



Focus

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Reflections on the Orlando Attack

My son, Kyle, who is a philosopher and theologian, and better writer than I am, wrote the following article on his blog, which I trust will be as helpful to you as it was to me:

Following the immediate shock and grief of the terror and tragedy of Orlando, the media discussion has turned to the causes. How-and why-would someone carry out such a heinous act? Should we attribute this evil to mental/emotional instability, to militant religious fanaticism, to extreme homophobia, or simply to an unleashing of raw unabashed hatred? And what role does the ridiculous laxity in gun regulations (ease of access) play in how we assign culpability?

The question that's received the most attention so far is whether the Orlando terror was mainly about religion (militant Islam, ISIS) or mainly about hate/homophobia. The answer is surely: Yes. This is about religion and about hate. It's about hate using religion. It's about religion using hate. Hate is one of the most powerful human emotions we have. It can destroy us from the inside out. Religion is one of the most powerful cultural phenomena we have. It can inspire us, it can embolden us to work for justice and for the good of others. It can also destroy us from the insight out. It can make use of hate to draw lines between people. It can make use of hate to spawn violence and destruction.

Augustine...wrote about the primary of love in the Christian religion. The end goal of interpretation of Scripture is the same as the end goal of Christianity, he said: the love of God and the love of neighbor (which means all people). For Augustine, the criterion we should use to determine whether we have correctly interpreted the Bible—and whether we are rightly practicing Christian faith—is love. Does an interpretation instill more love for God? More love for neighbor? Even if a reader has incorrectly identified the original meaning of the text (i.e. the author's original intention), so long as the interpretation leads to more love, that end result covers over the flaw in interpretation. Love covers over a multitude of sins (even interpretive sins). Because love is the goal, love is always also the criterion.

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Anyone committed to religion today, whether as practitioners, leaders, or theologians, should have as their #1 goal the love of God and love of neighbor. These two loves do not conflict! Love must be our criterion for determining whether we are doing Christianity right; it must be the criterion for determining whether we are doing religion right.

Like human emotions (love and hate), religion is very powerful and it's very precarious, too. It can subtly and quickly shift from life-giving to life-taking. It can be used for death or for life.

Life is short and we don't have much time to waste. Let's double down on our commitment that love be the rule, that love be the criterion.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*



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| July 3 | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgist: Elizabeth Ndafooka | Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber |
| July 10 | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgist: Jennifer Jones | Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer |
| July 17 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost; Christmas in July Hymn Sing | Liturgist: Dick Corey | Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar |
| July 24 | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgist: Wendy Weber | Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp |
| July 31 | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgist: Barb Fleishman | Ushers: Keith Chan, Jim Tracey, Kris Tracey |

July New Beginnings

The July New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, July 19 at 11:30 at Craftsman Table & Tap, 6712 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave in Middleton. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

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.

Church Women United

CWU held the planning meeting for the upcoming 2016-2017 year on May 27. We are pleased to have Dale Heights' own Olivia and Joseph Ishikawa as our September Forum speakers on the Waldensian Church. Thank you both for your willingness to share!

—Kate Dooley & Ellie Metzloff,
Co-Key Women

July Birthdays

July 1 Willy Straubhaar
Kris Tracey
July 2 Debbie Doshier
July 8 Bonnie Savonne
July 11 Melanie Klump
July 12 Marcia Holman
July 13 Margie Shumate
July 23 Otty Schaefer
July 27 Jennifer Jones
July 28 Rick Geiger
July 29 Joseph Ishikawa

