



Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

November 2010

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

I cannot believe it's already November! Where has this year – and this fall – gone? The good news about November is Thanksgiving. I do mean the holiday time with family and/or friends – even strangers, turkey and dressing, stuffing yourself till you're miserable, and even all the football games. I also mean our Thanksgiving communion service with guest preacher The Rev. Gwen Brandfass on November 21, and all of the choir's planned special music for us this month.

But I also mean thanksgiving for all the many blessings of this past year. I'm thankful for our Dale Heights church family and the ways we minister together, for the years of faithful service by now former Administrative Assistant Judy Christie, and for Music Director/Organist Maggie Rogers stepping in as our Temporary Administrative Assistant. I'm thankful for baptisms and new members and the services celebrating the lives of members now resting in God's loving arms in heaven. I'm thankful for our various studies together, and for our prayer shawl and skull cap crocheting/knitting ministry. And I'm thankful for my immediate and extended family, for my parents' wonderful 50th anniversary celebration and that time of family reunion, and for good health.

I'm thankful for opportunities to serve the larger Church through serving the Presbytery as a Regional Coordinator, standing for Vice Moderator of the General Assembly, serving on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, and chairing the Presbytery's Committee of Counsel and our successful defense of the Presbytery before the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission.

I'm also thankful for the gifts and talents and resources God has blessed me and my life with, and has blessed our congregation with. Yes, November is also our annual emphasis on both thanksgiving and stewardship of the gifts and blessings we have received. By now you have received our annual stewardship letter and financial pledge card. Please prayerfully consider the gifts you have and are willing and able to share with our Dale Heights church family and its ministries. We will dedicate those pledges during morning worship November 14.

Finally, I'm thankful for the plans to celebrate Advent/Christmas/Epiphany learning about the traditions of our Swiss, German, and Dutch members and friends. I've been so enriched by our previous cultural emphases on the Philippines, Haiti, and Malawi this past year. The diversity of our Dale Heights church family is one of our richest blessings.

See you in church!

Shalom in Christ Jesus, *Marilyn*

November Worship Messages

November 7, 2010 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Stewardship Emphasis -
"Approaching Life With a Sense of Adventure and Possibility" - Luke 19:11-27

November 14, 2010 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Stewardship Emphasis -
"Continuing to Bear Witness to Jesus' Wisdom" - Luke 21:5-19 -
2011 Financial Pledges Dedication

November 21, 2010 - Christ the King/Reign of Christ/Thanksgiving Sunday -
Guest Preacher - Rev. Gwen Brandfass - Communion

November 28, 2010 - 1st Sunday of Advent - Beginning Swiss/German/Dutch Cultural
Emphasis thru Epiphany - "Living in the End Time Ahead of Time" - Matthew 24:36-44

Ushers for November

Nov. 7 Gale Oakes and Tom Jones
Nov. 14 Vreni Straubhaar and
Otty Schaefer
Nov. 21 Kim Chan, Edi Chan, and
Roy Lembcke
Nov. 28 Gale Oakes & Dale Buske

Liturgists for November

Nov. 7 Lenore Mercer
Nov. 14 Caroline Pope
Nov. 21 Harold Meyer
Nov. 28 Edi Chan

**Pastor Marilyn will be on
Vacation:**

November 19-26

**Guest Minister November 21 –
Gwen Brandfass**

Usher Help Needed

We need ushers for the current church year. The usher schedule is set up on an every other month rotation. Ushers serve about 6 Sundays per year. Please contact Keith Chan keithchan4@yahoo.com or 238-4743 if you can help serve as a Dale Heights usher.

Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m.

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 5 following morning worship for the purpose of electing Elders to serve on Session and to elect congregational representatives to the 2011 Nominating Committee.

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.

MOM Pantry Needs for November

Stuffing and Boxed Potatoes

Happy Birthday!

November	5	Carolyn Chan Szymanski
November	8	Bob Jorgenson
November	15	Brad Harris
November	16	Ian Rogers (2007)
November	17	Abram Rodriguez (2008)
November	23	Eli Rodriguez (2005)
November	25	Jeanne Rodriguez
November	26	Larry Schaefer
November	29	Tom Jones
November	30	Sophie Jakovich
November	30	Abigail Rogers (2004)

Autumn Choir News

The choir has several new offerings coming up in the Thanksgiving and Advent seasons. We look forward to sharing this new music with you.



