



Focus

September 2015

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Back to School

It's hard to believe that summer vacation is almost over and children will be returning to school. Usually there are a lot of students who regret the return to the classroom (maybe some teachers too!), but for every regretful student there is at least one very happy parent. But there are also students who, like my second-grade grandson, are excited about returning to school, where he'll enjoy the reunion with his classmates and be greeted by another gifted and enthusiastic teacher.

My hope and prayer for Dale Heights is that we'll be able to reach out to students, adults and children, who can find a friendly and welcoming place of learning as well as worship. I've been sharing with our Session about ways we might be able to connect with international students, many of whom have recently arrived on the UW campus, as well as the English language institutions in our city. Some of our people remember the years when there were international students and their children who attended Dale Heights, then subsequently graduated and moved away. I believe we have an opportunity to once again reach out into this community by providing host family relationships, assistance with practicing their English skills, assisting them with adjusting to life in Madison, and other ministry opportunities.

Should we discover that God is at work around us, leading us to establish ministry connections with international students, we'll need to be ready to join God in this opportunity. Should parents with children arrive for worship, we have two elders ready to lead them in a lesson and activities. But for us to be able to sustain a children's Sunday School, we'll need more workers and teaching options for a range of ages. But I'm convinced that when God leads, he provides.

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I met for lunch recently with a pastor colleague who is serving as interim pastor of a congregation similar in size to Dale Heights and in a much smaller, rural community with fewer prospective families. The age demographics of this church compare with ours, and like Dale Heights, there were only a few children at most, and then only occasionally. But God brought a young family into this church with a desire and commitment to reach out to and bring into the church other families with children of various ages. Maybe God will bring such a family to us!

But we must remember that our first missional objective is not to bring people into the church, but is rather to take the message and mission of Christ to them. Then, as these international students respond to our ministry of love and caring involvement in meeting their needs (including the needs of their children), some likely will be drawn to our corporate worship and sweet fellowship that is such a strong characteristic of Dale Heights. Let's prepare to reach out to and then receive into our fellowship a new "classroom" of students, eager to learn the life-changing message of Christ.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*

September 6 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Sandy Weigt

Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

September 13 16th Sunday after Pentecost; Guest Preacher Bette Duff

Liturgist: Vreni Straubhaar

Ushers: Aundrea Price, Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

September 20 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Gerry Klump

Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar

September 27 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Otty Schaefer

Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp

September New Beginnings

The September New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, September 15 at 11:30 at Prairie Café and Bakery, 3109 Pheasant Branch Rd, Middleton.

Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

Church Women United

On September 11 at Covenant Presbyterian Church (corner of Mineral Point Rd and Segoe Rd), Faith Bauman, a lifetime missionary to India, will present her topic "Good News! God Is Still At Work!" Through her research with Christian Science Monitor and elsewhere, she has learned that leaders of many countries are initiating ways of improving the role of women, becoming more democratic, eliminating old and cruel habits, and even going forward with solar energy. We may well improve our confidence in world affairs after hearing her welcome message. All church men and women are invited.

Ellie is collecting jars to be used as "banks" for the Least Coin offering. Remember that women's self-help projects receive grants each year from Least Coin donations. Our pennies are welcome, along with our prayers for peace. We currently have almost \$7.00 and we pray this will grow.

—Ellie Metzloff and Kate Dooley
Co-Key Women



September Birthdays

September 4	Bill Sebert
September 18	Jack Rose
September 20	Sandy Weigt
September 23	Harold Meyer
September 24	Jane Koning
September 25	Roy Lembcke
September 30	Ellie Metzloff

September Anniversary

September 10	Lucille & Ray Miller
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Music News

It seems impossible but the summer is drawing to a close, and that means it's time for choir again! Rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 3rd at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in joining choir, please see Maggie before the first rehearsal.

Secondly, a big THANK YOU to those who provided special music this summer! It's wonderful when Dale Heights members share their talents.

And lastly, another big THANK YOU to June Zeeh for filling in for Maggie over the past few months due to her knee injury!

Session Highlights

August 17, 2015

- Pastor Roger expressed gratitude to his Dale Heights family for the support he and his family received during Nancy's last days and at her passing.
- Opportunities exist to assist international students in getting to their apartments. Pastor Roger helped three students to their apartments and other members of the congregation could also help.
- The Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study will not be printed for 2016.
- Property & Finance and Outreach highlights can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- First Presbyterian Church of Waunakee has invited four individuals from Dale Heights to go on an Outreach for World Hope Guatemala Mission Trip in January. More information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Property & Finance Highlights

August 11, 2015

- Flooring: Thanks to Dale Heights and Sah-lang helpers who moved all the furniture from the lounge on Sunday, July 19. The asbestos tile was removed from the lounge by Dirty Ducts on Monday, July 20. On Wednesday, July 22, new vinyl tiles were installed by Sergenian's in the kitchenette and lounge. The committee has met with Sergenian's and will meet with Jaekle Flooring & Surfacing company this week to determine a solution to tile adhesion issues in the lounge.
- Memorial gardens: garden weeding continues. Garden plaques are being ordered. Grass seeding will continue. Dead ash tree on the north side of the parking lot will have to be cut down.
- Painting/staining: Thanks to those who painted walls in the lounge and stained the trellis in the Peace Pole Garden.
- Repairs: the office entrance door threshold and posts are causing problems. The door is functioning again but will require repairs or replacement. Several other needed repairs (MATC room light fixture, fellowship hall window, men's restroom door, cracked sidewalk concrete, concourse bathroom faucets, paint for white garage door) were discussed.
- Sound system: referred to session Sah-lang's concern about the amplifier and mixer.
- Financials: reviewed the financial status reports as of 7/31/15.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 7pm.



September ***Outreach*** News

Outreach Coffee and Goodies in the Peace Garden

All are invited to join us this Sunday, August 30 for fellowship in the Peace Garden, or inside the church. This focus of the Outreach committee is to offer neighbors a snack and beverage and friendship, as well as a taste of Dale Heights and our ministry. It may take several attempts to reach out in this way so we will continue offering this activity once a month. Anyone want to volunteer to serve hot chocolate in winter? Many thanks in advance to Jamie and Melanie Klump if their yard canopy is needed to protect us from the elements.

Pres House Change

Dale Heights was scheduled to serve the Saturday evening Pres House supper on September 27. However, that date has now been designated as the dedication of the new Pres House basement space and they are planning to have the meal catered. We will select another Sunday in the future to serve.

Potluck October 4th

It is appropriate that we celebrate World Communion Sunday in a big way! We will be dedicating our Peace Garden and our annual Peacemaking Offering (now called the Peace and Global Witness Offering) during worship on October 4th and will celebrate with a potluck following worship. Bring yourselves and a dish to pass for another delicious Dale Heights potluck!

A Season of Peace

Beginning September 6th, we will be collecting for the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering. Minutes for Mission will be given throughout this season of Peacemaking, and we will dedicate the offering on October 4th, World Communion Sunday.

Exciting Mission Trip Opportunity!

Tryg Knutson, mission elder at First Presbyterian Church in Waunakee, has extended an invitation for four Dale Heights representatives to join FPC on their Outreach for World Hope mission trip to Guatemala in January. FPC funds 20 participants for this trip at half-cost (\$800 per person). Session has graciously approved and accepted this offer and encourages anyone who might be interested to let Session know of their interest. The first informational meeting regarding trip details will be held on September 10th at 6:30pm at FPC in Waunakee (5763 Cty Rd Q). See Jamie Klump with any questions.

—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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