July Anniversaries

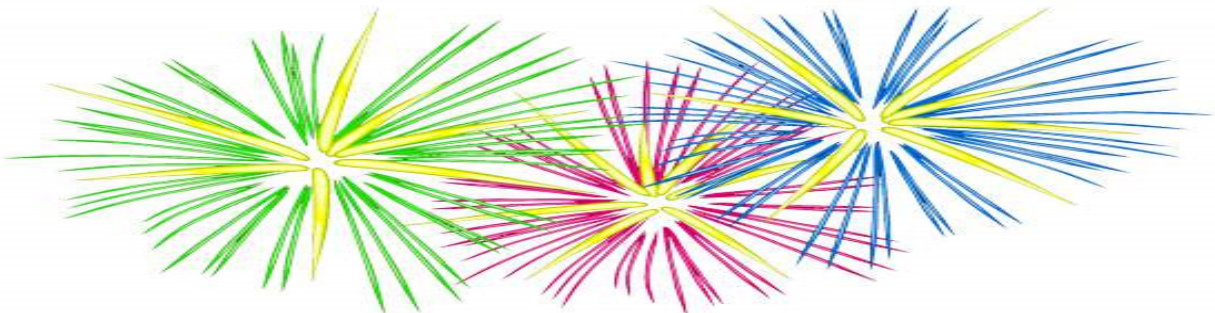
July 13 Maggie & Brian Rogers
July 16 Sandy & Don Weigt
July 25 Marcia & Bill Holman



Property & Finance

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- Memorial Gardens: in the concourse there are now two wooden plaques with brass name plates remembering those who are memorialized with trees, shrubs, or garden areas. An “In Memoriam” book gives the details of those whose generosity contributes to the beauty of our church grounds, and can be found in the guest book stand.
- Spring work days: Saturday June 18 will be a weeding and lawn pick-up enterprise. Arrangements for basic grounds and building maintenance during July were also planned.
- Red Garage: a new roof is needed to replace the current leaking one. This will be done with volunteer labor, probably in October.
- Boiler pump replacement: the new pump has been installed. Completion of line bleeding will be done in the fall.
- Cement work: to improve safety, eight sections of broken/lifted sidewalk were poured on June 6.
- Alarm system: Tyco came on June 6, checked batteries, and deleted one problem point.
- Additional topics: approved a request for painting of two sheetrocked walls in the office. The elevator door and lawnmower have been fixed. The committee will plan a meeting with Sah-lang to discuss the sound system. The committee accepted, with thanks, the gift of a string-art cross to be placed in the lounge. Approved rolling over continuing education funds to 2017/18 to allow our music director’s attendance at the American Guild of Organists National Convention.
- Financial status reports: reviewed the combined April/May 2016 statements. Discussed the need for clarity in one pension line item. Suggestions were also made about creating a policy on restricted/unrestricted funds and about how long to keep a category on the books.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:00pm.





Outreach & Mission

July *Outreach* News

Looking back on June...

On June 5th, we welcomed Kim and Randy Tews, founders of Outreach for World Hope, for another great potluck. Those who were present were moved by the amazing work this non-denominational Christian organization is doing to improve the quality of life for the poor in Guatemala. Kim inspired and moved many to tears with her story about the challenging and gratifying work and successes of OWH. Her presentation and two videos brought the goal of OWH to life: “to provide humanitarian aid, hope, and compassion without regard to race, color, nationality, or religious affiliation.” Kim spoke about current projects in Guatemala, the Sponsor Child program, and upcoming Mission Trip opportunities. Listen for a continuing conversation on how Outreach and individuals can respond and assist in their life-changing work.

Looking ahead...

- We are discussing a Grill Out Potluck to include our neighborhood either in July or August. Think about bringing a neighbor of yours as well! Please listen and watch for more information.
- We are always looking for more hands and hearts to help host The Road Home at St. Luke’s in Middleton. Upcoming dates are: Friday, July 29 and Friday, November 25.
- Join the Presbywheelians Team on July 16th for a good cause as they bike for the Boys and Girls Club! 8, 25, and 50 mile courses are available, and a fantastic party afterwards. See Wendy Weber for more info.

Pres House News...

- 5pm worship services are held at Pres House each Sunday evening during the summer. What a great way to end a Sunday Sabbath!
- Dale Heights will serve dinner on **October 30th** and **March 5th**! We look forward to gathering and serving the Pres House students with fellowship together. Come join us!

Thank you for all you do!

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

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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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