Weekly Church School

Our weekly fall Sunday School is underway. 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.

Meanwhile, the adult class is studying Harold Kushner's *Overcoming Life's Disappointments*. Copies of the book are available from local libraries.

Everyone is welcome!

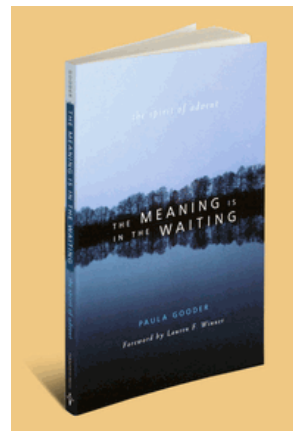
Dale Heights Knitters & Crocheters

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.

Everyone welcome to join us in this ministry.

New Wednesday Lunch & Learn Class

Our Wednesday Lunch & Learn class is finishing studying *Vision Stories: True Accounts of Visions, Angels and Healing Miracles* by John Sumwalt this month.



We will then begin a new study for the Advent season: *The Meaning is in the Waiting: The Spirit of Advent* by Paula Gooder.

In this winsome yet provocative Advent devotional, Paula Gooder takes us into the fraught complications of

Advent waiting—waiting for Christmas, in a world that starts celebrating it months ahead of time; waiting for Jesus' birth, an event that has already happened; and waiting for the return of Christ, the consummation of God's plan (a drama that some days, we may doubt will ever happen at all, and other days, we may want to forestall as long as possible).

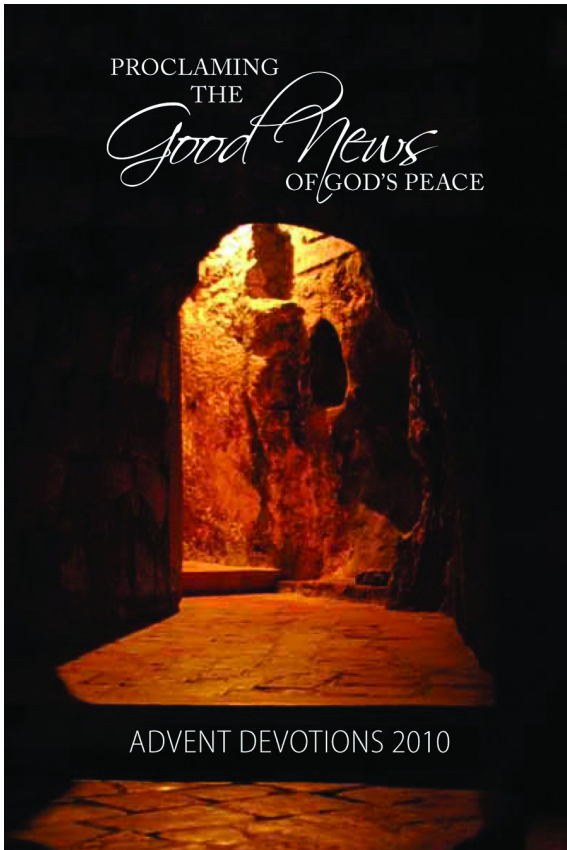
Join us when and as you are able at 11:45 a.m. Wednesdays!

New Beginnings Monthly LUNCH!

New Beginnings will meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 16 at 11:30 at La Brioche, 2862 University Avenue in Madison.

2011 Financial Pledge and Stewardship Campaign Underway

The fall stewardship letter came to you in the last week of October. Thank you for looking it over and reading the short excerpt of an article which will be attached to it. Financial pledges will be dedicated on Sunday, November 14.



Be sure to pick up your copy of *Proclaiming the Good News of God's Peace* from the Concourse. Copies will be available beginning November 21 so you can begin using them the first Sunday of Advent on November 28

Welcome New Member June Zeeh!

