



Focus

September 2012

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Pastor Marilyn's Monthly Musings

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Calendar

- If you receive the Focus electronically, you can access the calendar separately by clicking on the appropriate link (i.e. "May Calendar") on the Newsletter page of the website. The calendar page will still be available in paper form.

I don't know about you, but I can't believe it's already September! Where has the summer gone? Mine has sure been a blur. Already as I try to get in my evening gardening and walking it's getting dark much, much earlier. Whether we're ready or not, the times and the seasons keep changing on us. This is one of the reasons for the transformation journey we began together in January of 2011—life, the world, and the church, including how we understand our sense of mission and ministry, are ever-changing.

Thank you for your participation this summer in interacting with the draft Guiding Vision Statement that is a part of our transformation journey. The Vision Panel will begin meeting to incorporate your feedback in September, after which the Session will use it to set some Key Result Areas (goals and objectives) for our congregation and its ministries.

With the coming of fall means the return of Sunday morning children's and adult education opportunities, and the return of the Choir to the loft. I hope you'll join us for a "Welcome Back!" potluck following worship on Sunday, September 9.

With the temporary departure of Sandy Weigt for a year, we also have some leadership transitions, including the need to elect a new Ruling Elder to Session, which will happen in a called congregational meeting following worship Sunday, September 16.

Also in September, following worship on the 23rd we'll have the opportunity to hear from two Pres House students who participated in the Heifer International Global Village during an Outreach & Mission potluck program. I think the Heifer Global Villages are very cool and am looking forward to hearing from the Pres House students about their experiences.

Finally in September, my spouse, the Rev. Dr. Craig Howard, will be reinstated as Pastor of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Cottage Grove, and has honored me by asking me to preach for the service Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 p.m. It's a full month of mission and ministry.

See you in church, and in mission and ministry in our community!

Shalom in Christ Jesus—Marilyn

Liturgists for September

September 2	Bonnie Savonne
September 9	Kim Chan
September 16	Mike Holland
September 23	Janice Krall
September 30	Vreni Straubhaar

Ushers for September

Sep 2	Marcia Holman, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
Sep 9	Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
Sep 16	Vreni Straubhaar, Janice Krall, Rick Shannon
Sep 23	Rick Geiger, Mike Holland, Tom Jones
Sep 30	Keith Chan, Kim Chan, Janet Jones

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.

Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, September 16, 2012

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., immediately following morning worship, for the purpose of electing a Ruling Elder to Session to fill a two-year unexpired term.

September New Beginnings

The September New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, September 18th at 11:30 at The Original Pancake House, 5518 University Ave. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytown@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.

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.

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

Church Women United

The State Assembly for Church Women United of Wisconsin will be held Sept. 15 starting at 9 a.m. at Christ Presbyterian Church, Madison. Thelma Reynolds and I will attend. Several excellent speakers are planned. See the announcement on the CWU Bulletin Board in the Concourse. If anyone would like to go, please let me know.

Ellie Metzloff, CWU Key Woman

Fall Kickoff!

Sunday, September 9th is our Fall Kick-off Sunday, marking the return of Adult and Children's Sunday School, as well as the return of the choir to the loft. Fall Kick-off is casual Sunday, so please wear casual, comfortable clothes to worship!

Please join us after church for our Fall Church Kick-Off potluck to celebrate! This is a time for adults and young children to share food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share, as well as your own table service for the potluck. (We will certainly have the plates and utensils if you forget!)

Hope to see everyone there to kick off our church year!



Music News

Just a reminder: the choral season here will start back up with our first rehearsal on **August 29th at 7:30pm**. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 7:30pm this year, and we welcome any and all who wish to join. We are especially looking for women's voices this year! If you have questions about joining choir, please see Maggie.

