



# Focus

August 2014

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## A Message from Pastor Roger

### Dale Heights Staff

Pastor:

Rev. Roger Roberts

Director of Music & Office Manager:

Maggie Rogers

Financial Secretary:

Dick Corey

Custodian:

Rick Geiger

### MOM Needs

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

### Thanks for your reception!

It's great to be "on board" with you good folks at Dale Heights Presbyterian Church! Nancy and I are grateful for the warm reception you have given us as your pastor and wife. I'm humbled by your willingness to extend a call to such an "unknown quantity" as a senior adult, lifetime Baptist and longtime minister of Baptist churches, to be your under-shepherd and teaching elder.

Although I'm advanced in age, I'm the "new kid on the block," with much to learn about Presbyterianism. I've reached out to numerous mentors, especially to Presbyterian minister friends, but I'm also reaching out to you for guidance and counsel as I familiarize myself with your church language, liturgy, lectionary and DHPC ways of doing things. My emotions of nervous anticipation are not unlike those I experienced nearly 47 years ago when I accepted my first charge as pastor of a new church plant my first year in seminary. I'll always be grateful for the patience of those people in my first ministry, and I'm sure I'll be just as grateful to you for your understanding and support.

As I shared with the Pastor Search Committee, my passion and commitment as a pastor are the ministries of prayer, the word, and spiritual direction. Although I will seek to encourage your leaders in carrying out your ministries that will impact the community and reinvigorate your sense of kingdom-of-God mission, my focus will be on personal relationships. I welcome and even desire your sharing with me your prayer concerns, and I'll seek to share with you spiritual direction based on God's word. I'm classified as 40% of fulltime, which translates to 16 hours per week of ministry, but you can be sure my concerns, thoughts and involvement with the DHPC family will be close to fulltime!

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I've always admired and sought to learn from great preachers, and the tradition of great Presbyterian preaching has been well-known from the beginning. Although I don't consider myself to be among the best pulpiteers, preaching has been and will continue to be my priority in ministry. Most of my sermon preparation will take place in my study at home, where I have my library and where I can be available to Nancy as her caregiver.

As soon as I arrange for other regular caregivers for Nancy, as much as possible I'll establish office hours, which I hope can coincide with the day(s) Maggie Rogers is also in the office. I'm eager to get acquainted with all of you, so I welcome you to schedule with me a personal visit, either in the church office, your home or workplace. Primarily because of Nancy's need for ample rest, I'm asking you to make contact with me directly at church or through Session members, if outside of my church office hours.

I'm looking forward to sharing this faith journey with you in the days ahead, and as a good Presbyterian would say, *Soli deo Gloria* (to God alone be glory)!

—Pastor Roger

**August 3** 8th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Mike Holland

**Ushers:** Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

**August 10** 9th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Otty Schaefer

**Ushers:** Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

**August 17** 10th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Melanie Klump

**Ushers:** Vreni Straubhaar, Janice Krall, Rick Shannon

**August 24** 11th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Edi Chan

**Ushers:** Elizabeth Ndafooka, Mike Holland, Tom Jones

**August 31** 12th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Gale Oakes

**Ushers:** Keith Chan, Kim Chan, Jim Tracey

To welcome and help Reverend Roberts learn the names of our congregation, June Zeeh has made nametags for everyone. The nametags will be on the table next to the rear entrance. Please return them to the table after each worship/fellowship time so they will be available for the next Sunday. We would like everyone to wear their nametag for 2-3 months.

Your cooperation will be appreciated—especially by Reverend Roberts!

—Worship & Music Committee

### **The Time for Singing Has Come!**

Yes, it's that time of year again! Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, August 28th at 7:30pm, with the first Sunday in the loft being September 7th. We always welcome new voices! If you are interested in joining the choir, please let Maggie know prior to the first rehearsal.



## **Property & Finance Highlights**

**July 8, 2014**

- Memorial Gardens: 10 yards of “garden mix” soil has been delivered and some spread and sloped on the southeast wall of the office wing (where water has been leaking into the MATC classroom and producing mold).
- Flooring: Dirty Ducts Cleaning bid (received in June) for possible asbestos flooring removal in areas of the church property was discussed. We will obtain a bid for sheet vinyl flooring in lounge, MATC classroom, and basement hallway.
- Peace Pole: learned that Session has given their approval of the Peace Pole garden project as designed. The landscape architect, Jane Kuzma, will be contacted so that Kittleson can proceed with the laying of pavers and edging. Funding sources and congregational giving opportunities for the project were discussed.
- Work Days: there is a need for additional wheelbarrows and manpower to help in the spreading of the new soil.
- Pastor’s office: to be painted before the new pastor’s arrival.
- Financials: as of 6/30/14, actual net income remains firmly in the black.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 7pm.