June Zeeh, who has been worshipping with us and serving as an occasional guest organist since last summer, has transferred her membership to Dale Heights and will be formally welcomed into membership during worship Sunday, November 14.

Welcome, June!

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.

Worship and Music Committee Thanksgiving and Christmas activities

On Sunday, November 21 we will welcome Chaplain Gwen Brandfass, from Oakwood West, to lead our Thanksgiving service with Tom Jones at the organ.

Maggie and the choir are working on some new music for Thanksgiving which will be presented on Nov. 14.

In anticipation of Advent and Christmas, candle lighters have been recruited for November 28, December 5, 12, 19, and Christmas Eve. The conclusion of the Christmas Eve service may have some special music.

Do you have a nativity scene that you would be willing to display at church with a note indicating the source or country of origin and why it is special to you? All sizes and varieties are welcome to be displayed on December 12 in the concourse.

December 26th service of Lessons and Carols—recruiting of 9 readers is under way. Sign up on the sheet in the concourse, e-mail wghmch@chorus.net or call Marcia Holman 249-2233.

Christmas Pageant

The children's Christmas pageant, titled "Christmas Hide and Seek" will take place during worship on December 12th. Rehearsals will be held from 9:15 to 9:45 on November 7, 14, 21, and December 5 and 12. Please note there will be NO rehearsal on November 28.

Please contact Kim Chan if you are interested in having your child/ren participate, or if you have any questions.

Personnel News

Judy Christie, our church secretary, has resigned. She is facing some major medical issues and will be concentrating on getting stronger and ready for a liver transplant. She once expressed that she liked the idea of being a church secretary more than an administrative assistant. She really liked Dale Heights and it showed in her cheerful voice on the phone and her greetings to visitors. She continues to be a friend of Dale Heights and we will be getting updates from her and keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Judy.

Maggie Rogers is a familiar face around Dale Heights because she is our music director. She has accepted the position of administrative assistant temporarily. She will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday. Welcome and thank you, Maggie.

FREE FALL CLEAN-UP:

MOM (Middleton Outreach Ministry) Senior Program is currently scheduling volunteers for OCT. & NOV. CHORES (must be 60 or older). Need help raking, pruning, window washing, painting, gutter cleaning or general household chores? Contact Maureen at 826-3410 for more information, or to schedule a work day. Never a charge for our services!



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

All adults AND CHILDREN are invited to Church Women United's CELEBRATION OF WORLD COMMUNITY DAY on Sunday, November 7. The Worship Service, with Martin Luther King's theme of "Building the Beloved Community," will be at 3 P.M. The location is First Congregational UCC, 1609 University Avenue. Coordinator for the event is Dr. Shirley Stennis-Williams. If you plan to attend and need childcare, please call Ellie Metzloff at 230-6704.



Poinsettia Time!

It's that time of year again to think about decorating the church with poinsettias. You may sign up for poinsettias on the sheet in the concourse. Watch for more information about cost and color selection will be in future bulletins. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, November 28.



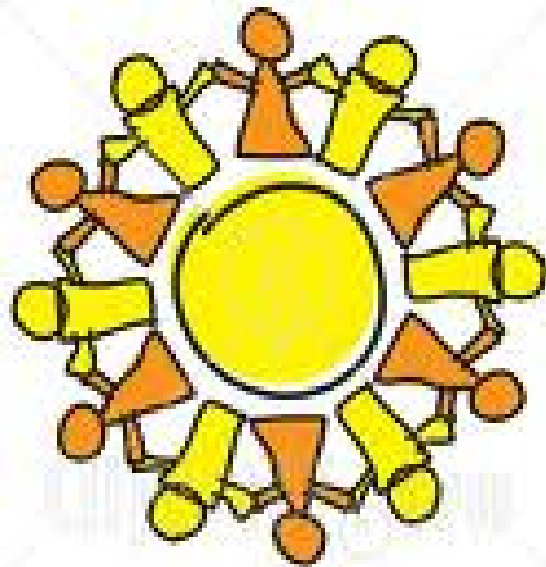
On Oct. 17th CROP WALK took place starting at the First Congregational UCC @ 1:30pm. It was a warm & sunny day.....perfect for a walk. Many area churches were represented & the air was fairly crackling with their enthusiasm & good will. Some chose to rock at the church & others walked either the one mile or the 3 mile hike in the neighboring UW campus. Elma & Carl Metzloff & 2 of their caregivers walked one mile & Ray Bayley along with others sat & rocked for 2 hours. Henry Bouman, Barbara Fleishman, Edi Chan & Rick Geiger went with those walking the 3 miles through the lovely autumn foliage & along the lake shore.

