



Focus

May 2015

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Memorial Month of May

Monday, May 25th is Memorial Day, a federal holiday that focuses on honoring those who died in military service. Many of us will use this occasion to honor all our deceased loved ones, and may do so by visiting cemeteries, or my sending cards, phone calls, and email messages to close friends and relatives, reminding them that their deceased loved one is not forgotten.

Dale Heights has a lovely Memorial Garden, where ashes of former members of the church are scattered, and whose names are engraved on a memorial plaque in our foyer. The ashes of our recently deceased member, the Reverend Ray Bayley, will soon be scattered in this garden, as will the ashes of Dorothy Dietrich, who was the widow of former Dale Heights pastor Tom Dietrich. The Dietrich family invites our church family to participate in her Memorial Garden service this Memorial Day (time to be announced).

The subject of death is unpopular in our death-denying culture, which promotes remedies for increasing our longevity and illusions that if only we do the "right things" we can keep ourselves healthy and young. But I find, now that I'll reach a milestone birthday this month and become a septuagenarian, I need to give more thought to my mortality and invest more of myself in leaving behind a good heritage, and also increase my investment in the eternal kingdom.

One of the truly remarkable aspects of the Christian faith is the way we can and should face death as a reality, but also, because of Christ's death and resurrection, a defeated foe (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). Surely the death of a loved one, even a beloved pet, brings the grief and sorrow of separation. But Paul says our grief is radically different from that of unbelievers because we have the indomitable hope of our resurrection and everlasting life on this soon-to-be redeemed and remade earth (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

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Some of the most amazing and yes, delightful experiences in my 47-plus years of ordained ministry have been the occasions I have been privileged to minister to fellow believers who have come to the end of their mortal lives. In all these death-facing experiences, I never encountered fear on the part of those who belong to the Lord (yes, sometimes their loved ones expressed fear, possibly of the unknown and of their temporal loss). It's always appeared that those who belong to the Lord are given the witness of the Spirit, who gives assurance that we're better off "at home with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). This is "peace that surpasses understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

As we honor those who have departed from us, let's do so with the ongoing celebration of the victory of Christ's, and consequently our, resurrection. Death is a foe, but also a defeated one.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*

May 3 5th Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Jamie Klump

Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

May 10 6th Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Aundrea Price

Ushers: TBD, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

May 17 7th Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Elizabeth Ndafooka

Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar

May 24 Day of Pentecost

Liturgist: Wendy Weber

Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp

May 31 Trinity Sunday

Liturgist: Melanie Klump

Ushers: Keith Chan, Jim Tracey, Kris Tracey

May New Beginnings

The May New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, May 19 at 11:30 at Imperial Garden, 2039 Allen Blvd, Middleton. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations. **Please note new phone number and email.** Thank you.

Church Women United

On Friday, May 1, CWU will meet for lunch and celebration of May Friendship Day. The celebration will take place at Wellspring United Methodist Church, 5702 South Hill Drive. Ellie Metzloff, Kate Dooley, and Barb Fleishman will represent Dale Heights. Cherie Milton of Agrace Hospice Care will speak on the topic "Journey of the Caregiver."

At this event, we will also turn in our Least Coin Offering, totaling \$45.65.

—Ellie Metzloff & Kate Dooley
Co-Key Women

May Birthdays

May	5	Paul Holland
May	9	Anne Lembcke
May	11	Hannah Eldridge
May	15	Dagmar Bartels
May	16	Maggie Rogers
May	20	Janet Jones Rick Shannon
May	24	Jim Tracey
May	29	Roger Roberts

May Anniversary

May	27	Grant & Anne Lembcke
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Property & Finance Highlights

April 14, 2015

- Reviewed a list of outdoor projects for April and May lawn/garden work days.
- Lounge flooring: will obtain a "light commercial" flooring bid from another vendor.
- Fire alarm system: the present company, Tyco, has not been satisfactory lately. The committee reviewed estimates from two other companies.
- Financials: reviewed the financial status reports as of 3/31/2015. Learned that a staff salary adjustment is being made in lieu of health care insurance.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 7pm.



May *Outreach* News

Past Activities

The Road Home

We again served with Waunakee Presbyterian Church in late April for our Road Home commitment. How fortunate we are to have help, and to fellowship together with the Waunakee members and Road Home residents! Our next commitment is July 12-19 (overnight July 17). If you would like to help out, please see Wendy Weber.

Continuing Activities

Peace Garden

Watch for work and progress in the Peace Garden as spring has emerged! Easter and its gift of rebirth can be a time to remember and honor loved ones with a gift to the Peace Garden Fund. Forms and envelopes remain available in the concourse. Thanks for your past and future support!

One Great Hour of Sharing

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering is in progress from mid-April to mid-May. Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) serves to help change the lives of people who are in these challenging situations. The offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. OGHS, traditionally received in the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. We look forward to continuing to share this program and information with you through weekly Minutes for Mission.



Please take a fish collection box and 2015 OGHS calendar, available on the table outside the sanctuary. The calendar is not merely a stewardship tool, but also a daily opportunity to educate and discuss how our faith, when acted upon, makes a difference in the world. Please remember to bring your OGHS coin box or check on or before May 10, when the offering will be dedicated. Thank you!

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Outreach & Mission

May Outreach News, continued

Looking Ahead...

Mallards “Church Night”

The Madison Mallards are hosting a “Church Night” on June 28th. The cost is \$18, which includes a pre-game tailgate meal (brats, burgers, chicken breasts, chips and slaw, and a non-alcoholic beverage). Please let an Outreach member or Pastor Roger know if you are interested in attending.

Calling All Bikers!

There is another great project to join with fellow Presbyterians! Doug Poland from Covenant Presbyterian and Mark Elsdon from Pres House offer us good information about biking for a good cause. Doug says, “Thanks to all of you who rode on the Presbywheelians team in the Bike for Boys & Girls Club last year. The 2015 B4BGC is only a few months off now. We have an ambitious goal this year of 100 riders (we had 75 last year) and we are seeking to raise \$20,000 (versus \$15,000 last year), so please circulate this message far and wide to anyone you know who might be interested in riding with the Presbywheelians in the Bike for Boys & Girls Club on July 18.”

The Outreach Committee invites you to find out more and join in! Contact Wendy for more information, or check out the Presbywheelians Facebook page.

We thank you for your ongoing assistance and we would love to hear about your ideas! What would you like to see Dale Heights do in terms of Outreach and for our Dale Heights neighbors?

—Pastor Roger Roberts (ex officio), Kate Dooley, Barb Fleishman (chairperson), Ruby Meyer, Gale Oakes, Aundrea Price, and Wendy Weber



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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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