MOM Needs:

Cereal
Pasta
Spaghetti sauce
Peanut butter
Fruit juice
Jelly
Cooking oil
Sugar
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Diapers (4,5,6)

September Worship Messages

Sunday, September 2—14th Sunday after Pentecost—"Getting the Inside Out" - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23—Communion

Sunday, September 9—15th Sunday after Pentecost—"Reaching Beyond Our Comfort Zone" - Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, September 16—16th Sunday after Pentecost—"Gaining New Perspective"—Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, September 23—17th Sunday after Pentecost—"Gaining More New Perspective" - Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, September 30—18th Sunday after Pentecost—"Being Inclusive and Being Exclusive" - Mark 9:38-50

Wednesday Lunch & Learn

Our Wednesday Lunch & Learn group continues studying the biblical book of Genesis. Genesis, meaning "origin," is a book of stories of God's early dealings with the world and, in particular, with the early Israelite, or Hebrew, people. We are exploring together 2-5 chapters covering particular stories per week through the summer and early fall.

Join us when and as you are able – we begin gathering for fellowship at 11:45 a.m., with class beginning at 12 Noon, Wednesdays!

English Books Collection for Purunchojang Church in Daegu, South Korea

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the English books collection for the Purunchojang Church's library in Daegu, South Korea.

With the help of First Presbyterian Church, Oregon, WI, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Cottage Grove, WI, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dubuque, IA, as well as our Dale Heights and Sah-lang church families, 57 boxes containing an estimated 2,500 books were shipped to the South Korean church in August!

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

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

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to Jane Koning and family as they mourn the death and celebrate the life of Jane's husband, John "Jack" Koning on August 19.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Jane at :

1380 W. Wisconsin Ave. # 235
Oconomowoc, WI 53066



Personal Safety and Belongings Reminder

For your personal safety, whenever you are working alone in the church, or during the week after your group has gathered, please ensure that the building doors are locked.

Please do not ever leave your wallets, purses, or other valuable personal belongings unattended in or around the church. In late May a Sah-lang Church member's wallet was stolen from her purse while she was teaching Sunday School.

Outreach News

The Outreach and Mission Committee is hosting a potluck on Sunday, September 23rd. The speakers are students from Pres House who will be talking to us about The Heifer International Global Villages. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table settings. Hope to see you there!

A big thanks to Edi Chan, Barb Fleishman, Harold Meyer, Gale Oakes, Bonnie Savonne, and June Zeeh for continuing to volunteer their time for hosting families requiring shelter at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Middleton. The next opportunity to get involved is in November. It is a blessing and privilege to meet and minister to these guests in a small way. So watch and listen for the next time we host guests as a "buddy church" to St. Luke's.

The next Outreach meeting will be Sunday, September 16th at 11:30am.

**You are cordially invited
to the (Re-) Installation
of the Rev. Dr. Craig M. Howard
as Pastor of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Cottage Grove, WI
Sunday, September 30, 2012
1:00 p.m.**

Transformation Coordinating Team Update

Having received the Guiding Vision Draft from the Vision Panel in June, the Transformation Coordinating Team has provided a number of opportunities for the congregation to interact with the Draft during the summer months. Thank you to all of you who have participated in the opportunities provided, and we are grateful for your continued thoughts and reflections as you interact with the Draft! The Transformation Coordinating Team will meet in mid-September to share what we have learned from the congregation. Again, thank you for your active participation as we look for where God is leading Dale Heights on this exciting journey as a people of God.