The final tally of monies collected is not complete but approximates \$1000. For a small church this is a great display of the ongoing & amazing generosity of Dale Heights members & friends.....they always come through for those in need. CWS/ Church World Service will now be able to continue the work of helping those who are in such great need all over the world & 25% remaining to feed the hungry through the food pantries in Dane Co. My thanks goes out to all those who participated &/or sponsored us. It is an important annual event that will continue as long as there are the hungry & homeless.

Demand continues to be high for the MOM Food Pantry. The fourth quarter of the year is when MOM receives its biggest financial flow, generally around \$30,000. MOM is hoping to exceed that amount this year.

Area churches are hosting several food drives in November. Thanksgiving baskets are being hosted by St. Luke's, providing food for 350 families.

MOM is also still looking for volunteers to perform home chores in November, Thursday through Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Maureen at maureen@momhelps.org.



Session Meeting Highlights – October 26, 2010

- Approved the September 21, 2010 Session meeting minutes; also during the Clerk's report learned that our Session records were reviewed October 23 and were approved with one exception
- During the Property and Finance Committee report, received a brief report on the September monthly and year-to-date financials, which showed a net income at the end of September of \$3,460, and a year-to-date net income of \$5,046; heard an update on the upcoming fall stewardship campaign, including that the stewardship letters and pledge cards had been mailed that day; and received an update from the joint Dale Heights-Sah-lang painting and redecorating task on its projects
- Received the monthly Pastor's report
- Discussed distribution color posters promoting Dale Heights as the Middleton Presbyterian Church, with Caroline Pope volunteering to compile a list of places to put them up
- Discussed who plans to attend the Presbytery's "Come and See" event at Christ Presbyterian Church on November 7
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report, heard reports on the fall children's and adult Church School activities, plans for this year's Christmas pageant; and the continuing Lunch & Learn class
- Met with and approved June Zeeh's request to transfer her membership to Dale Heights, and set the date for her reception by transfer as during worship November 14
- During the Personnel Committee report, learned that background checks for all employees are current; formally received the report that Administrative Assistant Judy Christie has resigned for medical reasons and that Music Director/Organist Maggie Rogers has been hired as the Temporary Administrative Assistant; approved a committee recommendation that Pastor Marilyn receive a one-time discretionary compensation payment of \$1,200 as a thank you for coverage provided during Judy Christie's medical absences; and learned that annual reviews with employees are being scheduled
- During the Outreach and Mission Committee report, learned that the Peacemaking Offering was dedicated during worship October 10; that the Knitting/Crocheting ministry will have more prayer shawls and skull caps dedicated during Sunday worship soon; and authorized Pastor Marilyn to pursue a possible avenue for some transitional committee leadership and resourcing
- During the Worship and Music Committee report, learned that the next meeting is November 14; and that the guest preacher November 21 is Gwen Brandfass
- During the Nominating Committee report, learned that a meeting was held October 17 and that to date we have a partial slate of officers; and set a congregational meeting to elect officers and 2011 congregational members to next year's Nominating Committee for December 5 following morning worship
- The next meeting will be November 30, 2010 with either Caroline Pope or Gale Oakes leading devotions

Property & Finance Committee Meeting Highlights – October 12, 2010

- Memorial garden plaques have been placed.
- Gift of a sectional sofa for Youth Room gratefully received from the Klump family.
- Progress has been made on preparations for the audit.
- Boley snow removal proposal sent back, signed, after session approval.
- Fall stewardship letter to be completed by October 19.
- Discussion of heat tape for roof sections.
- Annual furnace maintenance is scheduled.
- Church work day scheduled for October 30. Poor turnout for previous workday
- Financial Reports received. As of September 30, 2010, year-to-date actual income is \$5,046 over expenses compared to the budgeted net income of \$195 over expenses. These positive figures reflect lower-than-anticipated expenses.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Greetings!

