



Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

November 2011

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One . . .

As I'm writing this month's *Musings* this song our choir often sings for the November choral introit is running through my head. It's November and the time when in our country and culture we particularly focus on giving thanks to God for all our many blessings of the past year.

As I think about my many blessings this past year, I'm thankful for my loving spouse, for my family, for the nearly six years I've so far served with Dale Heights as your pastor, for a comfortable home, for great neighbors and friends - both near and far, for plenty to eat, for more clothes and shoes than I need, for a new and reliable vehicle, for good health . . . just to name a few!

This is also the time of year in our church when as a part of our giving thanks to God for the blessings we've received that we prayerfully consider the portion of our financial resources we will share with Dale Heights in support of our mission and ministries. Our financial giving is among the ways we express our thanks and praise to God, offering a grateful response to the ways we've experienced our Creator's blessings. For a variety of reasons some of us have more to share than others, but as Jesus' illustrated in the story of the widow's "mite," no gift is too small to be appreciated, valued, and make a difference to our church's mission and ministry. I invite you to be as generous as you are able within your life circumstances, and encourage you to submit your financial pledge by Sunday, November 13 when we will dedicate them during morning worship. Receiving your pledge intentions by then also helps us to be good stewards as we make plans for our 2012 budget.

Then after Thanksgiving at the end of this month we will begin our Chinese cultural emphasis for Advent, Christmas and New Year's. I'm very excited about this opportunity to learn more about the largest population and economy on the planet. And we'll not only be learning about mainland China, but also about Hong Kong and Taiwan.

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

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Marilyn

November Worship Messages

November 6, 2011 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Emphasis -
"Movin', Movin', Movin' from 'Small' to God's New Creation" - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 - Communion

November 13, 2011 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Emphasis -
"Movin', Movin', Movin' to Fulfill God's Calling in the World" - Matthew 25:14-30 -
Church in the Concourse - Stewardship Dedication

November 20, 2011 - Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday - Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill King -
Communion

November 27, 2011 - 1st Sunday of Advent/Chinese Cultural Emphasis -
"Being Molded into God's People" from Isaiah 64:1-9

Liturgists for November

Nov. 6	Kim Chan
Nov. 13	Gale Oakes
Nov. 20	Barb Fleishman
Nov. 27	Vreni Straubhaar

Ushers for November

Nov. 6	Communion Servers
Nov. 13	Vreni Straubhaar & Otty S.
Nov. 20	Kim & Edi Chan
Nov. 27	Gale Oakes & Dale Buske

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.

Advent/Christmas/New Year's Chinese Cultural Emphasis

Beginning Sunday, November 27 – the first Sunday of Advent – we will begin learning about Chinese culture – not only mainland China, but also Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Pastor Marilyn will be on
Vacation November 18-26

Sunday, November 20
Guest Preacher
Rev. William King

Weekly Children's Church School

The 2-7-year-old class is held in the Sunday School wing from 9:15 to 9:45. We look forward to sharing the stories of our faith as you and your children are able to participate. This year there will also be many opportunities for children to participate in worship. They will learn songs and have the opportunity to be in the Christmas Pageant.

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.

Dale Heights Web Site

Check out our church web site for the latest news: www.daleheightspc.org
Pastor Marilyn's weekly sermons are posted on the website every Sunday afternoon.

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)

Choir News

The choir has been very busy this year preparing a Christmas cantata, which will be performed during worship on December 18th. Please join us in this joyous performance!

Maggie and the choir would also like to express their gratitude and appreciation to Janet Jones for her many years of choir participation. Thanks for everything, Janet!

November New Beginnings

The November New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, November 15th at 11:30 at Imperial Garden, 2039 Allen Blvd. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytowne@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

Wednesday Lunch & Learn Study!

Our current Wednesday Lunch & Learn study is *The Sacredness of Questioning Everything* by David Dark, which we will be using through Wednesday, November 16.

We will begin a new study for Advent on Wednesday, November 30.

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

Church Women United

At 2 P.M. on Sunday, November 6, there will be a Special Gathering for World Community Day at Bethany United Methodist Church, 3910 Mineral Point Road. All are invited. The Theme is, "Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action. Refreshments will be served, followed by an ecumenical service at 3 P.M. The emphasis of the service is the call to put faith into actions that address our world's needs.

If you have not already done so, consider contacting Wisconsin Donor Network and donate organs, tissue, eyes, and blood to give life to others. Recently a Madison bicycle accident victim was able to donate seven organs to others. 80,000 people are waiting in Wisconsin alone. Please contact The Wisconsin Donor Network - Kara.Grennier@bcw.edu or call 414-937-6965 for further information.

There are 3 D's –

Decide – Find answers to your questions above and make your decision.

Document – Legally record your decision.

Discuss – Let your family know your wishes so that they will carry out your desires.

Elma Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

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

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

CROP Walk 2011

On a beautiful, reasonably warm Sunday, October 16, with the sun shining & the skies so blue, several Dale Heights members met together at the First Congregational UCC @ 1609 University Ave. for our yearly CROP WALK sponsored by members of our families & church members. There were many other area churches also represented & we had a few minutes to hear some inspirational words & prayers for a safe & happy walk through the colorful leafy paths. Spirits were high & made even more so by the fresh air & sunshine:)

Some did the 1 mile walk, some the 3 mile & our Ray chose to rock for 2 hours. Elma, Barbara, Sophie & her 2 little treasures went the one mile but Sasha & Marco did multiple laps around us, so I guess you could say they walked 2 miles! June, Gale, Kelsey, & Edi who had her trusty walking companion, Jakey, with her, did the 3 mile hike & afterward met back at UCC where they had a delightful band playing & healthy refreshments served.

