



# Focus

September 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)**

### **International Ministries: The World at our Doorstep**

Thank you for the way you have welcomed and encouraged Nancy and me in our now six-plus-week-old ministry with you. I certainly agree with all the people who have told me what a sweet, friendly and warmhearted fellowship you are!

Most of you know by now about my passion for ministry to internationals, which made its way into my heart during our ministry with an international church in Brussels, Belgium. God saw fit to lead Nancy and me to make our new home here in Madison, a city with more than its fair share of internationals, largely due to a major university. One reason I'm excited to serve as pastor of Dale Heights is our relative proximity to UW, and especially to Eagle Heights, the large student housing complex, which houses mainly international students.

Dale Heights has traditionally been involved in ministry to internationals, having a good number within its membership; we also support ministries such as the extremely practical and helpful furniture exchange program. I believe the door will open for us to minister in additional ways to the international community.

To that end, I've invited my friend and ministry colleague Jean-René Watchou to share with us in our worship service on September 14. Jean-René is Internationals Ministry Director at Christ Presbyterian Church, and is doing a superb job ministering to internationals through a variety of practical activities that serve as a strong witness for the message of Christ. It's been my pleasure to have participated in a number of his activities, such as international dinners and Friday night English conversation sessions.

In our worship service Jean-René will give us an overview of opportunities for Dale Heights to extend our involvement with internationals. Also, he plans to bring along with him an international who is benefiting from this ministry, and also a volunteer from the church whose life has been enriched through serving in this ministry. These two will share a brief testimony with us, followed by Jean-René's challenge to us.

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Although we will continue to give support to missions that take place in other lands, it's a fact that the world is coming to America, and in particular to cities like Madison. We have our own international mission field, right here at our doorstep.

As we let God expand our vision for the world at our doorstep, let's continue to serve those who are already part of our church family. I'm grateful for the way you faithfully pray for and minister to one another and let the love of Jesus shine through you.

Yours in His service,

*—Pastor Roger*

**September 7**            13th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Vreni Straubhaar

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

**September 14**            14th Sunday after Pentecost; Presentation by Jean-René Watchou

**Liturgist:** Kate Dooley

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

**September 21**            15th Sunday after Pentecost; International Day of Peace

**Liturgist:** Kate Dooley

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

**September 28**            16th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Roy Lembcke

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

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*



### **Children's Church School**

We plan to be prepared to take children out of worship at a time yet to be determined for church school each Sunday starting September 7. Lessons and activities have been prepared so they can easily be taught with little advanced preparation. Supplies are available.

We need help with this! Gale Oakes and Sandy Weigt are lined up to teach but more individuals are needed to help. You will need to have a background check completed in order to teach. You should also look over the lessons and materials. See Gale or Sandy for more information.

### **Adult Studies**

Are you interested in restarting Wednesday's Lunch & Learn and/or the Sunday morning adult class? Great! Let Sandy Weigt know and we will try to get something started. Wendy Weber may have a book to consider for study that she learned about at the August Presbytery meeting. We can think about other options too. Leaders are needed. Please don't think that if you express interest in the class that you will be tapped to lead it. We do need leaders but we also need interest expressed.

### *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 10 Lucille and Ray Miller*

### **Church Women United**

Church Women United, Kate, and Ellie thank you for responding so generously to the mission project for Platteville school bags and supplies! Bravo!

September's Forum will be held September 5th beginning at 9am at Good Shepherd Parish, St. Joseph's Church, 1905 W. Beltline Hwy. Felicia Jones will speak on "Extending Grace—A Personal Faith Journey." All are invited.

The state CWU Assembly will be held Saturday, September 27th at Peace Lutheran Church in Platteville. The theme is "Extending God's Shalom to the World." Ellie will be attending.



—Ellie Metzloff and Kate Dooley, CWU Co-Key Women

## **September New Beginnings**

The September New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, September 16 at 11:30 at Noodles & Company, 3600 University Ave.

Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or [marytowne@chorus.net](mailto:marytowne@chorus.net) for reservations. Thank you.

## **Summer Special Music Thank You!**

Thank you to all those who participated in the summer special music program! Your participation is much appreciated!

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

Yes, it's that time of year again! Choir rehearsals have resumed, and the choir will return to the loft on September 7th. We always welcome new voices! If you are interested in joining the choir, please let Maggie know!



## **Property & Finance Highlights**

**August 12, 2014**

- Painting and repairs: pastor's office has been painted. The concourse ceiling has been repaired and painted.
- Flooring: discussed asbestos flooring removal proposal; entire project would take 3-4 days, less if only one or two rooms are done. Still to come: a bid for sheet vinyl flooring.
- Peace Pole: referred to session some ideas about funds for the garden. A drawing of the garden will be included in the newsletter.
- Soil fill around the parking lot has been done. Next up, leveling off, seeding, and erosion control. Five more yards of garden mix soil will be ordered.
- Drainage and water issues: discussion of drainage tubing type and placement, as well as sealing options around air conditioners and under MATC fire door to keep water from coming in the building. Related issue: the mold will be cleaned from the MATC classroom.
- Financials: committee reviewed the financial status documents as of 7/31/14. "Membership Plus" program, currently used for recording member donations, is phasing out; material about another option was reviewed. An effort will be made to see what methods other churches in the Presbytery use.
- Online bill payment: Quickbooks charges \$15.95 a month for this option. We won't be using it.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 7pm.



# Outreach & Mission

September *Outreach* News

Welcome back! Come join us for our first potluck of the year on **Sunday, September 14**. The potluck will be focusing on the Peace Pole and Peacemaking. Yes, the topic will be peace and peaceful and we will have wonderful information and perspectives about various aspects of peace! We hope to see you as we enjoy fellowship around the tables, eating the traditional delicious potluck foods.

September 21st is World Peace Day, which we will celebrate, and explore different facets of the meaning of peace as they relate to our lives. We will also discuss the placement of our Peace Pole in a new area in front of the church known right now as The Peace Pole Garden. In the next couple of weeks you will hear more about the vision for the Garden, which is an exciting new venture in the life of the church.

Our Outreach Committee will begin sharing the general plan for the Garden this coming Sunday, August 31st. This includes our vision of what it could represent, how it could be used, and also sharing with you about opportunities to contribute to the Garden. We hope to begin fundraising for the Garden beginning September 7th through World Communion Sunday, October 4th. PCUSA describes this time period as the *Season of Peace*.

Thanks to all of you for your contributions to the MOM and Church Women United School Supply drives! Your response to the call was amazing.

Your Outreach committee thanks all of you for your support, your help when requested, your attendance at the potlucks, and of course, your delicious foods. **Please stay tuned to hear about our future Outreach activities. We have several potluck speakers in mind, but we would love to hear about your ideas.**

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

# 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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