



# Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

October 2011

## *Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings*

My goodness where has this year gone? I can't believe it's already fall and October! And it's going to be a busy October of good things here at Dale Heights, and I hope you'll participate in as much as you can.

First, Sunday, October 2 is World Communion Sunday. For the first time since 2007 it will not be a joint service with our Sah-lang Church sisters and brothers, but only because their new pastor, Rev. Ki Tak Gam, has only just arrived. His wife and 8-month-old baby plan to join him in December after the college semester where she teaches ends. Please welcome Rev. Gam when you have a chance. Anyway, not doing the joint service has given us an opportunity to observe the "world" part of World Communion Sunday in some creative ways, particularly in some of the liturgies as well as the breads that will be a part of the service.

Second, on Tuesday, October 4 we'll welcome a new group to Dale Heights. SMART Recovery will begin holding weekly evening meetings to help persons struggling with alcohol and other addictions.

Third, the annual Madison CROP Walk is October 16. Please see Barb Fleishman for your materials to participate as a walker, rocker, or biker raising funds to feed hungry people.

Fourth, speaking of feeding hungry people, our Parish Associate Dietrich Gruen is bringing his High Point Church crew back to feed us brunch in conjunction with the Transformation Team's "Conference on the Present" event Sunday, October 23. We'll eat at 9:00 a.m. and then will participate in this congregational conference that will include worship till around 11:30 a.m., all downstairs in the fellowship hall. You can read more about the "Conference on the Present" elsewhere in this month's *Focus*.

Fifth, and again speaking of feeding hungry people, Sunday, October 23 is also our turn to provide supper to the Pres House students. Please go to Pres House for 4:30 worship and stay for supper that day. Wendy Weber and the Chans are coordinating the food if you're able to help out with that, too. This is always an enjoyable time, and the students are so appreciative of the opportunity for food and fellowship with us.

Although this isn't all that's happening in October, the last thing I want to highlight is that we'll be kicking off our annual stewardship campaign on Sunday, October 30. Plans are coming together to make this kick-off particularly fun.

I told you it was a full month! See you in church and serving in our Madison/Middleton area community!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

*Marilyn*

# October Worship Messages

October 2, 2011 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday - "Two-Timing God" - Matthew 21:33-46 - Communion

October 9, 2011 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Transformation Hypothesis # 4 - "Does our church smell like mission?" - Matthew 25:31-45

October 16, 2011 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Guest Preacher: Rev. Gwen Brandfass

October 23, 2011 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - "Conference on the Present" including Brunch and Worship **9:00-11:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall - NO regular worship service

October 30, 2011 - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday/Stewardship Kick-off - "Revisiting The Church and McWorld: Can our choices make a difference?" - Matthew 22:34-46

## Liturgists for October

<b>Oct. 2</b>	Dick Corey
<b>Oct. 9</b>	Barb Fleishman
<b>Oct. 16</b>	Roy Lembcke
<b>Oct. 23</b>	none
<b>Oct. 30</b>	Sandy Weigt

## Ushers for October

<b>Oct. 2</b>	Communion Servers
<b>Oct. 9</b>	Janice Krall & Rick Shannon
<b>Oct. 16</b>	Tom Jones & Rick Geiger
<b>Oct. 23</b>	Keith Chan & Sandy Weigt
<b>Oct. 30</b>	Sunday School

## 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.

Pastor Marilyn will be on  
Study Leave October 14-21

Guest Preacher  
Rev. Gwen Brandfass

## Weekly Children's Church School

Children's Sunday School has resumed! 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.

## Dale Heights Web Site

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

# Happy Birthday!

October 3 Christine Bellport  
October 6 Sautsani Ndafooka  
Wendy Weber  
October 9 Mary Towne  
October 24 Marlowe Eldridge  
October 31 Barb Fleishman  
Ryan Shannon



# Happy Anniversary!

October 3 Caroline Pope and Marlowe  
Eldridge  
October 25 Frank and Jeanne Rodriguez  
(2003)

## **Congratulations & God's Blessings to Parish Associate Dietrich Gruen**

Thank you Dietrich Gruen for serving with us this year as our Parish Associate for Outreach & Mission! With regret and thanks for his service with us, the Session has accepted Dietrich's resignation effective following the Conference on the Present on Sunday, October 23.

