



Focus

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Summertime!

Most of us have heard, maybe even sung, the lyrics to George Gershwin's 1935 song from *Porgy and Bess*, "Summertime":

*Summertime, and the livin' is easy
Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high
Oh, your daddy's rich, and your ma is good-lookin'
So hush little baby, don't you cry.*

Summertime has come to Wisconsin, even though we grow corn, soybeans, and wheat instead of cotton. And I doubt if "the livin'" is any easier than at any other time of the year, except for vacations and warm weather. For most of us, except for schoolchildren, responsibilities continue. Among those ongoing responsibilities are our being God's faithful people, living missionally as witnesses in our spheres of influence and as a vital part of the life of the church and community.

I hope this summer your "livin'" will be an enjoyable time of vacation and outdoor activities, a time of special occasions with family and friends. I hope also it will be a good season of meaningful worship, service, and fellowship at Dale Heights. During your vacation, I encourage you to make it a time of personal enrichment and spiritual growth. Remember also that the church's ministries and expenses continue throughout the summer, so I encourage you to be faithful in fulfilling your financial pledge.

We plan to schedule a summertime event with our nesting Korean Sah-lang Church, possibly a Sunday afternoon picnic. My desire is that this time of fellowship will result in new friendships that cross cultural lines and bring us closer to these precious internationals who share our worship space. So, stay tuned re: time and place!

And have a good, enriching and enjoyable summertime, easy or not!

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PS: As of this writing, Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne exonerated Madison Police Officer Matthew Kenny in the March 6th shooting death of 19-year-old Tony Robinson. Although it was an apparently thorough investigation, and DA Ozanne made a judgment based on the available evidence, there was nevertheless an outcry against what many in our community perceive to be a gross injustice.

I'm grateful that, at least at this time, the protests have been peaceful. Let's pray this peace will continue to prevail, but also that our community will be awakened to the need to value the lives of our young people of all races, and will make greater efforts to treat all persons with equality and respect. It seems also that measures could be taken to provide our law enforcement personnel, who are essential to the peace and stability of our community, with less-than-lethal weapons that could be used for self-protection and in subduing aggressive behavior. Let's pray for our leaders, as Scripture admonishes us (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Yours in his love and service,

—Pastor Roger

June 7 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Sandy Weigt

Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

June 14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost; Annual Hymn Festival

Liturgist: Gerry Klump

Ushers: Barb Fleishman, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Edi Chan

Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar

June 28 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Gale Oakes

Ushers: Mike Holland, Marcia Holman, Elizabeth Ndafooka

June New Beginnings

The June New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, June 16 at 11:30 at Cocina Real, 2518 Allen Blvd. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

Church Women United

May Friendship Day was special, as it honored caregivers. Cherie Milton of Agrace Hospice, reminded us that as Christians, we should each help lighten the load for caregivers in all ways possible—a phone call, a card, a meal, a visit, an errand, etc.

Election of officers was held, and happily Kate Dooley was elected President of Church Women United in Madison. Soon planning will take place for the celebrations and forums ahead.



Ellie turned in our Least Coin Offering of \$50, and now a worldwide committee will judge which self-help women's projects in the U.S. and elsewhere will receive grants this year.

—Ellie Metzloff & Kate Dooley

June Birthdays

- June 1 Mike Holland
- June Zeeh
- June 7 Kim Chan
- June 11 Edi Chan
- June 15 Joan Hicks
- June 21 Lucille Miller

June Anniversaries

- June 13 Janice Krall & Rick Shannon
- June 23 Carl & Ellie Metzloff
- June 29 Jennifer Jones & Jack Rose

Coffee Hour Help Needed

Vreni Straubhaar is looking for volunteers to set up/clean up Coffee Hour on June 14, 21, 28, and July 5. The table can be prepared on Saturday or on Sunday morning before the service.

Coffee, juice, creamer, napkins, sugar, etc will be provided by the church. The refreshment sign-up sheet in the Concourse has been updated.

Please let Vreni or the office know if you are willing to help.

