



# Focus

October 2015

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## A Message from Pastor Roger

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### Dale Heights Session

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### Let There Be Peace on Earth!

I recall singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth" when a bass singer in my high school choir; I think the next time I sang it was in a recent worship service here at Dale Heights. Happily, I expect we'll be singing it again during the month of October when we receive our Peace & Global Witness Offering, joining PC(USA) churches everywhere.

Jill Jackson Miller wrote "Let There Be Peace on Earth" in 1955 after a bout with suicidal depression following the failure of a marriage. She said she wrote the song after discovering what she called the "life-saving joy of God's peace and unconditional love." Obviously, the song reaches beyond her personal peace with God, extending her prayer that the whole earth might experience "the peace that was meant to be." This song has been sung literally around the world, receiving numerous awards because of its simple yet powerful message.

On October 4, which is also World Communion Sunday, it will be the initial Sunday of receiving this special Peace & Global Witness Offering, which will be utilized locally and around the world in efforts to "respond to cultures of violence (sexual and gun-related), human trafficking, war and societal strife." We're all aware of the horrific instances of violence in our nation and also the seemingly endless wars and conflicts throughout the world. We can be grateful for the support this offering will give to allow churches to unite efforts with other churches, mission and social service agencies to address the root causes of violence, strife and warfare.

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25% of the offering we receive will be utilized in the ministries of Dale Heights as led by our Outreach Committee. One suggestion in our offering guide from the PC(USA) is that we support a mission trip. We have the unique opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Guatemala, led by a team from First Presbyterian Church in Waunakee, who have generously offered to pay 50% of the trip expenses to four volunteers from Dale Heights. Our offering could enhance the support of any participants from our church.

As we emphasize the creation of a world of peace, it's essential that we begin where Jill Jackson Miller began when she composed "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Let's be certain that we have the "life-saving joy of God's peace and unconditional love" through faith in Christ Jesus. But let's not remain content with a personal peace, but let's seek to share with those we know who are in desperate need of God's peace. And let's renew our efforts to pray for victims of violence and war, and also consider what we should give to this special offering that supports peacemaking efforts throughout a violent world.

May our prayer be, "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

Yours in his love and service,

*—Pastor Roger*

**October 4** World Communion Sunday; Dedication of Peace Garden

**Liturgist:** Mike Holland

**Ushers:** Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

**October 11** 20th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Kate Dooley

**Ushers:** Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

**October 18** 21st Sunday after Pentecost; Dedication of Peace & Global Witness Offering;  
Guest Minister Doug Loving

**Liturgist:** Gale Oakes

**Ushers:** Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar

**October 25** 22nd Sunday after Pentecost; Reformation Sunday

**Liturgist:** Aundrea Price

**Ushers:** Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp

### October New Beginnings

The October New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, October 20 at 11:30 at Cosi, 8310 Greenway Blvd, Middleton. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

### Property & Finance Highlights

Highlights from the September 8 and October 13 meetings of the Property & Finance Committee will appear in the November Focus.

### October Birthdays

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

### October Anniversaries

October 3	Caroline Pope & Marlowe Eldridge
October 25	Frank & Jeanne Rodriguez

### Church Women United

Kate Dooley presided very well over her first Church Women United meeting as its President on Friday, September 11 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The speaker was Faith Bauman, a lifelong missionary in India. Her message was "Good News, God Is At Work." She mentioned many countries where solar and wind energies and biofuels are being used widely and successfully, countries where female circumcision is outlawed, several countries where women have made great strides in important government offices, wholesale improvements in sanitation systems by governments, and many other positive signs. It was an inspiring talk.

Kate will represent Madison CWU at the Annual State Assembly hosted by the La Crosse CWU in West Salem on Saturday, September 26.

We have collected \$17.16 toward our Least Coin Offering! Keep those coins and prayers coming!

—Ellie Metzloff and Kate Dooley  
Co-Key Women



## Session Highlights

### September 21, 2015

- The record books (Session minutes and roll books/registers) are to be reviewed September 22. No exceptions were found.
- The Presbytery met via teleconference on August 18. We learned that per capita for 2016 will be \$29.12 per member.
- Property & Finance
  - The problems with the lounge floor were explained. Four repair attempts were made. Diamond grinding the floor to prepare it for the new installation is recommended at our expense. Sergenian's will then install new tiles at no additional cost. The Tibetans made a generous donation towards the floor in gratitude for letting them use our facilities for their Saturday classes. This donation will more than cover the additional cost.
  - The Peace Pole Garden woodwork is stained and the benches installed. Bulbs will be planted this fall.
  - We are looking at replacing the sound system with the Sah-lang congregation.
  - Preparations have begun for the stewardship campaign.
- Outreach & Mission
  - Information about a sign to place near the church entrance giving the service times was shared.
  - The idea of having a Little Free Library in the Peace Garden was discussed.
  - The Peace & Global Witness offering kickoff will be October 4.
  - We are still hoping to arrange a Care of Creation potluck with Ed Brown.
- Christian Education
  - Kate Dooley may be leading a Bible Study that Church Women United has developed.
  - Pastor Roger has been approached about leading a weekday Bible study and is exploring that.
- Information was shared about the mission trip meeting at First Presbyterian in Waunakee. We think there is interest; however, no one has actually signed up. Gerry Klump did some research on the cost of the required vaccines.
- The next Session meeting will be October 19, 2015 at 7:00pm.





October *Outreach* News

### **Potluck October 4th**

Please join us on Sunday, October 4, for the dedication of the Dale Heights Peace Garden, followed by a Peace Potluck!

### **Peace & Global Witness Offering**

On October 4th, we will also hear about the Peace & Global Witness offering which will be dedicated on **October 18**. This is a change from the original October 4th date.

### **CROP Walk**

It's time once again for the annual CROP Walk, benefiting Church World Service! 75% of money collected goes to worldwide efforts to fight hunger, 25% stays here at Dale Heights for our own efforts in the church and community. The walk will be held on October 18 beginning at First Congregational UCC, 1609 University Ave. Registration is at 12:45 and the walk will start at 1:30. If you're not able to be a walker, you can be a sponsor of a walker! See Barb Fleishman for more information.



### **Exciting Mission Trip Opportunity!**

If you are still interested in the upcoming mission trip to Guatemala, please see Jamie Klump ASAP.

—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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