



Focus

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Faith vs Fear

On March 4, 1933, in his first inauguration as President, Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke these memorable words of encouragement to a nation in the grips of the Great Depression: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." FDR's leadership inspired the country to new hope for a new beginning for the multitudes who had lost faith in government and financial institutions and who were in dire financial straits.

In contrast to Roosevelt's leadership, it seems that many of our presidential candidates are telling voters that we have everything to fear, including a failing economy and the threat of terrorism. With their fearmongering comes their hollow-sounding promises to make America strong and safe again through their economic schemes and reactionary military muscle-flexing.

We who are followers of Christ know that we are not to be people of fear but rather people of faith. Our message to the nation should be one calling for social, racial, and economic justice and compassion for all peoples, including refugees desperately seeking a safe place to live, work, and care for their families. Yes, in this world filled with radicalism and rogue nations, we do need a strong military for national defense, and to be able to answer the call to assist weaker nations vulnerable to aggressive enemies.

But on a personal level, we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to be people of faith rather than fear. It's striking how often Jesus challenged those in dire straits, such as a desperately ill servant, a suddenly deceased child, a life-threatening storm, and material needs, to not fear but believe. Easier said than done, right?

I know, as a long-time follower of Christ and one who has preached many years about trusting in God, what a challenge it is to replace fear with faith. Fear is anxiety over the unknown and also the expectation of approaching threats and dangers, and even the possibility of death itself. None of us escapes the experience of fear. But Jesus calls us to face up to fear and then, with the awareness of his promises and presence, to face down fear and replace it with faith.

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Faith is trust in God's power to overcome whatever threatens us, and awareness of his presence to see us through the unknown paths of darkness (Psalm 23 comes to mind here!).

Several times when the Apostle Paul faced scary situations, such as angry mobs, a possible death sentence and a life-threatening storm at sea, the Lord appeared to him to assure him of his presence, and that none of these threats would abort his mission and life purpose. I need to remind myself that whatever threatening circumstances I face, such as with my health, Christ is with me and his purpose will be fulfilled for me and through me. I pray you too will, by God's grace, replace fear with faith, knowing Christ is beside you, before you, behind you, within you and above you. (St. Patrick)

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*

Dale Heights will not be holding any special Holy Week services. If you are interested in attending Maundy Thursday or Good Friday worship, other local Presbyterian churches will be holding them.

March 6 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Liturgist: Janice Krall

Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

March 13 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Liturgist: Mike Holland

Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer, Nathan Tripp

March 20 Palm Sunday

Liturgist: Jennifer Jones

Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar

March 27 Easter Sunday

Liturgist: Melanie Klump

Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp

March New Beginnings

The March New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, March 15 at 11:30 at Sofra Family Bistro, 7457 Elmwood Ave in Middleton.

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

Lenten Readers

Thanks to our Lenten readers and candle snuffers: Nathan Tripp, Jamie Klump, Gerry Klump, Wendy Weber, Olivia Ishikawa, Rick Shannon, Janice Krall, Bonnie Savonne, Margie Shumate, and Anita Shumate.

Home Communion

Communion is served in the sanctuary on the first Sunday of the month. Those who are homebound and wish to have Communion brought to them either Communion Sunday afternoon or the Wednesday following Communion Sunday should call the church office by the Thursday before.

March Birthdays

March 23	Don Weigt
March 28	Elizabeth Ndafooka Aaron Lembcke

March Anniversaries

March 1	Vreni & Willy Straubhaar
March 19	Kris & Jim Tracey



Church Women United

The March celebration for the World Day of Prayer will be held Friday, March 4, at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 2019 Fisher Street. It will begin with coffee and refreshments at 9am followed by welcoming at 9:30. The program, entitled "Receive Children—Receive Me" written by Women of Cuba, will begin at 10am. All are welcome.

—Ellie Metzloff and Kate Dooley
Co-Key Women

Session Highlights February 15, 2016

- Committee reports are found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Basic first aid kits are being ordered and will be located in the Concourse kitchen area and the office.
- Presbytery is Saturday, February 20 and Sandy Weigt will attend.
- A survey about the time and talents of the congregation is being developed.
- Caroline Pope and Rick Shannon are the Session representatives on the Nominating Committee. Caroline will be the chair. Edi Chan, Gerry Klump, and June Zeeh are the congregational committee members.
- Next meeting: Monday, March 21, 2016.

Property & Finance Highlights February 9, 2016

- Lounge flooring: Sergenian's and Mohawk flooring representatives met with us today to give ideas on sealing or abrading (and skim coating) the concrete. They feel that substrate issues are causing vinyl tile cupping and lifting. Sergenian's will gather more information on one sealing aspect (whether or not Shonox would write a warranty) and they will also come back on February 11 to do more pH testing.
- Repairs: cracked glass in the outer office door has been replaced. Also learned that session has approved the expenditure for a boiler pump replacement.
- Church Inventory project: request that information be gathered on what existing forms can be used to begin the process of making an inventory.
- Financial status reports as of 1/31/2016 were received and reviewed. Another draft of the 2016 budget was reviewed
- Next meeting: Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00pm



Outreach & Mission



March **Outreach** News

Looking back on February...

Gerry and Jamie Klump gave a presentation along with a Question & Answer session about their time spent on the Guatemala Mission Trip during the Souper Bowl potluck on Sunday, February 7. The Souper Bowl raised \$626 for Middleton Outreach Ministry thanks to your generous donations!

Upcoming and Continuing Service...

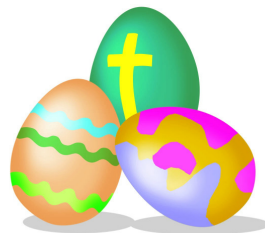
- Keep an eye out for upcoming potlucks in 2016!

Next Outreach meeting: TBD, 11:15am.

—Pastor Roger Roberts (*ex officio*), Kate Dooley, Barb Fleishman (*chairperson*), Jamie Klump, Ruby Meyer, Gale Oakes, Aundrea Price, and Wendy Weber

Easter Information

Easter is only a few weeks away! The sign up sheet for Easter flowers will be in the concourse on March 6. Flower choices are Easter lilies, daffodils, hyacinths and tulips. Plants are \$13 each again this year. Thanks for helping to beautify our sanctuary!



Please plan on joining us at 8:30 Easter morning, March 27, for our annual Easter breakfast! The Care & Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with food preparation and set-up on Saturday, March 26. Please see Vreni Straubhaar if you can help out.

Check out our website:

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Sunday Schedule

9:00-10:00am

Adult Christian Education

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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