



Focus

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Celebration of Independence

What's more American than apple pie, a picnic, and the celebration of the Fourth of July? As Americans and especially as followers of Christ, independence and freedom are treasured concepts. We who claim Christ as our Lord and Savior enjoy independence from the bondage of sin and the fear of death, and are free to follow Christ without the restraints of human and religious traditions and the expectations of others. And, we're privileged to live in a country that models to the world personal freedoms from tyranny and oppression. We celebrate Independence Day as the birthday of our national freedom, a freedom that has been maintained at no small price. As I read on the envelope of a recently received letter, "freedom is not free." Our forefathers paid a great price for our freedom, as have generations of our nation's military.

Dale Heights is a church that supports individuals and organizations that promote freedom, justice, and opportunity for all. In a recent worship service, we invited Sarah Smoot, from the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice to preach a sermon and share in a Q&A time during a potluck lunch. We can be grateful for individuals and organizations we can support that are working to preserve freedom and opportunity for all of our citizens. Each one of us as a follower of Christ has the responsibility to exercise our rights as a citizen and our opportunities to seek the better good of all the people. This at times translates to our responsibility to speak out and possibly dissent when public, economic and government policies are unjust.

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Also, as followers of Christ, we should be concerned about the millions who live in lands of overt political oppression. Of course, we know about and pray for followers of Christ in lands of persecution, and we have the opportunity to support organizations that care for our oppressed brothers and sisters. And we must always remember that the most important freedom comes through a relationship with Christ, who said he gives us true freedom, which is available to all, regardless of one's circumstances (John 8:32). Christ gives freedom from the power of moral and emotional weakness, self-centeredness, fear and even death itself. We should seek this freedom for ourselves and for others, even as we also celebrate our political freedom as a nation this July 4th.

Let freedom ring!

Yours in his love and service,

—Pastor Roger

July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost; American Folk Hymn Sunday

Liturgist: Dick Corey

Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Aundrea Price

Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer, June Zeeh

July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Jennifer Jones

Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar

July 26 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: June Zeeh

Ushers: Mike Holland, Marcia Holman, Elizabeth Ndafooka

July New Beginnings

The July New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, July 21 at 11:30 at C's Restaurant & Bakery, 2550 Allen Blvd. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

Church Women United

Hooray! Our very own Kate Dooley was elected President of Church Women United in Madison. We are very proud and we know she'll do a fine job. She is insightful, well-organized and personable. We will keep you posted on fall events as soon as they are announced.

Please mark your calendars: Session has approved the CWU request that the November 6 World Community Day Celebration be held here at Dale Heights.

—Ellie Metzloff & Kate Dooley
Co-Key Women



July Birthdays

- June 1 Willy Straubhaar, Sr.
Kris Tracey
- July 2 Debbie Doshier
- July 8 Bonnie Savonne
- July 11 Melanie Klump
- July 12 Marcia Holman
- July 13 Margie Shumate
- July 23 Otty Schaefer
- July 27 Jennifer Jones
- July 28 Rick Geiger

July Anniversaries

- July 13 Maggie & Brian Rogers
- July 16 Sandy & Don Weigt
- July 25 Bill & Marcia Holman

Thank you to everyone who voted for the Annual Hymn Festival! If your favorites didn't make the cut on June 14, don't despair! We will be singing the other vote-getters throughout the summer so no one is left out.

And a big thank-you to Maggie for preparing the Festival!



Property & Finance Highlights

June 9, 2015

- Flooring: signed contracts for lounge asbestos flooring removal and installation of vinyl flooring after learning Session has approved these expenditures. Will plan for the work to be done in July.
- Concrete repairs: signed contract for these repairs after learning Session has approved the expenditure.
- Peace Pole Garden: discussed reconstruction of existing benches from the back garden. Also discussed stain colors for wooden latticework.
- Summer work days will continue on Saturdays, weather permitting.
- Compliance with fire marshal report: required corrections have been made to a sanctuary door, and stairwell ladders have been moved to the garage.
- Financials: reviewed the financial status reports as of 5/31/2015.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2015, 7pm.



Session Highlights

June 8, 2015

- The ashes of Dorothy Dietrich and Ray Bayley were spread in the Memorial Gardens.
- Wendy Weber reported on the 4PM (Four Presbytery Meeting) held at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells.
- Committee reports from Property & Finance and Worship were found in the June newsletter.
- Maggie Rogers tore the lateral meniscus in her right knee prior to worship on May 24. An insurance claim has been filed. Her vacation plans are changed and her office hours will vary due to therapy and possible surgery.
- A shared worship service and picnic with the Sah-lang congregation is being considered.
- Individuals are encouraged to attend the Christ Presbyterian Church English-speaking class on Friday nights.
- Church Women United will hold their World Community Day celebration here on Friday, November 6, 2015.
- The next Session meeting will be Monday, August 17, 2015, at 7:00pm.



Outreach & Mission

July *Outreach* News

Peace Garden

The Peace Garden continues to progress! There are still forms and envelopes available in the concourse if you would like to make a donation to the Peace Garden fund. Thank you for your past and future support! We look forward to the dedication of the garden when it is completed.

Potluck Time!

Our next potluck is scheduled for **June 28** following worship. We have invited Sarah Smoot from the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice to come to Dale Heights and share the history and current activities of the ICWJ. Sarah, who is also a candidate for ordination in the Methodist Church, will preach the sermon during worship as well and offer us an opportunity to directly connect and apply our faith to important social issues such as the workings of ICWJ. Please join us to hear this interesting presentation, and watch for further information.

The Road Home

Our next commitment to the Road Home shelter will be on **Friday, July 17**. We will again be sharing duties with the Waunakee Presbyterian Church and enjoying fellowship with their members as well as the Road Home residents.

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, "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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