Session Highlights

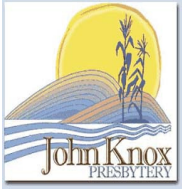
August 19, 2012

- During the Clerk of Session report, approved the July 15, 2012 state Session meeting minutes; reported that the Stated Clerk has set the annual Session records review opportunities for this September and October
- During the Property & Finance Committee report, heard a brief report on the July and year-to-date financials; conducted the annual review of insurance coverage; rescinded the July motion asking that in the next budget cycle a line item be added for hiring outside contractors to do some needed maintenance projects with the funds to come either from the operating budget or memorial funds; approved a motion to authorize the Pastor and the Property & Finance Chair to jointly approve spending up to \$1,000 for projects that need immediate attention without Session approval; approved a motion to request the Property & Finance Committee to contact an outside contractor to assess and bid on improving access to the Concourse air conditioning unit; approved a motion expressing appreciation to Dick Corey on donating and to Dick and Harold Meyer for installing an air conditioning unit in the MATC classroom; learned which two contractors will be asked to bid on replacing the parking lots; learned that the fall Stewardship Campaign is being planned; heard an update on replacing the sanctuary sound system; and heard an update on the church redecorating projects
- Received the monthly Pastor's report
- During the Care & Fellowship Committee report learned that the new co-chairs are Edi Chan and Vreni Straubhaar
- During the Christian Education Ministry Team report learned that children's Church School will meet every other week until there are more children; that there is one person interested in going through confirmation class; and discussed what kind of Christmas pageant to have this year
- During the Nominating Committee report approved calling a congregational meeting following worship Sunday, September 16, 2012 to elect a Ruling Elder to Session to fill a two-year unexpired term, with the person elected to be installed during worship Sunday, September 23, 2012
- During the Outreach & Mission Committee report heard a report about from Halfway Through the Road Construction Ice Cream Social for the Neighborhood; that the next meeting is September 16; that the potluck program speakers will be from Pres House on September 23; and that plans are underway to promote the Peacemaking Offering in September
- During the Personnel Committee report learned all employee and volunteer background checks are current; that Rick Shannon is the new chair; and that Edi Chan is a new member
- During the Transformation Team report learned that the next training is September 22, 2012
- During the Worship & Music Committee report learned that the August meeting has been rescheduled for August 29, 2012
- During miscellaneous business, received the August 18, 2012 John Knox Presbytery meeting report
- The next Session meeting was set for Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with Kim Chan leading devotions

Property & Finance Committee Highlights

August 14, 2012

- Gardens: seven replacement plaques will be ordered for those missing. A stone memorial for the front of the large garden will be ordered from Plaque Master. The inscription will read "Shirley-Dawn Jorgenson Memorial Garden, Dale Heights Presbyterian Church." Spring-flowering bulbs have been selected for planting in the Todd Memorial Garden. Discussed how to keep the box elders from shading out the Colorado Blue Spruce trees.
- Work days: Weeding and mulch spreading set for September 8, 9am. Prior to that date, 10 yards of oak bark mulch will be ordered. Broken window in Fellowship Hall will also be tended to.
- Redecorating task force presented the second "welcome" banner. Fellowship stairwell spackling and painting were discussed.
- A/C condensate line appears to be cleared—no leaking since earlier this summer. A future necessity: to make the ceiling A/C area more accessible, facilitating regular condensate line flushing with bleach.
- Lounge carpet: contact will be made with Dan the Carpet Man to request drawing out the bubbles in the current carpet and giving an estimate for the carpet's replacement.
- Hard surfaces: request from session for two estimates for parking lot resurfacing. Session, too, may approach someone for a bid. Brennans has been contacted about asphalt sidewalk/steps plans. Sah-lang church will do what they can to assist with parking lot costs. Still to come: estimate for concrete flat work to repair/replace crumbling pad in front of church office entrance.
- Stewardship: stewardship sermons are scheduled for October 28, November 4, and November 11. Pledges will be dedicated on November 11. A draft stewardship letter will be prepared before the next Finance committee meeting.
- From Session: a request that next year's 2013 budget include a line item for covering as-needed maintenance that volunteers are not able to provide. Finance Committee is asking session to provide a dollar figure. In a related matter, discussion of raising the dollar amount for expenditures requiring session approval. Currently, any unbudgeted expenditure over \$500 must have session approval.
- Insurance: reviewed the Guide One (Des Moines IA) and Lee Insurance (Muscatine IA) policy renewal information. Total cost has gone down around \$50. Pastor Marilyn earlier filled out a detailed questionnaire from Guide One and had sent them a copy of our church poly on "safe sanctuary."
- Thanks! Received from sewing teachers and students who appreciated the new mobile A/C unit during the record-breaking heat.
- Financial reports reviewed for period ending July 31, 2012. Year-to-date net budgeted income is \$6,105.
- Next meeting Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 7:00 pm.



