



# Focus

November 2015

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## *A Message from Pastor Roger*

### Dale Heights Staff

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Reverend Roger Roberts

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### Dale Heights Session

**Moderator**  
Reverend Roger Roberts

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Wendy Weber

### Time for Thanksgiving

Leaves are falling, the temperature is dropping, and signs are emerging that the holiday season is approaching! In just a matter of weeks, I'll be celebrating my second Thanksgiving with you as your pastor, and once again, many reasons for joyful gratitude come to mind. As I look back over the year 2015, I reflect on some of the most difficult, yet by God's grace, most blessed weeks and months of my life.

As you well know, the situation with Nancy's severe dementia from Alzheimer's disease became increasingly difficult with each passing week. I reflect with gratitude on how you became such a precious congregation of friends and even family to Nancy, as you welcomed her, sat with her in worship, and made her feel loved and accepted, even when her dementia was severe. On May 18, my children and I admitted her to a memory care home, where you stayed in touch with her through your cards, prayers and visits. Nancy's memorial service, which you hosted on July 18, was a deeply moving and encouraging tribute to her and also a profound experience of worship of the Lord of the Resurrection.

No one knows what Nancy was able to comprehend during her last weeks of life on this earth, but we're sure she now knows and comprehends far more than we can even imagine, now that she's seen Jesus "face to face." This Thanksgiving, I thank God for my nearly 48 years of marriage to Nancy, and for the legacy of godly love she left for me, our children and grandchildren and countless others who were touched by her sweet, gentle spirit. I thank God for the love my family and I have received from the Dale Heights family.

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I'm grateful for countless personal blessings—good health, and for life in a very livable community in a nation that, even with its many problems, is abundant with opportunities for life, work, and service to others. I'm grateful for my family, my children and grandchildren, and for the love and support I receive from them. Also, I'm grateful for my church family, you sweet people of Dale Heights. I'm experiencing what Jesus promised to those who follow him—the extended family of the people of God (Mark 10:29-30).

I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor, to share weekly with you the word of God and to be encouraged by your fellowship and faithful living, worship, and serving. I'm grateful for your history of and present involvement in service, not only to one another, but to our community here in Madison and Middleton, and through mission support, to the rest of the world. And heaven alone knows the blessings that come to many through your faithful praying and giving.

And the source of all blessings is our heavenly Father, who in Christ has given us “his indescribable gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15)! Let's be especially thankful this Thanksgiving!

Yours in his love and service,

*—Pastor Roger*

**November 1** All Saints' Day

**Liturgist:** Jennifer Jones

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

**November 8** 24th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Janice Krall

**Ushers:** Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer, Nathan Tripp

**November 15** 25th Sunday after Pentecost

**Liturgist:** Wendy Weber

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

**November 22** Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

**Liturgist:** Edi Chan

**Ushers:** Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, TBD

**November 29** 1st Sunday of Advent

**Liturgist:** Dick Corey

**Ushers:** Keith Chan, Jim Tracey, Kris Tracey

### November New Beginnings

The November New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, November 17 at 11:30 at Imperial Garden, 2039 Allen Blvd. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

### Poinsettias

It's once again time to purchase poinsettias to decorate the church this Advent season! The sign-up sheet will be in the Concourse beginning November 1. Prices are \$7 for a 5" pot and \$14 for a 6.5" pot. The deadline for signing up is November 15 as our order needs to be placed by November 18.

Thanks for helping to beautify our church!

### November Birthdays

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| November 8  | Bob Jorgenson    |
| November 15 | Brad Harris      |
| November 16 | Ian Rogers       |
| November 17 | Abram Rodriguez  |
| November 23 | Eli Rodriguez    |
| November 25 | Jeanne Rodriguez |
| November 26 | Larry Schaefer   |
| November 29 | Tom Jones        |
| November 30 | Abigail Rogers   |



### Church Women United

The November Church Women United World Community Day Celebration will be held on November 6, right here at Dale Heights! Kate Dooley is in charge, and all of you (women and men) are invited! It will be an inspirational morning, beginning at 9:00am with coffee and refreshments. Welcoming will start at 9:30 with the worship service starting at 10:00 in the sanctuary. Information will be shared about a peer counseling program in the Madison area. Watch for posters on the CWU bulletin board by the back entrance!

—Ellie Metzloff and Kate Dooley  
Co-Key Women



## **Property & Finance Highlights**

**October 13, 2015**

- Lounge flooring: for the time being, diamond grinding of the concrete surface has been put on hold. A six-foot square section of vinyl tiles has been lifted to allow for testing the concrete beneath for pH, as the pH of the concrete floor and the tile adhesive need to be compatible. These tests will help determine how to proceed: scrape away glue and apply a pH neutralizing product before laying of tile, or consider an alternate type of tile (a click tile, "floating floor"). Tile samples will be delivered on October 14.
- Fall work days: will continue on Saturdays.
- A gas-powered Stihl weed eater has been purchased. Approval was given to purchase a cart for Care and Fellowship. MATC classroom light ballast has been replaced. The Tibetan school has paid for replacement of a broken window in the Fellowship Hall. Cement repairs at office and church entrances have been postponed until spring.
- A big thank-you to Sandy Weigt for designing and making the blue and green silk fabric panels for the piano and choir robe closet in the lounge.
- The "building use" checklist will be updated to remind users to check all doors, windows, and faucets before leaving the building.
- Stewardship campaign: pledges will be dedicated on November 15.
- Financial status reports as of 9/30/2015 were received and reviewed. There was discussion on a committee's request for a recommendation.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10, at 7:00pm

