



Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

October 2009

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

Images from the last chapter of our Wednesday Lunch & Learn summer study *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story* by Diana Butler Bass continue to be on my mind as I write this month's "Musings." The image I'm particularly reflecting upon is one Bass borrowed from 11th century prophet and visionary Hildegard of Bingen, who envisioned a time when "rivers of living water are to be poured out over the whole world, to ensure that people, like fishes caught in a net, can be restored to wholeness." (p. 291) I'm assuming Hildegard's metaphor comes from Ezekiel 47 and Revelation 22, both of which envision God's holy river healing the divisions between the nations, between all of humanity. In her discussion of the challenges of Christianity today, Bass says of this "river" metaphor, "Some scholars want to depict contemporary Christian faith as a quarrel. But I prefer to think of it as a river, water rising and overflowing its banks. A fluid faith." (p. 292)

Although there are streams of Christianity for whom the faith is "set or fixed or rigid," for others of us our faith has become much more "fluid" and even "flowing" as we preach and teach tolerance rather than an "us and them," "for us or against us" mentality. Mutual respect, if not understanding, are goals to seek with those with whom we disagree, be they Christian or another religion altogether.

Along these same lines, we have just begun a new Wednesday Lunch & Learn study: *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding*. The back cover describes it as, "A groundbreaking book about Americans searching for faith and mutual respect, *The Faith Club* weaves the story of three women, their three religions, and their urgent quest to understand one another." These women found each other and agreed to collaborate on this book to respond to questions from and out of concern for their children in our post 9-11 world. The honesty of their struggles is truly enlightening, and whether you able to attend our Wednesday discussion group or not, I invite everyone to consider reading this very interesting book.

Although living and interacting in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, multi-religious nation is nothing new, I think with the challenges of a global economy we are hopefully becoming more aware and more sensitive to the wealth of opportunities we have to better understand, respect, and even learn from one another, both our similarities and our differences. By fostering such understanding and respect, I believe we are participating in God's holy river of healing for the nations and all of humanity.

See you in church!

Shalom in Christ Jesus, *Marilyn*

October Worship Messages

October 4, 2009 - **11:00 a.m.** - Third Annual Joint World Communion Worship with Madison Korean Sah-lang Church - "Trusting the God of the Feast"
from Matthew 14:13-21 - Communion

October 11, 2009 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Stepping into the Future"
from Mark 10:17-31

October 18, 2009 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Being on Jesus' Right and Left"
from Mark 10:35-45

October 25, 2009 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Reformation Sunday -
"Becoming Witnesses to Jesus' Mercy" from Mark 10:46-52 - Communion

Ushers for October

Oct. 4 Joint Service with Sah-Lang
Communion Servers/Ushers
Mike Holland, Gale Oakes, Kim Chan
Roy Lembcke, Vreni Straubhaar
Oct. 11 Sunday School and Youth
Oct. 18 Gale Oakes, Dale Buske,
Mary Towne
Oct. 25 Roy Lembcke,
Anne Lembcke, Grant Lembcke

Liturgists for October

Oct. 4, Joint Service with
Sah-lang
Oct. 11 TBA
Oct. 18 Kimberly Chan
Oct. 25 Wendy Weber



**Third Annual Joint
World Communion
Worship with Korean
Sah-lang Church
Sunday, October 4 at
11:00 a.m.**

Sunday, October 4, is World Communion Sunday, for which we are having another joint worship service with our Madison Sah-lang Church sisters and brothers at a special time – **11:00 a.m.**

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and, after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church.

The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

After worship, we will share a joint fellowship of our traditional international breads and three kinds of traditional Korean rice cakes, which are prepared for special occasions and national holidays.

Ushers Needed

We are in desperate need of ushers for the upcoming church year. The usher schedule is set up on an every other month rotation. Ushers serve about 6 Sundays per year. Please contact Grant Lembcke geevs@yahoo.net or 712-2973 if you are interested in becoming an usher.

Happy Birthday!

October 6	Sautsani Ndaffoka Wendy Weber
October 8	Barb Davidson Carl Metzloff
October 9	Mary Towne
October 22	Sally Bayley
October 24	Marlowe Eldridge
October 31	Barb Fleishman Ryan Shannon

Happy Anniversary!

October 3	Caroline Pope and Marlowe Eldridge
October 12	Doug and Chris McDermid
October 25	Frank and Jeanne Rodriguez

New Beginnings Monthly LUNCH!

New Beginnings will continue meeting for lunch at 11:30 am instead of breakfast, the third Tuesday of the month.

We will meet next on, October 20, at 11:30 am at the Prairie Cafe & Bakery, 6720 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave, Middleton.

Sunday Flowers Needed

Have you have nurtured a plant or garden flowers and they turned out beautifully? Would you like to show them of (just a bit)? Do we have a deal for you! Bring them to church for either the front of the sanctuary or the coffee table. Then take them home after the service. No need to call anyone. Just bring them.

Needed for November:

Coffee Hour Hosts

Members of the congregation are invited to host a Coffee hour and bring some fellowship treats on Sundays in November. Coffee and juice are provided. We will gladly set up the table for you. Please sign up on the sheet in the Concourse.

New Member 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.



Monthly Home Communion Offered to Our Shut-ins

Pastor Marilyn is now offering regular monthly home communion to our shut-ins, usually on the first Sunday afternoon by appointment. Please call the church office to schedule your appointment or an appointment for someone who would like to receive communion in his or her home before the first Sunday of each month.

Pastor Marilyn will be on Study Leave October 12-17.

Adult Church School

This fall our adult Church School class is using the book *Basic Bible Study* by W. Eugene March.

