadership roles in the church while she's away
- The next Session meeting was set for Sunday, May 20, 2012 with Caroline Pope leading devotions.



# 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

**John Knox Presbytery Mission Trip to Minot, North Dakota**  
**Saturday, June 16-23, 2012**



**Souris Valley Flood Recovery**

The Souris River Flood of 2011 devastated communities, homeowners, and farmers across 30 miles of North Western North Dakota. On June 26, 2011, the river crested at 1,561.72 feet above sea level. Before 2011, the record crest of the river was 1,558 feet above sea level in 1881. Some current Minot residents remember a devastating flood in 1969, but the river surpassed their imagination with the levels this past year. In the 4<sup>th</sup> ND largest city of Minot, with a population approaching 40,000 residents, over 11,000 were evacuated at the time of the 2011 flooding. The river flooded a quarter of the city, devastating 4,815 homes, churches, schools and businesses.

**Cost - \$300.00**

**Application Deadline - May 22, 2012**

The group will be staying at Hope Village in Minot, North Dakota. For more information visit their website at [www.hopevillagend.org](http://www.hopevillagend.org).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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563/864-3736 [communitypresby@centurytel.net](mailto:communitypresby@centurytel.net)

*If you cannot participate during this time of the year but are interested in future trips, please email the John Knox Presbytery with your preference for a the travel month for a mission trip. [jkp@jknox.org](mailto:jkp@jknox.org)*

Check out our website:

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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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