## **Worship & Music Committee Highlights**

**September 27, 2015**

- A discussion regarding use of the traditional Lord's Prayer vs the ecumenical version resulted in Pastor Roger's suggestion to go back to the traditional version. All were in agreement.
- Choir has resumed. Maggie will be recruiting two readers to participate in the choir's performance of the Christmas cantata on December 20.
- On Christmas Eve, one-third of the choir is absent, so Maggie is considering doing one anthem instead of the usual two.
- October 4 is World Communion Sunday. Vreni will try to arrange for a variety of breads for coffee hour.
- Communion: November 1 and 22 (Christ the King/Thanksgiving), and December 6. Discussed using electric candles as a safety factor over regular candles for the candlelight service. To be researched.
- Beginning October 4 there may be only two ushers per service due to a shortage of volunteers. Maggie will remind ushers for the following week in the e-news.
- Christmas preparations: sign-up sheet for poinsettias from Klein's will be in the Concourse on November 1. Delivery of the flowers will be on December 5.
- The Guide for Liturgists was revised and will be sent to each liturgist.
- Next meeting: January 10, 2016.

## Session Highlights

October 19, 2015

- Pastor Roger enjoys his time at Dale Heights and enjoyed reconnecting with old friends over the weekend of October 17.
- The clerk reported that our minutes and roll book were accepted as presented to the Presbytery. Items of note are:
  1. A policy regarding child protection is included with our Sexual Misconduct Policy.
  2. We do not need to meet as a “corporation” during our annual meeting. The meeting will be a “congregational and corporation” meeting.
  3. Motion was made to send historical session minutes to the Presbyterian Historical Society for storage in a climate-controlled area. Sandy will follow up on how to do this.
- Property & Finance highlights can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Worship & Music highlights can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Outreach & Mission highlights can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Kate Dooley is taking the lead on a study called “Come to the Waters” prior to worship on Sundays.
- The next Presbytery meeting is on November 17 from 9:30-3:30 at North Presbyterian Church in LaCrosse.
- The next Session meeting will be November 16, 2015 at 7:00pm.



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

As 2015 winds down, the Property & Finance Committee is already thinking about the Dale Heights 2016 budget. As you receive your 2016 pledge card in the mail, please take time to prayerfully consider your financial pledge to Dale Heights for the next year. Your donations comprise the vast majority of the church’s income and support the varied ministries that Dale Heights provides to our members and community. Pledge cards should be returned to the office on or before Pledge Dedication Sunday on November 15. If you have questions, please see a Property & Finance committee member or call the church office.



## November *Outreach* News

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

Thank you for your generous support to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and yes, we will still accept your gifts! Remember that 25% is retained for local churches to designate as they wish—our local donation this year will be used for Gerry and Jamie Klump’s mission trip to Guatemala with Waunakee First Presbyterian. 75% will be used for domestic and international Presbyterian-sponsored programs. The refugee crisis in Europe is a current targeted program issue.

### **Peace Pole Garden**

It was a gorgeous day to dedicate our Peace Pole and Garden on Sunday, October 25! It’s a lovely space for us and neighbors to sit and become more peaceful and thoughtful in our lives and service to others. Many thanks for your donations, for Gale’s leadership in the dedication service and procurement of the pole itself, and for the endless hours given to this project by Jennifer Jones, Jack Rose, Dick Corey, and Roy Lembcke. Please look for the book in the concourse for all to add personal thoughts about those who have influenced us to bring peace to our lives, as well as our own activities that make us more peaceful. See Gale Oakes for more information.

### **CROP Walk**

It was a warm, bright, and breezy day in Madison as we gathered to start the annual walk for the hungry in our area and around the globe. There were six walkers from Dale Heights participating: Gale Oakes, Barb Fleishman, Wendy Weber, Melanie Klump, Otty Schaefer, and Ellie Metzloff with her caregiver, Blanca. First we were entertained by 5 senior citizens playing accordions and making a delightful sound, then after a prayer, we were off! Most of us walked a mile, but Wendy did three miles! Afterwards, we enjoyed light refreshment and more music, this time a guitar duet.

Thanks to the generosity of the good people of Dale Heights, we collected an estimated \$1745.00 for Church World Service. 25% of that will stay to help the needy in our area, and the remaining amount goes to help the hungry around the globe. Thank you to Dale Heights Team CROP and the giving spirit of friends and relations!



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### **Mission Trip**

Gerry and Jamie Klump are requesting items to give to the children they meet in Guatemala in January. Requested items are: baby formula, combs/brushes, NEW children's underwear and socks, Matchbox/Hot Wheel cars, small toys, baseball caps, Frisbees, suckers, stickers, stuffed animals, deflated soccer balls, crayons, and pencils. The Dollar Store would be a great place to shop for these items. Gerry and Jamie would like to fill two 50lb suitcases with these donations.

### **Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House**

Don't forget to save your pull tabs from soda or beer cans and add them to the container in the concourse. Thanks to Gerry Klump for spearheading this collection effort for a worthy cause!

### **Sharing Christmas**

Sharing Christmas is once again fast approaching! Watch and listen for more information, and let an Outreach member know if you would like to be involved.

### **The Road Home**

Mark your calendars for **December 4th**, which is the final 2015 date for Dale Heights' commitment to The Road Home Family Shelter. Come join us to serve supper to the guests and offer fellowship as well. See Wendy if you would like to help out!

*—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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