



Focus

For Members & Friends of Dale Heights Presbyterian Church

September 2010

Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

It's back to school time for our students, their parents, and their teachers. Please keep them all in your prayers as they begin this new academic year. May it be a time of new learning, new insights, and new challenges.

It's also back to Sunday School time for our children and adults beginning Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. As we did last year, we're kicking off Sunday School with a Casual Sunday and a potluck meal of food and fellowship following worship. This fall we're using an exciting new curriculum in our young children's class called "Spark: Activate Faith." Our children will use beautifully and inclusively illustrated story Bibles and activities. We'd love to see all our little children participate. And if there's interest, we'll begin a parents' class to go with the young children's class. Meanwhile, Wendy Weber is making plans for the regular Sunday adult class to study Harold Kushner's *Overcoming Life's Disappointments*. Copies of the book are available from local libraries.

Our weekly Wednesday Lunch & Learn study *Vision Stories: True Accounts of Visions, Angels and Healing Miracles* by John Sumwalt continues this month. We've not only been inspired by these modern miracle and vision stories, several of us have had the courage to share from our own miracle and vision stories. This has been a truly enriching experience for those participating. Come anytime and join us Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.

Other September highlights so far include the Rev. Newton Roberts preaching Sunday, September 5, the choir also begins its fall scheduled Sunday, September 5, special guest music by Susannah Brooks Sunday, September 19, our crocheting/knitting ministry resuming Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., and an Outreach potluck Sunday, September 26 with the program presented by Barb Fleishman's daughter, Tina.

You can read more about these and a whole lot more as you peruse the rest of this month's *Focus*.

See you in church!

Shalom in Christ Jesus,

Marilyn

September Worship Messages

September. 5, 2010 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -

Guest Preacher Rev. Newton Roberts - Communion

September. 12, 2010 - Christian Education Kick-Off/Casual Sunday -

"Being Willing to Be Found" - Luke 15:1-10

September. 19, 2010 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - "Reclaiming God's Vision" -

Luke 16:1-13

September. 26, 2010 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

"Getting Involved in the World's Suffering" - Luke 16:19-31

Ushers for September.

Sept. 5 Communion Servers
Sept. 12 Sunday School
(Adult & Youth)
Sept. 19 Vreni Straubhaar &
Kim Chan
Sept. 26 Gale Oakes & Dale Buske

Liturgists for September.

Sept. 5 Tom Jones
Sept. 12 Kim Chan
Sept. 19 Bill Mercer
Sept. 26 Otty Schaefer

Baptism

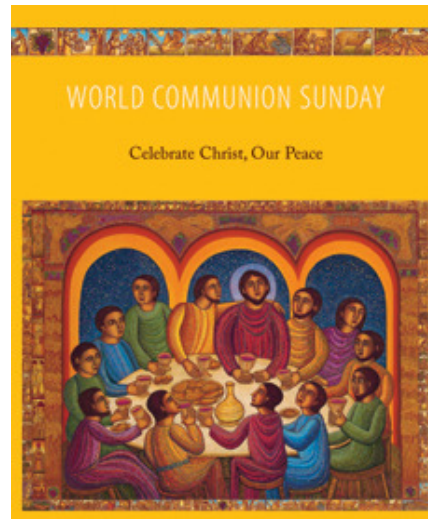
Elianna Herritz, daughter of Jenny and Scott Herritz, and baby sister of Hayden Herritz, was baptized during morning worship, Sunday, August 29.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**Pastor Marilyn will be on
Vacation:**

**August 30-September 5
Guest Preacher September 5 –
Rev. Newton Roberts**

**September 27-October 3
Guest Preacher October 3 –
Rev. Clara Thompson**



**Looking Ahead:
Fourth
Annual
Joint World
Communion
Worship
with Korean
Sah-lang
Church
Sunday,
October 3 at
11:00 a.m.**

Sunday, October 3, 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. In Pastor Marilyn's behalf, the Rev. Clara Thompson will join with Sah-lang pastor the Rev. Hong Il Lim, in leading this year's joint worship service.