Join us when and as you are able at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings! (NOTE: We will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 4 only.)

Wednesday Lunch & Learn Class

Our Wednesday Lunch & Learn class is using the book *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.

In *The Faith Club*, the authors wrestle with the issues of anti-Semitism, prejudice against Muslims, and preconceptions of Christians at a time when fundamentalists dominate the public face of Christianity.

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

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 had shipped to Iraq 20 crocheted and knitted skull caps, with 12 more completed to send. As of this printing we had also completed 10 knitted and crocheted prayer shawls. Gilda's Club in Middleton has agreed to receive our prayer shawl ministry, and we have delivered the first six to them.

Everyone welcome to join us in this ministry.

Pres House Worship and Supper Sunday, October 25

Our church is responsible for providing supper for the Pres House students Sunday, October 25. Worship with the students is at 4:30 p.m., followed by serving and sharing supper with them around 5:30 p.m.

We need someone to coordinate the food and volunteers to help serve!

Session Meeting Highlights September 29, 2009

Highlights from the September 29, 2009 Session meeting will be in the October issue of Focus.

C.R.O.P

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

35th Madison Area CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 18, 2009

Notice to: The very generous & compassionate Dale Heights Community family who are always willing & working to meet the needs of those less fortunate:)

Why do we walk? We walk on behalf of the displaced people of the world (ie; hundreds of thousands of people in Chad, Darfur, Haiti, Bosnia, Iraq, Indonesia, & other places where either wars, or natural disasters have forced families to flee their homes). So, we walk because they must walk!

Families around the globe need our help.....they need food, clean water, shelter, clothing & medications, just as our families do. Twenty-five percent of the money collected returns to Madison Area Food Pantries/Programs. There is an increasing need here too providing for the homeless & hungry.

How can you help? Either plan to walk or rock or support someone who will be. The money collected will be turned in the day of the walk or before to the participating person. It will be held at First Congregational UCC, 1609 University Ave, Madison. Plan to Rock at the church or walk 1 or 3 miles. Registration is at 12:45 p.m. Parking is on the south side of the building. We will gather in the sanctuary at 1:15pm & proceed walking at 1:30pm.

Reminder: Bring your own water bottle as these will not be provided this year. Anyone wishing to provide bread or fruit may do so instead of the usual cookies & bars. This year we are thinking healthy & "green" :) If you have questions regarding any of this direct them to Barbara Fleishman....836-3193

Thanks so much for reading this appeal. I am sure you will give this prayerful & thoughtful consideration.

Barbara



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

The John Knox Presbytery
and
Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

cordially invite you to the
installation of

The Reverend Craig M. Howard
as
Pastor of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 2009
1:00 p.m.

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church
229 North Main Street
Cottage Grove, Wisconsin 53527

Reception follows in the Fellowship Hall



Bulletin and Invitation from The Road Home

Did you know? The Road Home co-sponsors the YWCA of Madison's Racial Justice Conference annually. Why? Because homelessness is just one of the many ways that racial injustice and inequality directly affect families' lives.

- In Dane County roughly 37% of African American children live in poverty.
- Child poverty rates are *six times* greater for African American children than for white children in Wisconsin – the worst rate in all 50 states.
- Segregation persists at very high levels for African-Americans and is improving at an extremely slow pace, especially in large northern cities such as Detroit, Milwaukee and Chicago. Many of our families have left segregated cities in search of better opportunities in Madison.
- As a result of these and other factors, eighty percent of families served by The Road Home annually are people of color.

We encourage you to join us at this year's conference: *Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline* on October 8th and 9th. Information and registration at: www.ywcamadison.org

*Thank you,
Rachel Krinsky*

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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

The Good News!

October 1 Matthew 1-4
October 2 Matthew 5-6
October 3 Matthew 7-9
October 4 Matthew 10-11
October 5 Matthew 12
October 6 Matthew 13-14
October 7 Matthew 15-17
October 8 Matthew 18-20
October 9 Matthew 21-22
October 10 Matthew 23-24
October 11 Matthew 25-26
October 12 Matthew 27-28



October 16 Mark 8-9
October 17 Mark 10-11
October 18 Mark 12-13
October 19 Mark 14-16


Joy to the world

October 20 Luke 1
October 21 Luke 2-3
October 22 Luke 4-5
October 23 Luke 6-7
October 24 Luke 8-9
October 25 Luke 10-11
October 26 Luke 12-13
October 27 Luke 14-16
October 28 Luke 17-18
October 29 Luke 19-20
October 30 Luke 21-22
October 31 Luke 23-24

The story of Jesus

October 13 Mark 1-3
October 14 Mark 4-5
October 15 Mark 6-7

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MOM Food Pantry Needs (boxed) Potatoes and Stuffing Mix				1 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am NO CHOIR	2	3
4 Joint World Communion Worship with Sah-lang Church at 11:00 a.m.	5	6	7 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	8 Pastor Marilyn to COM; Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir 7:30	9	10 Men's Breakfast
11	12 Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave; Property & Finance 7 pm	13 Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	14 Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	15 Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave; Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am; Choir 7:30	16 Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	17 Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave
18 CROP Walk; Craig Howard's Installation @ Bryn Mawr at 1 p.m.	19	20 New Beginnings Monthly LUNCH 11:30 am; Westside Clergy 11:45 am; Alz. Support 6:45 pm	21 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am Bosom Buddies 6:45 pm	22 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am Choir 7:30	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday; Worship Committee 11:30 a.m.; Pres House Worship & Supper 4:30 pm	26	27	28 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	29 Knitting/ Crocheting Group 10 am Choir 7:30	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.

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.

Alzheimer's Support Group:

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:45 p.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