### New Church Librarian

June Zeeh has assumed the position of librarian of the Dale Heights Church Library, succeeding Tom Jones.

Due to the lack of space and the difficulty of adding new material to an established cataloguing system, no new contributions are being accepted.

It is easy to check out a book by merely writing your name and the book's title on the provided check-out slip.

### August New Beginnings

The August New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, August 19 at 11:30 at Olive Garden, 7017 Mineral Point Rd. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or [marytowne@chorus.net](mailto:marytowne@chorus.net) for reservations. Thank you.

### Church Women United

Church Women United is planning for the State Assembly which will be held in Platteville on September 27th. An important mission project is making schoolbags and filling them with necessary school supplies for needy children living in Platteville. A sign-up sheet is in the Concourse, along with a labeled box to collect items church members would like to donate. Sandy Weigt and

Kate Dooley have already made several bags. The bags will be assembled in August.

This is a separate project from MOM's school supply drive and is not meant to take away from it.



If you have any questions, please see Kate Dooley or Ellie Metzloff.

### August Birthdays

- August 3 Grant Lembcke
- August 6 Kelsey Shannon
- August 8 Lenore Mercer  
Carl Metzloff
- August 11 Bill Holman
- August 19 Janice Krall
- August 23 Sam Roecker
- August 25 Sasha Jakovich (2006)
- August 27 Frank Rodriguez  
Jane Williams
- August 28 Amy Schendel

### August Anniversaries

- August 11 Dale Buske and Gale Oakes
- August 17 Bill and Norma Sebert
- August 18 Janet and Tom Jones
- August 31 Vicki and Gerry Klump

### 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.

# Outreach & Mission

July 2014 *Outreach* News

**Please stay tuned to hear about our next Outreach activity. We have several potluck speakers in mind, but we would love to hear about your ideas.**

I guess we all must be relaxing and taking it easy for the summer because there is not much to report.

We would suggest that you contribute to the MOM School Supply collection, or Church Women United's school supply collection noted elsewhere in the Focus. As always, thank you for all of your support!

—*Barb Fleishman, Chairwoman, Ray Bayley, Kate Dooley, Gale Oakes, and Wendy Weber*

Each year, MOM runs a School Supply Program that provides school-aged children and teens with items that they will need to be successful in the upcoming year. Through the dedicated efforts of donors who supply the items and volunteers who assemble the packs, over 700 children will receive a backpack filled with a robust collection of the supplies they need, customized by the grade in which they are entering.



**You can help!** The program collects items now through the third week in August. During this time, consider the following:

- If you have a child, **consider buying double** of what is on your child's list.
- Help **organize a supply drive** in your neighborhood, your church or at your office.
- **Make a donation at an area Drive Location**

Not sure what to buy? **Purchase items off of our** most needed list.

- **Donate used clothing and sporting goods for school-aged children.** Families will be encouraged to also visit the Clothing Closet during supply pickup and we'd love for it to be stocked for back-to-school!

# 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**

## Wisdom for Life

August-1 Isaiah 1-4  
August-2 Isaiah 5-9  
August-3 Isaiah 10-14  
August-4 Isaiah 15-21  
August-5 Isaiah 22-26  
August-6 Isaiah 27-31  
August-7 Isaiah 32-37  
August-8 Isaiah 38-42  
August-9 Isaiah 43-46  
August-10 Isaiah 47-51  
August-11 Isaiah 52-57  
August-12 Isaiah 58-63  
August-13 Isaiah 64-66

## Tears for God's People

Aug-14 Jeremiah 1-3  
August-15 Jeremiah 4-6  
August-16 Jeremiah 7-10  
August-17 Jeremiah 11-14  
August-18 Jeremiah 15-18  
August-19 Jeremiah 19-22  
August-20 Jeremiah 23-25  
August-21 Jeremiah 26-28  
August-22 Jeremiah 29-31  
August-23 Jeremiah 32-33  
August-24 Jeremiah 34-36  
August-25 Jeremiah 37-40  
August-26 Jeremiah 41-44  
August-27 Jeremiah 45-48  
August-28 Jeremiah 49-50  
August-29 Jeremiah 51-52  
August-30 Lamentations 1-2  
August 31 Lamentations 3-5



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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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