Dietrich has been accepted into a part-time Clinical Pastoral Education program at Gunderson Lutheran Hospital in LaCrosse, WI. He has also been accepted for a part-time chaplain internship at St. Mary's Care Center in Madison. And he has accepted a part-time position with REI in Madison. No grass growing under Dietrich's feet!

Thank you for all your ministry with us, and may God go with you and bless you in your new ministries.

## **World Communion Sunday, October 2 & Dedication of Peacemaking Offering**

This year due to the delays in the Sah-lang Korean Church's new pastor being able to secure a visa to come to the United States, we will not have what has become our traditional joint worship service. Instead we will have our own World Communion Sunday worship, with liturgies, readings, and hymns from around the world, and we will also enjoy breads from around the world.

The theme for the 2011 Peacemaking Offering is "A Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace" (James 3:18). The art is Santa Cena, a serigraph by José Ignacio Fletes Cruz.

We will dedicate the Peacemaking offering during our World Communion Sunday worship October 2. Offering envelopes are in the sanctuary pew racks.

## **October New Beginnings**

The October New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at La Brioche, 2862 University Ave. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or [marytown@chorus.net](mailto:marytown@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.

According to David Dark, questions about faith are not only positive, but crucial, for Christians' health and well-being.

We will suspend our study of *The Sacredness of Questioning Everything* beginning September 14 due to the Transformation Team's hypothesis studies, which you can read about on the next page. We will resume our study of *The Sacredness of Questioning Everything* October 5, suspend it October 12 and 19, and resume it October 26.

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

## Flowers

Many gardens are bursting with color and many porches have beautiful pots of flowers on them. If you would like to show off your blossoms, think about bringing them to church on Sunday for either the front of the sanctuary or the coffee table. No need to let anyone know that you are bringing the flowers, just bring them and hear the appreciation of the rest of the congregation. Then take your flowers home after worship and enjoy them yourself.

Thanks for brightening the sanctuary or concourse.

## Church Work Days

Please join us when and as you are able for our work days each Saturday morning beginning around 9:00 a.m. till 12 noon or so, depending on the day and the projects. Many hands make light work!

## Church Women United

Thelma Reynolds and I, along with several other CWU women from Madison, attended the State Assembly in Milwaukee on Saturday, September 17. About 50 people attended. The two main objectives this year are as follows:

1. PETITIONS ON THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD. Petitions to President Obama are sought for the signing of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which is already signed by 293 countries, with the exception of the United States and Somalia. Hopefully political partisanship will be set aside so that the Senate will ratify the treaty, which was signed by Madeline Albright, Clinton's Sect. of State, but never signed by the Senate. We at Dale Heights are asked to sign the Petition, which will be sent to President Obama and to our Senators.
2. DONATE LIFE WISCONSIN. 80,000 people await life-saving donations. To think of others in our hours of grief is truly compassionate and selfless. Please consider the gift of life--organ, tissue, blood, and eye donation. Our congregation supports this gift in the spirit of love and generosity. Remember to discuss your wishes about donation with your family. We learned that one donor saved 4 other people's lives. You can be a donor at any age - even in your nineties!

The Bible Study, led by Madisonian Faith Bauman, reminded us of Deuteronomy 6:4: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Jesus added the words "with all your mind" in Mark 12:28-33. Truly the two objectives of CWU exemplify these commands.

[Elma Metzloff, CWU Key Woman](#)

## Pres House Worship and Supper Sunday, October 23

Our church is responsible for providing supper for the Pres House students Sunday, October 23. Worship with the students is at 4:30 p.m., followed by serving and sharing supper with them around 5:30 p.m.

Please talk to Wendy Weber, Edi and Kim Chan to help provide food and to serve!

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





## Transformation Team Report

We have one more hypothesis to hear about on Sunday, October 9: Does our church smell like mission? We then look forward to our next step in our transformational journey, the Conference on the Present.