No one seemed to be in a rush to leave so I think it's safe to say all had a good time! Because of this really fun outing, Dale Heights folks were able to raise >\$1,150 for Church World Service which will provide food & water for the hungry both in our area & many places around the world where there is no clean water & no food & hopefully that should put smiles on a lot of faces. Thanks Dale Heights for all you do!

2012 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 prayerfully considering your financial giving to Dale Heights for 2012. Financial pledges will be dedicated on Sunday, November 13.

The children's Christmas pageant, titled "Christmas Hide and Seek" will take place during worship on December 11th. Rehearsals (including a short lesson on Advent) will be held from 9:15 to 9:45 am on November 6th, 13th and 20th and on December 4th. Please note there will be NO rehearsal on November 27. Please contact Kim Chan if you are interested in having your child/ren participate, or if you have any questions.

Synopsis: This pageant is about children who overhear their grandma say that Christmas is lost. They decide to try to find where Christmas is. They ask their mom, a charity box, a present, Joseph, and their grandma if they know where Christmas is. In the end, they discover Christmas is in their hearts. During this season of advent, we hope that you too will discover Christmas in your heart.

Transformation Team Report

Our journey continues. We have heard about and discussed our hypotheses. We had very good participation and many good conversations.

The all congregation stop on this journey was our Conference on the Present held on Sunday, October 23. The Conference began with a wonderful breakfast served by the men of High Point Church. This was arranged by our Parish Associate Dietrich Gruen. Thank you!

It was Dietrich's last day with us as Parish Associate and we very much appreciate his service to our congregation.

The conference was designed to see where we are now. We jotted down our personal perspectives of Dale Heights' current situation. Lively discussions were held around the tables about our present situation. Many strengths were highlighted and challenges discussed.

Your transitional team will be looking at the results and, of course, you will be kept informed. Stay tuned! Our next workshop will be on November 12 and we will find out where our journey will take us next.

Outreach News for November 2011

IHN/The Road Home

Thanks to Edi Chan, Barb Fleishmann, Gale Oakes and Harold Meyer for continuing to volunteer their time for hosting families requiring shelter at St. Luke's. The next opportunity to get involved is on **Friday, November 25th**, which is the week of Thanksgiving. It is a blessing and privilege to meet and minister to these guests in a small way. Soooo...watch and listen for the 2012 dates when we host guests as a 'buddy church' to St. Luke's.

Looking Ahead.....Grow the Pie!

- **Sunday, November 20**
- **Your purchase of U-Bake pies will help us send more funds to Presbyterian Disaster Relief this year**
- **See Wendy Weber for more information**

Property & Finance Meeting Highlights – October 11, 2011

- Kittleson Landscape will make a site visit to discuss plantings for the left side of the office door. This garden will be the Todd Memorial Garden.
- Some landscape timbers have been installed and efforts continue to remove the yew stumps.
- Redecorating Task Force: representative will meet with sign designer on Friday.
- Sound system: estimates will be sought from two companies. Each company will be asked to provide estimates for solving sanctuary sound problems, as well as adding on extras such as transmission to the concourse and nursery.
- Successful workday Saturday. Also progress on heat tape layout to prevent ice-dam problems.
- Security system: one monitor installed, one still to be installed. Cost is around \$3000.
- Reconstruction of University Avenue in 2012: curb, gutter, and lights will cost about \$12,000. Dale Heights will receive \$13,840 for selling a corner of the property to the city.
- Chimney repair: masonry company has been consulted. Will offer a report next week.
- Stewardship campaign: a song has been prepared to kick off the campaign. A letter will be prepared to send out the week before October 30.
- Wooden doors at landing of steps are not closing properly. Investigate solution.
- Financial Status: third quarter income is traditionally low. This year is no exception. Net income is -\$5413 below net budgeted income. However, most of local outreach has been paid up-to-date and non-MATC class building use income is up \$711 over expected.
- Next meeting: Tuesday November 8, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Greetings!

Please remember to return your 2012 giving commitment card by November 13, 2011, so that it can be included as we prepare for managing our financial resources in relation to our mission for the coming year.

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

Come celebrate!

First Presbyterian Church

408 N Bergamont

Oregon, Wisconsin

Open House

Sunday, November 6, 2011

1 PM to 3 PM

- Special music
- Church tours
- Children's Activities
- Food!

Website: www.fpcoregon.org

Phone: 608-835-3082

Email: jessfpc@frontier.com

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

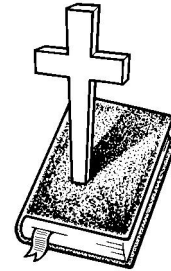
November 14 Acts 14-16

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 2011

		1 Church Decorating Task Force 2:00 pm; SMART Recovery 7:00pm	2 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am	3 Pastor Marilyn to COM; Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm	4	5
6 Worship Committee 11:30am	7	8 SMART Recovery 7:00pm; Property & Finance 7:00pm	9 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Session Meeting, 7:00pm	10 Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm	11	12 Men's Breakfast, 8:00am; Transformation Team Training 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
13 Church In The Concourse; Dedication of 2012 Pledges	14	15 Pastor Marilyn to John Knox Presbytery Meeting; New Beginnings Lunch, 11:30am; SMART Recovery 7:00pm	16 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Bosom Buddies, 6:45pm	17 Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm	18 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	19 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation
20 Guest Preacher; "Grow the Pie" Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	21 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	22 SMART Recovery 7:00pm Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	23 NO Lunch & Learn; Church Office Closed Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	24 Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed; NO Choir rehearsal; Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	25 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	26
27 1 st Sunday of Advent & Chinese Cultural Emphasis	28	29 SMART Recovery 7:00pm	30 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am			

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.

Bosom Buddies 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.

SMART Recovery Self-Help for Addiction and Alcohol Abuse

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.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