After worship, we will share a joint fellowship of our traditional international breads and goodies provided by our Korean sisters and brothers.

Happy Birthday!

September 4 Bill Sebert
September 20 Sandy Weigt
September 23 Harold Meyer
September 24 Jane Koning
September 25 Roy Lembcke
September 30 Elma Metzloff

Happy Anniversary!

September 4 Marilyn Gamm
and Craig Howard
September 10 Lucille and Ray Miller

New Beginnings Monthly LUNCH!

New Beginnings will meet for lunch on the third Tuesday of the month. We will meet next on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 11:30 at Pedro's, 499 D'Onofrio Dr. Madison.

Nursery Reminder

The nursery is being staffed by volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the concourse and if no one signs up, the nursery will not be staffed. Please note that a background check is needed before you can stay in the nursery and play with kids other than your own. See Pastor Marilyn for the form.

The nursery will be open during the service if parents feel they need to leave the service with their children.

Usher Help Needed

We need 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 Keith Chan keithchan4@yahoo.com or 238-4743 if you can help serve as a Dale Heights usher.

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.

Autumn Choir News – First Rehearsal Wednesday, September 1

As summer is winding down, it's time to start thinking about choir again!

Starting this year, choir rehearsals will take place on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30**, instead of Thursdays.

The first choir rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 1, and the choir's first Sunday in the loft will be September 5. Please consider joining choir this year; we are especially in need of **altos**. If you have any questions, please see Maggie.



Back to Sunday School Time Again!

The First Day of Sunday School is Sunday September 12th.

The 2-7 year-old class will take place from 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Sunday School Wing. 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 part of the Christmas Pageant.

Please join us after church on Sunday September 12th for our annual Sunday School Kick-Off Potluck. Please bring a dish to share. This is a time for adults and young children to share food and fellowship.

Sunday September 12 is casual Sunday – please wear casual, comfortable clothes to worship and stay for the potluck.

Wednesday Lunch & Learn Class

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

Almost everyone has either a personal vision story or knows of a friend's experience – and if they know that its sacredness will be honored, most people want to tell their story.

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

Dale Heights Knitters & Crocheters resume Thursday, September 2

Our Dale Heights members and friends resume gathering Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. on September 2. 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 delivered 22 prayer shawls and 63 skull caps, with others completed and awaiting dedication before sending. Everyone welcome to join us in this ministry.

Summer Saturday Church Work Days

The Property & Finance Committee is planning church work days for the second Saturday of the month through the summer for various projects, including weeding, painting, and other maintenance. Please plan to come September 11 and help out as you can.

Flowers

Many gardens are bursting with late summer 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.



CONGRATULATIONS

to the Rev. Ray
Bayley,
celebrating the
65th anniversary
of his ordination
as a Minister of
the Word and
Sacrament on
September 18th!



A Salute to Janet Jones

Those of us fairly new to Dale Heights, and "older" members as well, may not be aware that Janet Jones has served on the Worship and Music Committee since joining the church in 1985. After being Chair of the committee for approximately 10 years, she relinquished her duties 2 years ago to return to committee member status. Janet recently resigned from the committee, but you will continue to see her in the choir. Her presence will be missed, however from time to time we may seek her counsel on past events.

Congratulations to Janet for her 25 years of service to the Worship and Music Committee!

Marcia Holman, Chair
Worship and Music Committee

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides **FREE** housecleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. **Cleaning for a Reason** will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along. <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



September Forum – September 11, 2010

9:00 a.m. Breakfast provided by CWU Board

10:00 a.m. Program and Tour: “Helping Our Community Through the
Lussier Community Education Center”

Presenter: Stanley Woodard, Program Director

Lussier Community Education Center, 55 S. Gammon Road, Madison
For information call Shirely (233-3581)

Called Session Meeting Highlights – August 22, 2010

- Approved a request from Jenny and Scott Herritz to have their daughter, Elliana Evelyn Herritz, baptized during morning worship Sunday, August 29, 2010.