Our Conference on the Present is scheduled for Sunday morning, October 23, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the lower concourse. Parish Associate, Dietrich Gruen has again arranged to have the men's group from High Point Church fix us breakfast. Yummmm.

During the second congregational conference we will be reflecting on our present situation. It is helpful to do some thinking in advance, and to have conversations with others. We have been doing some of this in our discussion groups about the four hypotheses.

A. Reflect on the present. What have you been learning over these weeks of study about what's going on "out there" and "in here" in our church? What are the current factors and forces at play that are or will be impacting in our church's future?

In preparation for this conference, we ask you to begin to think this through and to talk with others. We invite you to bring newspaper and magazine clippings describing factors and forces in our world, community, and church that you think will have an impact on our church's future. These clippings will be displayed and used in our discussions.

B. Review the material that has been shared with the congregation over the past months. Your perspectives and insights are needed to help discern God's activity in the midst of our world, community, and church.

This has been quite a journey so far. We can all look forward to this next part.

Our deepest sympathy to Marian Todd and her family on the death of her husband, Rowland Todd, on August 29. A memorial service was held at Dale Heights September 24.

The family is suggesting memorials be made to Dale Heights, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, or to the West Madison Senior Coalition.

### CROP Walk 2011

Madison Area CROP Hunger Walk 2011 will be held on 10/16/2011

Location: First Congregational UCC  
1609 University Ave.

Registration: 12:45pm; Walk 1:30pm

Contact person: Jeff Rabe, 608-233-9751

The Walk is 1, 3, or 5 miles.....it's your choice!

CROP Hunger Walks help children & families worldwide & right here in the USA to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Our local efforts are making a huge difference & you are part of it! Ask someone to sponsor you. Impact your community & the world.....walk with us!



## **Session Meeting Highlights – September 20, 2011**

- Welcomed Rick Geiger, who attended as a member observer
- During the Clerk's report, approved the minutes of the August 23, 2011 stated Session meeting; and received the Presbytery's new Separation Ethics policy as information
- During the Property & Finance Committee report received a brief report on the August monthly and year-to-date financials; approved an amendment to the church's no firearms policy to include not allowing any weapons detailed in Wisconsin's new concealed carry law on church property, which takes effect November 1, 2011; learned the ADT security cameras and related equipment are to be installed October 4; learned the SMART Recovery Self-Help for Addiction and Alcohol Abuse support group will begin holding weekly meetings at Dale Heights October 4; discussed and shared ideas for the annual fall stewardship campaign; approved requested Property & Finance in consultation with the Sah-lang Church to get two or more bids for upgrading or replacing the sanctuary sound system with a goal to have it installed by the end of the year; and received an update on church redecorating plans, including that the young children's Sunday School room has been painted
- Received the monthly Pastor's report
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report learned that the fall children's Church School kick-off and potluck celebrating both the fall Church School and the return of the Choir was well attended
- During the Personnel Committee report learned background checks for all employees are current, and are on-going for new volunteers
- During the Transformation Team report heard that the "hypothesis" Sundays and adult studies during September and October are underway; heard about plans including Session leadership for the October 23, 2011 "Conference on the Present" ; and approved spending up to \$50 from the Session budget for a thank you to the High Point Church men's group providing the two "conference" breakfasts
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report accepted with regret and thanks the resignation of Parish Associate Dietrich Gruen effective after the "Conference on the Present" October 23; approved a request to receive a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance this fall on a date to be determined by Pastor Marilyn; heard reports on receiving this year's Peacemaking Offering, participating in CROP Walk, and Bread for the World; were reminded that we will serve the Pres House supper October 23; and tabled discussion about providing additional help to Joann Macklin's Cameroonian family until Barb Fleishman is back in town
- During the Worship & Music Committee report learned that there will be Concourse services September 25 and November 13, 2011; that this year's World Communion service will be on our own due to the delays in the Sah-lang Church's new pastor being able to get his visa ; that the Choir is rehearsing a Christmas cantata for December 18; and that this year's Advent/Christmas/Epiphany cultural emphasis will be China
- Set the next Session meeting for November 9, 2011 with Bill Mercer leading devotions