Please remember to return your 2011 giving commitment card by November 14, 2010, so that it can be included as we prepare for managing money for ministry during the next year.

Thank you again for all that you do to make ministry through our congregation possible.



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**INVITES YOU TO A
“COME AND SEE”
WORKSHOP FOR**

**ALL CHURCH
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**CLERKS OF
SESSION**

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HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

The **Journey of the People of God** is a process of congregational transformation that incorporates three phases of learning and activity for a congregation that are tailored to fit your congregation’s life and local circumstances. The three phases of the **Journey** are the **Discovering, Discerning, and Embodying God’s Mission.**

“**Come and see**” was the invitation of Jesus when two of John’s disciples wanted to know where he was staying (John 1:39). “Come and see” is also the invitation extended to all congregational leaders in our presbytery. So “Come and See” how a journey of missional transformation – into a future filled with hope – might be a gift to your congregation right now or in the future!

- Yes, I would like to attend a “Come and See” event to learn more about the transformation process.

Choose one of the following “Come and See” events

- Sunday, October 3, 2010
Portage Presbyterian Church, 120 West Pleasant Street, Portage, WI
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 10, 2010
Canton-Scotland Presbyterian Church, 104 W. Fillmore Ave, Canton, MN
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 17, 2010
Bethel Presbyterian Church, 208 N. Vine Street, West Union, IA
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 7, 2010
Christ Presbyterian Church, 944, East Gorham Street
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 14, 2010
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2155 University Ave. Dubuque, IA
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Name _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Congregation _____

City _____

Date of the event you will be attending _____

Please submit your registration by the Thursday before the event you will be attending to: John Knox Presbytery, 1289 W. Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581. If you have questions please call the Presbytery Office 1-800-424-7935.

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



Light for the world

November 1 John 1-3

November 2 John 4-5

November 3 John 6-8

November 4 John 9-10

November 5 John 11-12

November 6 John 13-16

November 7 John 17-18

November 8 John 19-21

The new church

November 9 Acts 1-3

November 10 Acts 4-6

November 11 Acts 7-8

November 12 Acts 9-10

November 13 Acts 11-13

November 14 Acts 14-16

November 15 Acts 17-19

November 16 Acts 20-22

November 17 Acts 23-25

November 18 Acts 26-28

We live by faith

November 19 Romans 1-3

November 20 Romans 4-7

November 21 Romans 8-10

Nov 22 Romans 11-13

Nov 23 Romans 14-16

Nov 24 1 Corinthians 1-4

Nov 25 1 Corinthians 5-9

Nov 26 1 Corinthians 10-13

Nov 27 1 Corinthians 14-16

Nov 28 2 Corinthians 1-4

Nov 29 2 Corinthians 5-8

Nov-30 2 Corinthians 9-13

November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 All Saints Day	2 Election Day	3 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Choir rehearsal 7:30pm	4 Pastor Marilyn to COM; Knit/ Crochet Ministry 10 am	5 World Community Day	6 Set Clocks Back Before Bed – Daylight Savings Time Ends
7 JKP “Come and See” event @ Christ PC 2:30- 5:00 pm	8	9 Property & Finance 7 p.m.	10 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Choir rehearsal 7:30pm	11 Veterans Day; Knit/Crochet Ministry 10 am	12	13 Men’s Monthly Breakfast 8 a.m.
14 Stewardship Dedication; Worship Committee 11:30 am	15	16 JKP Meeting; New Beginnings Lunch 11:30 a.m.	17 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Bosom Bodies; No choir rehearsal	18 Knit/Crochet Ministry 10 am	19 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	20 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation
21 Thanksgiving Worship w/ Communion; Guest Preacher; Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	22 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	23 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	24 No Lunch & Learn; No Choir rehearsal; Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	25 Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed; Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	26 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	27
28 1 st Sunday of Advent	29	30 Session 7 pm				

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