



Focus

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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)*

Things Close to the Heart

Nobody likes a pastor who talks too much about money, and I really want you dear folks at Dale Heights to like me! So, I won't talk too much about giving, but during the annual stewardship and pledge drive I'll be happy to give my "two cents worth" of encouragement to all of us to reflect on the importance of financial stewardship.

In a previous pastorate, after giving my annual stewardship sermon, a young man visiting our service for the first time came up to me, and he was visibly upset. He informed me that ours was the third church he had visited on consecutive Sundays, and every sermon he had heard was on the subject of giving. "God must be trying to tell you something," was my response.

Jesus could have been accused of speaking too much about money, because, except for the kingdom of God itself, he had more to say about managing our material wealth than anything else. Our Lord knows the vital connection between the condition of our hearts and how we think of and manage our finances. Jesus said things like, "You cannot serve both God and money" and "beware of the desire to get rich," and "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Jesus was saying that whatever we invest in becomes closest to our heart.

Here at Dale Heights we have opportunities to invest in the work of the kingdom of God. The annual stewardship and budget pledge campaign will begin in a few weeks. The budget income supports the ministries of the church and its outreach into the community and world. We also are receiving gifts and pledges for the Peace Pole Project, a development of a prayer and meditation garden, a quiet place for prayer and sharing, and possibly for community gatherings on our church grounds. Many gifts have already been received, and the construction project will soon be underway. There are and always will be additional opportunities to give to Kingdom and community causes worthy of our support.

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God has been good to Dale Heights Church, and because of the faithful giving of his people we enjoy a lovely facility and ministries that strengthen us and that touch the lives of many in our community. You won't hear me talking too much about money—at least not more than did our Lord Jesus! But as your pastor, I want us all to be aware that our giving to the Lord, his tithes and our gifts of gratitude, go a long way in keeping our hearts in the right place—close to the heart of God.

Yours in His service,

—Pastor Roger

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 Roger at a mutually convenient time throughout the month.

October 5	17th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday & Dedication of Peacemaking Offering	Liturgist: Sandy Weigt	Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
October 12	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Liturgist: Jamie Klump	Ushers: Joan Hicks, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
October 19	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Liturgist: Elizabeth Ndafooka	Ushers: Vreni Straubhaar, Janice Krall, Rick Shannon
October 26	20th Sunday after Pentecost; Reformation Sunday	Liturgist: Janice Krall	Ushers: Elizabeth Ndafooka, Mike Holland, Tom Jones



Children's Church School

We are now prepared to take children out of worship at a time yet to be determined for church school each Sunday. 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.

October Birthdays

- October 6 Sautsani Ndafooka
Wendy Weber
- October 9 Mary Towne
- October 24 Marlowe Eldridge
- October 31 Barb Fleishman

October Anniversaries

- October 3 Caroline Pope and
Marlowe Eldridge
- October 25 Frank and Jeanne Rodriguez

Church Women United

Ellie will be attending the Annual CWU State Assembly on Saturday, September 27 at Peace Lutheran Church in Platteville. The Assembly theme is "Bringing God's Shalom to Our World—Promoting Health and Justice for All." At that time the school, the school supply kits made and assembled earlier will be delivered. Thanks again for your help!

On Friday, October 3, at 9am, CWU will hold its forum, "Diabetes and Pharmacy" at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2019 Fisher Street. The speaking is Dr. Eva M. Vivian, Associate Professor of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin. All are invited.



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

Nametags

Please continue to wear your nametag through the end of October, to continue helping Pastor Roger learn the names of the congregation. Your cooperation has been, and will continue to be, much appreciated!

—Worship & Music Committee

October New Beginnings

The October New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, October 21 at 11:30 at Adler's, 8202 Watts Rd.

Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 831-6635 or marytowne@chorus.net for reservations. Thank you.