Session Meeting Highlights – August 26, 2010

Highlights from the August 26, 2010 Session meeting will be in the October issue of *Focus*.

Worship & Music Committee Meeting Highlights – August 29, 2010

Highlights from the August 29, 2010 Worship & Music Committee meeting will be in the October issue of *Focus*.

Property & Finance Meeting Highlights – August 10, 2010

- Storm water management drain and pump work seems to have solved the problem of water coming into the basement fellowship hall after heavy rains. Base cove molding arrived 8-10-10 and will be installed soon.
- Joint Sah-lang/Dale Heights building and grounds work day scheduled for Saturday, August 14, 2010.
- Memorial Garden plaques have been inventoried; missing plaques to be ordered.
- Painting/redecorating task force has had two painting afternoons since the last meeting. Nursery toys have been organized and neatly stored. Small-pieced items (hazardous to children under three) have been removed from easy access.
- Programming the new computer will take place in the next several weeks.
- Ideas for the fall stewardship campaign were discussed. An outline will be prepared for the September meeting.
- Financial status as of July 31, 2010: year-to-date income is \$950. The year-to-date budgeted net income was projected as -\$3,645. Certain expenses (such as snow-plowing) were less than expected. In addition, several large and unanticipated expenses such as storm water management, furnace work and new law tractor have been covered by the generous memorial fund gift received this year.
- Preparations for the audit will take place in the coming month.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Outreach News for September 2010

We're busy and we know you're busy, so here it is, short and sweet. Mark your calendars for a future event or give thanks past events!

Potluck!

Barb Fleishmann's daughter Tina will be sharing her thoughts and knowledge on organic gardening and the business that she has created. This will be educational, entertaining and an opportunity to relax and enjoy Tina, good food and your Dale Heights friends.

- **Sunday, September 26th**
- 11:30...after Fellowship time
- Bring your good cookin' for all to enjoy!
- This is a great opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor!

IHN

Thanks to Edi Chan, Barb Fleishmann, Harold Meyer and Wendy Weber, who in some way helped with hosting on Friday, August 20th. It is a blessing and privilege to meet and minister to the guests in a small way.

Watch and listen for the next time we host IHN guests as a 'buddy church' to St. Luke's.

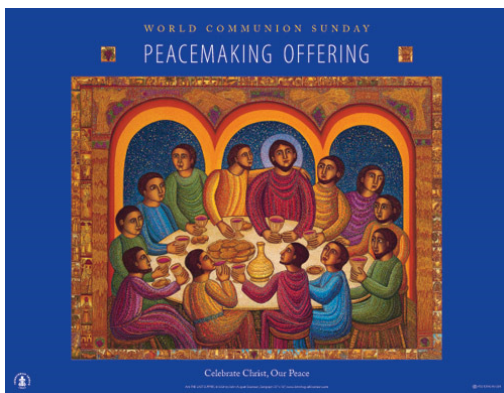
Looking Ahead.....Pres House Sunday Evening Worship and Supper

Dale Heights will serve their traditional meal of sloppy joes, pear salad, veggies and dip, chips, and brownies and ice cream at Pres House on campus and worship with those students and adults who gather every Sunday evening.

The students have enjoyed this meal in the past and it is appreciated also because it is served on Dale Heights' dishes. Cook, bake, serve, worship, cleanup and/or pray for this important ministry!

- **Sunday, October 24th**
- Worship @ 4:30
- Meal @ 5:30

P.S. News in the spring was that our own Henry Bouman may be living there!



2010 is the thirtieth anniversary of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering, following the adoption by the General Assembly of *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, which called for a new emphasis on peacemaking across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This year as our church plans to receive this Offering, let us remember the peacemakers of years past — in our congregation, presbytery, synod and the denomination as a whole. Make this year a time to renew your commitment to peacemaking as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace but is our peace.

The theme for the 2010 Offering is "Celebrate Christ, Our Peace." The art is *The Last Supper*, a serigraph by [John August Swanson](#).