# Outreach News for October, 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 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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.....Hosting the **Pres House Sunday Evening Worship and Supper Again This Fall!!!!**

- **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- Worship @ 4:30
- Meal @ 5:30

### Also looking ahead...

- Next Outreach Meeting on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining our group with your presence and ideas so we can better reach out to people, organizations and community locally and globally.
- Peacemaking Offering was advertised in September and will be collected October 2.
- Ray Bayley will inform us about hunger and Bread for the World in preparation for writing letters to our President and legislators about hunger on October 16
- Barb Fleishman is informing us about CROP Walk each week, with the walk, bike or rock event Sunday afternoon, October 16.
- Interesting Potlucks will be announced and held!

## **Property & Finance Meeting Highlights – August 9, 2011**

- Memorial Gardens: been putting down bark
- Yew Removal—all are gone
- Security arrangements: contract signed with ADT to install four cameras and related equipment
- Redecorating Task Force: young children's Sunday School room painted, with two walls red
- Heat tape for roof: identified the office entrance and the back handicap entrance as priorities to be done before winter
- Chimney repair: will ask for bids
- Fall Stewardship campaign will begin at the end of October.
- Financial Status: ended August essentially one week's income behind; year-to-date is about as budgeted
- Approved allowing SMART Recovery support group to hold weekly Tuesday night meetings in the Lounge beginning October 4
- Discussed a possible mini campaign for sound system and computers early next year
- Next meeting: Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 7 p.m.



# John Knox Presbytery Mission Trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**Nov. 26 – Dec. 3, 2011**

Responding to the EF5 tornado that tore through Tuscaloosa

Type of Work: Rebuilding work may include insulating, drywall, roof repair, framing, laying floors and painting; working with Habitat for Humanity rebuilding damaged homes.

The group will be staying at First Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa. First Church is a PDA hospitality site for teams of volunteers. The church has a hospitality center in its building, with a small kitchenette for groups to make breakfast and lunch. Sunday school rooms have been converted into sleeping and relaxation quarters for volunteers. They have access to the YMCA across the street for showers.

**Mark your calendars now and start planning to join fellow Presbyterians throughout John Knox Presbytery for this special experience! Application Deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Applications are posted on church bulletin boards & are available from the church office

Cost: \$300 per person which covers:

- travel by bus to Tuscaloosa and back
- food and lodging at First Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa
- hotel lodging on way to and from Tuscaloosa

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

**The Rev. Gary Catterson, Mission Planning Team Coordinator  
for The John Knox Presbytery**

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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 2011

2 World Communion Sunday Worship & Dedication of Peacemaking Offering	3	4 SMART Recovery Group 7:00pm	5 Lunch & Learn 11:45am  Adult Study 7:00pm	6 Choir rehearsal 7:30pm	7	8 Church Work Day 9 a.m.
9 4 <sup>th</sup> Hypothesis Sunday  Outreach & Mission Committee 11:30am	10	11 Property & Finance 7:00pm  SMART Recovery Group 7:00pm	12 Lunch & Learn 11:45am  Adult Study 7:00pm	13 Choir rehearsal 7:30pm  Pastor Marilyn to COM	14   Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	15 Men's Breakfast 8:00am  Church Work Day 9 a.m.  Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave
16 Guest Preacher Gwen Brandfass  CROP Walk  Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	17   Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	18 New Beginnings Lunch, 11:30am  SMART Recovery Group 7:00pm Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	19 Lunch & Learn 11:45am  Bosom Buddies 6:45pm Adult Study 7:00pm Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	20 NO Choir rehearsal  Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	21   Pastor Marilyn on Study Leave	22 Church Work Day 9 a.m.  Set up for Conference on the Present 2 p.m.
23 Conference on the Present 9-11:30 a.m.  Pres House Worship 4:30 & Supper 5:30 p.m.	24	25 SMART Recovery Group 7:00pm	26 Lunch & Learn 11:45am  Adult Study 7:00pm  Transformation Team 7 p.m.	27 Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm	28	29 Church Work Day 9 a.m.
30 Reformation Sunday  Stewardship Campaign Kick-off	31  Happy Halloween!					

## 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.*

### **Dale Heights Presbyterian Church**

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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