Property & Finance Highlights

September 9, 2014

- Memorial Gardens: two blue spruce trees will be purchased to replace the dead/dying Gebhardt trees.
- Peace Pole Garden: as of this meeting, donations are about \$1380.
- Parking Lot: additional soil has been purchased to fill around the lot.
- Plumbing: a plumber has installed shut-off valves which will allow easier installation of new faucets.
- The picture we received from Pres House will be hung in the Concourse.
- Contribution Record-Keeping Software: based on Maggie's evaluation of information received in reply to a request through Presbytery, we decided to order Realm as the successor to Membership Plus, which is no longer supported by the provider.
- Stewardship Campaign: tentative plans were made for a late October/early November campaign. We will seek input/guidance from Pastor Roger about sermons and needs he foresees. We'll also check with Gerry Klump for his usual musical contribution.
- Financials: committee reviewed the financial status documents as of 7/31/14. There will be some change in this report due to difficulty with the retirement fund set up for Pastor Roger. Fidelity Investments has been returning our contributions to the account. Maggie is working with them to resolve.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 7pm.

Outreach & Mission



October *Outreach* News

With the new school year well on its way, there are events past, present, and future to mention:

Peacemaking Offering

The last day to contribute to the Peacemaking Offering will be Sunday, October 5th. Yes, if you forget, we'll be happy to accept donations after that! There will be Peacemaking envelopes available; however, they may say something to the effect of "Faith Connects."

Potlucks

The theme of the first potluck of the year was The Peace Pole Garden and Fund, presented on Sunday, September 14th. Gale Oakes introduced the subject of peace and the use of peace symbols in our daily lives, **specifically those used on our Peace Pole and their meaning to us**. Gale and Wendy introduced the garden and offered opportunities available to individuals to donate to the funding of the garden. Some funds have already been allocated from memorial funds and the Men's Breakfast fund. Thank you! There are forms and envelopes available in the concourse to aid you in making a donation to the fund. An outright donation either in cash or by check (designated for the Peace Pole fund) may be made. It's also possible to pledge a gift to the fund in honor or memory of a person or event, and payment may be made in the future. This is mentioned because Dale Heights has several programs soliciting funds, which we would like to encourage members to participate in.



Our next potluck will be on Sunday, October 26th. Pastor Roger will be the presenter and will talk about his and Nancy's life and ministry while in Brussels, Belgium, and he will also help us get to know him and his family more. He will share photos with us as well. Come join all your Dale Heights friends for this presentation and the traditional delicious food.

Pres House

We will be serving supper once again at Pres House on Sunday, October 19th. Supper will be served at 5:30pm following the 4:30 worship service. We have been blessed to have members so generously donate food, money, and their presence and help for this wonderful Outreach activity. Thanks in advance for your continued support. If you would like to help in some way, please notify Wendy Weber or Edi Chan for further information. A sign-up sheet will be available in the concourse as well. The items for the menu are: sloppy joes, buns, chips, veggies/dip, pear salad, chocolate/white milk, and brownies and ice cream for dessert. Last spring we gathered at the church a day or so before to prepare most everything for the meal and enjoyed sitting down to eat and fellowship together. Come join us!

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Outreach & Mission



October Outreach News, continued

The Road Home

Our next commitment to The Road Home shelter will be Thanksgiving weekend. We will join forces with the Waunakee Presbyterian Church to provide the meal, children's activities, and overnight coverage that Dale Heights has provided by itself in the past.

Please stay tuned to hear about our future Outreach activities! We have several potluck speakers in mind, but we would love to hear your ideas!

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

2014 Madison CROP Walk

Please join us on October 19th for the 2014 Madison area CROP Walk! The Walk begins at First Congregational UCC (1609 University Ave) with registration at 12:45pm and the walk starting at 1:30pm.

Pledge packets are available for those interested in participating, and if you can't participate, please consider contributing to someone who is! See Barb Fleishman for more details.



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

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

The story of Jesus

October 13 Mark 1-3

October 14 Mark 4-5

October 15 Mark 6-7

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



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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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