John Knox Presbytery Meeting Highlights

Here are some highlights from the August 18, 2012 Meeting:

Met for the first time via video conferencing at five sites around the Presbytery: Covenant – Madison, WI, Westminster – Dubuque, IA, Community – Postville, IA, West Salem – West Salem, WI and First – Portage – Portage, WI.

- Honored Stated Clerk Alyson Janke with a surprise recognition of her having received the C. Fred Jenkins Constitutional Services Award during the 220th General Assembly meeting.
 - Participated in an Equipping the Saints time of study and worship.
 - During the Announcements received a thank you for those churches and pastors who participated in Dale Heights Presbyterian Church, Madison, WI's recent English book collection for a South Korean church.
 - Approved By Laws and Manual of Operation revisions from the Commissioned Ruling Elder Committee, the Committee on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Ethics Policy, the Nominating Committee, the Personnel Committee, and Presbytery Operations.
 - Received the Committee on Ministry report, during which noted the Presbytery's minimum effective salary for 2013 is \$39,975 and for 2014 is \$40,500; approved the proposed Administrative Commission to install Teaching Elder Craig Howard as Pastor of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Cottage Grove, WI on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.; examined, approved and commissioned Brenda Pulver to serve as Commissioned Ruling Elder to First Presbyterian Church, Oxford, WI and First Presbyterian Church, Packwaukee, WI; and approved granting COM the authority to waive the ordination exams of a Presbyterian Church of Korea member to so that the minister will be eligible to serve as pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Madison, WI, if the way be clear.
 - Received reports from 220th General Assembly Teaching Elder Commissioners Shirley Funk and Craig Howard, Ruling Elder Allen Hanson, and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Evangeline Smith.
 - Received an update on and encouragement to participate in the Presbyterian Mission Agency's 1,001 New Worshiping Communities initiative – see <http://www.onethousandone.org> for more information and resources.
 - Received the Nominating Committee report, during which elected Ruling Elder Herb Damsteegt and Teaching Elder Mark Achtemeier to the COM, and Teaching Elder Julie Waterdu to the Personnel Committee.
 - Received the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, WI Administrative Commission report.
 - Received the Commissioned Ruling Elder Committee report that it has approved Ruling Elder Mathew Decker as a Seeker.
 - Received the Committee on Preparation for Ministry report, during which approved enrolling Evan Stark and Alicia Maxwell as Inquirers, and approved Teaching Elders Tim Gerarden and Kristen Rick as readers for the Standard Ordination Exams.
 - Received the Presbytery Council report, during which approved the 2013 Budget of \$336,624.00; approved setting the Presbytery's 2013 per capita at \$16.25, noting the Synod per capita will be \$5.00 and the GA per capita will be \$6.80, for a total 2013 per capita of \$28.05; approved retaining the Shared Mission Pledge percentages in 2013; elected Ruling Elders Tom Iverson and Jerry Miller, and Teaching Elder Cindy Arndt to the Nominating Committee; and approved setting aside the Bylaws to allow the following changes in 2012 and 2013 Presbytery meeting dates: November 10, 2012 at LaCrosse-First for consideration of Amendments, February 16, 2013 via video conference; May 21, 2013 at TBA, August 20, 2013 via video conference, and November 9, 2013 at TBA.
 - Received the Personnel Committee report, during which approved new terms of call for Executive Presbyter Ken Meunier; and noted Presbytery Administrator Judy Crostenberg's 25th anniversary of service to JKP.
 - Received the Executive Presbyter, Treasurer, and Stated Clerk's reports. During the Stated Clerk's Report received a request to make sure Clerks of Session received the Meetings Reviewing Session Records fall schedule; thanked the Presbytery for its expressions of congratulations on her award and recognized her predecessor Stated Clerks: Ray W. G. Bayley, E. John Harle, and Duncan Brockway; and reported having received a written accusation against a Teaching Elder member of the Presbytery, and that an Investigative Committee has been appointed by the Presbytery Moderator.
- The next meeting will be Saturday, November 10, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church, LaCrosse, WI.

Read through the Bible in 1 Year!

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

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Sunday Schedule

9:00-10:00am

Christian Education for all ages

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

Fellowship

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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