Welcoming and Inviting News for September 2010

Plans are to try an event in September after receiving the blessing of the Session. Listen for news about **Movie Night**. This event will be for church members, friends and specifically for neighbors living near Dale Heights. We're thinking of possibly 7 p.m. on a Friday night and of course popcorn and juice or soda will be served.

- How about a date later in September?
- Ideas for good movies?
- Anyone want to help with this event?

Music can bring people together! Did you know that? Harold Meyer and Wendy Weber are brainstorming about having a **Music Night!** We are of course up for ideas.

- How about a sing-along?
- Young people who may want to play and share their music with us. We can give them an opportunity to have an audience.
- Music from various eras?
- What ideas do you have? Talk with Harold or Wendy!
- Want to help? You got it...talk with Harold or Wendy

Dale Heights will be hosting a **listening session** for Dane County United. This is essentially an opportunity for church members and hopefully Dale Heights' neighbors to gather for 90 minutes to discuss important issues in their lives.

Dane County United wants to hear what the pressing and difficult issues and events are in order to know what to be in and how to help the people of Dane County. Dane County United past projects have driven the introduction of Culturally Relevant Pedagogy and 4 year-old Kindergarten beginning in 2011 in Madison Schools, as well as a resolution to difficult working conditions for linen workers at a Madison hospital. When Dane County United selects an issue, a goal is set and the work gets done to improve people's lives.

Think about issues which are important to you and your family:

- Healthcare?
- Unemployment?
- Housing?
- Care for the elderly?
- Mortgages?
- Politics?
- What else?

Look for this talking and listening opportunity.

Do you have ideas to welcome and invite new members and neighbors? We're looking for other committee members to join us. Please talk with Bill Mercer and/or Wendy Weber! Thanks!

PRESBYTERY DAY

2010

Come one, come all for fun, fellowship, and renewal. See Presbytery Day brochure for details. (posted on JKP website at www.jknox.org) and registration.

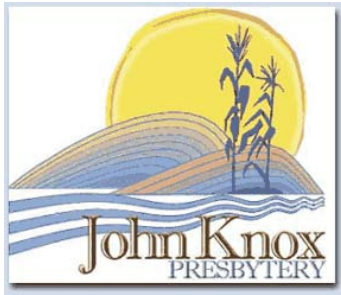
Friday and/or Saturday
Sept. 24 (5 on); 25 (9-4)
Sugar Creek Bible Camp
Ferryville, WI

Reaching In,
Reaching Out--
Freeing the Spirit!



A Drawing by Youth Triennium Delegate

John Knox Presbytery Meeting Highlights



Here are some highlights from the August 21 John Knox Presbytery Meeting:

- Shared worship led by host pastor the Rev. Gretchen Lord-Anderson of First Presbyterian Church, Lodi, WI
- Heard a Board of Pensions update from Regional Coordinator the Rev. Doug Kelly, which included the good news that the Board of Pensions is fully funded and that the dues remain the same for the fifth straight year, that the Board of Pensions is in compliance with the new federal health care reform legislation, and noted that while Christmas Joy Offering receipts have been declining, the use has been increasing, encouraging support for this offering
- A reminder announcement of the upcoming Presbytery Day at Sugar Creek Bible Camp in Ferrysville, WI September 24-25 was shared
- Triennium adult advisor and member of First Presbyterian Church, Oregon, WI Steve Johnson introduced three youth from the delegation of 27 who attended this year's Presbyterian Triennium and shared an inspiring report about their experiences
- General Assembly Commissioners the Rev. Marilyn Gamm and Elders Jeanne Evert and Derek Pursey shared reports about their experiences, as well as sharing written reports from the Rev. Clara Thompson and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Ndazona Ndafooka-Holland
- During the Committee on Ministry report, approved enrolling the Rev. Donald McCall, Homestead Presbytery, as an Honorably Retired member of John Knox Presbytery; examined and approved Candidate Penny Thomsen, Blackhawk Presbytery, for ordination, validated the ministry of Spiritual Care Coordinator at Hospice of Dubuque, IA as performed by her pending ordination, and enrolling her as an Active Member of John Knox Presbytery upon receipt of her credentials; approved the joint agreement of handing ordination and installation matters between John Knox Presbytery meetings (new Manual of Operations page COM-42); approved the change to John Knox Bylaws V.D.2 to no longer have two COM members also serving on the CPM; and approved at the request of the Wadena Community Presbyterian Church, Wadena, IA Session appointing the following Administrative Commission to work with the congregation in determining whether or not its mission and ministry is consistent with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and possible related subsequent actions: Revs. Katherine Achtemeier, Timothy Gerarden, and James Scaife, and Elders Merrill Crawford, Roger Ebertz, Marita Hale, and Mary Jellings
- During the Personnel Committee report approved changes in the terms of call for Executive Presbyter Kenneth Meunier; and reminded presbyters of the application deadline for the Stated Clerk's position
- During the Presbytery Council report approved using unrestricted net assets to enter into a three-year contract with the Center for Parish Development totaling \$120,700; approved keeping the 2011 Presbytery per capita at \$16, which will make the total 2011 per capita \$27.40; approved that the 2011 distribution Shared Mission formula be: 70% John Knox Presbytery, 10% Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and 20% General Assembly; approved the 2011 Presbytery Budget; and approved entering a three-year International/National Presbytery partnership with Northern Waters and the Presbyterian Church of Portugal
- At the request of the Sun Prairie New Church Development Administrative Commission approved dissolving the commission; releasing the allocated Presbytery funds and related administrative details; and returning remaining funds received from the Synod and General Assembly
- The next meeting will be November 16, 2010 at West Salem Presbyterian Church, West Salem, WI

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

Tears for God's people

September-1 Ezekiel 1-4

September-2 Ezekiel 5-9

September-3 Ezekiel 10-13

September-4 Ezekiel 14-16

September-5 Ezekiel 17-19

September-6 Ezekiel 20-21

September-7 Ezekiel 22-24

September-8 Ezekiel 25-28

September-9 Ezekiel 29-32

September-10 Ezekiel 33-36

September-11 Ezekiel 37-39

September-12 Ezekiel 40-42

September-13 Ezekiel 43-45

September-14 Ezekiel 46-48

September-15 Daniel 1-3

September-16 Daniel 4-6

September-17 Daniel 7-9

September-18 Daniel 10-12



The Minor Prophets

September-19 Hosea 1-6

September-20 Hosea 7-14

September-21 Joel 1-3

September-22 Amos 1-5

September-23 Amos 6-
Obadiah 1

September-24 Jonah 1-4

September-25 Micah 1-7

September-26 Nahum 1-
Hab. 3

September-27 Zephaniah 1-
Haggai 2

September-28 Zechariah 1-7

September-29 Zechariah 8-
14

September-30 Malachi 1-4

September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MOM Pantry Needs for September Canned peaches, pears, mixed fruit			1 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation; NO Lunch & Learn; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	2 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation; Knit/Crochet Ministry 10 am	3 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	4 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation
5 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation; Guest Preacher	6 Labor Day	7 Property & Finance Committee 7 pm	8 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	9 Pastor Marilyn to COM; Knit/Crochet Ministry 10 am	10	11 Men's breakfast, 8 am; Church Work Day
12 Casual Sunday CE Kickoff and Potluck	13	14	15 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Bosom Buddies 6:45 pm; NO Choir Rehearsal	16 Knit/Crochet Ministry 10 am	17	18
19	20	21 Monthly Birthday Lunch 11:30 am	22 Lunch & Learn 11:45 am; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	23 Knit/Crochet Ministry 10 am Autumn begins	24	25
26 Outreach Potluck	27 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	28 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation	29 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation; NO Lunch & Learn; Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	30 Pastor Marilyn on Vacation; Knit/Crochet Ministry 10 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.

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

May-September

10:00 a.m.

Worship
Child care provided

11:00 a.m.

Fellowship