Property & Finance Highlights

May 12, 2015

- Memorial Gardens: topsoil pile was moved to the garage area; 16 yards of bark mulch has been spread and some weeding done—thanks to Sah-lang and Dale Heights volunteers who helped with these tasks. Five more yards of bark mulch will be ordered to complete more work in the memorial gardens. The steps in the Shirley-Dawn Jorgenson Memorial Garden have been built to use in upcoming memorial services. Spring work days will continue into May.
- Drainage: 100 feet of corrugated drain tile and fittings have been installed along the west side of the church building.
- Peace Pole Garden: the Peace Pole has been reinstalled and nine boxwoods planted. Back lawn benches will be refurbished, moved here, and installed in the near future.
- Flooring: recommended to session that bids from asbestos removal company (Dirty Ducts) and Sergenian's Floor Coverings (concourse kitchenette and lounge areas) be accepted. The Sergenian's tile (900 square feet of Naturelle LVT) carries a 10-year light commercial warranty.
- Concrete: recommended to session that K&K Concrete Inc's bid to replace broken and hazardous sidewalk areas be accepted, with work to be completed by September.
- Other projects: Alarm system, potential A/C replacement and parking lot seal coating were discussed and postponed as not essential for the time being.
- Financials: reviewed the financial status reports as of 4/30/2015. Discussed sources of funds for the above projects.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 7pm.



Summer Office Hours

Summer office hours will begin the week of June 15 and will be Tuesdays 9-2, Wednesdays 9-2, and Thursdays 8-5. Pastor Roger's office hours will remain the same.

The church office will be **CLOSED** the week of June 28.

MUSIC NEWS

The choir's last Sunday in the loft before summer "vacation" is June 7. Please take a moment to thank a choir member for their hard work and dedication this past year!

With the choir being off in the summer, it's time to start thinking about summer special music! Summer music is an opportunity for anyone to share their musical gifts with the congregation, and a low-pressure way to make a joyful noise! If you are interested in participating in summer music, please see Maggie to reserve your date ASAP.

Also coming up is the 11th Annual Dale Heights Hymn Festival on June 14! Ballots have been available since May 24, and are due back to Maggie by June 7. Please take the time to vote for your five favorite hymns from either the blue or black hymnals, and join us on June 14 to sing the top vote-getters.



Highlights of the Worship & Music Committee Meeting

May 3, 2015

- Reviewed special dates for May through September: May 24—Pentecost, May 31—Trinity Sunday. Discussed holding an outdoor service and decided to keep the services indoors.
- Learned that Session has designated Pastor Roberts to be their representative on the Worship & Music Committee and that he will be officiating at the memorial service for Dorothy Dietrich on May 25.
- June 7 is the choir's last Sunday in the loft. June 14 is the annual Hymn Festival.
- Summer special music recruitment begins soon. The Korean church may be asked if one of their members would like to provide special music during the summer. Elizabeth volunteered to sing a song related to a sermon.
- Learned that Maggie will be on vacation from June 27-July 4, and on July 19. June Zeeh is subbing for Maggie on June 28 and July 19.
- Heard that approximately 5 volunteers are needed to set up for coffee fellowship, bring treats, and help with clean up on June 14, 21, 28, and July 5 during Vreni's vacation (June 11-July 5).
- Discussed/made revisions to "Guide for Liturgists" which will be sent to all liturgists and will be added to the bulletin which is sent to liturgists.
- Jamie Klump volunteered to take over Usher/Communion Server coordination. Maggie will send email reminders to ushers.
- Decision made to omit passing out palms next year on Palm Sunday.
- Next meeting date: August 30, 2015.



June *Outreach* News

Past Activities

One Great Hour of Sharing

Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering program from mid-April to mid-May was a HUGE event for us. You raised over \$2000 to help others in need worldwide! The OGHS calendar alerted us and educated us about the alarming face that people around the world lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to OGHS serves to help change the lives of people who are in these challenging situations. The annual offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. One Great Hour of Sharing collection, historically 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. Thank you very much for your response to this effort to assist!



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Continuing Activities

Peace Garden

Have you noticed the progress in the Peace Garden as spring evolves into summer? 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.

Coming up...

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 has also agreed to attend worship and would be happy to participate in the service through liturgy or reading if possible. She is a candidate for ordination in the Methodist Church. Please join us to hear this interesting presentation, and watch for further information.

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Outreach & Mission

June Outreach News, continued

Looking Ahead...

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.

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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