



Focus

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Welcome Our New Elders!

On Sunday, February 12, we will welcome to our Session two new ruling elders, Edi Chan and Melanie Klump, in a ceremony of ordination and installation. The longer I serve as your pastor, the more I'm impressed with the important role of our elders. In the Presbyterian Book of Order, we read that "congregations should elect (as ruling elders) persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit." I believe that in Edi and Melanie we have such persons, to join with similarly qualified members of our Session, in providing leadership and oversight of our church and its ministries. Edi has been previously ordained, so Melanie will be "set apart with the laying on of hands and prayer" for this special ministry. Both Edi and Melanie will be installed for active service, Edi to serve a one-year unexpired term, and Melanie to serve a full three-year term.

Although Edi and Melanie will be serving as ruling elders, we welcome also a number of our Dale Heights people who are assuming various positions of leadership and service, both on our committees and as volunteers who assist in numerous ways. Because we're a small congregation, we're quite "worker intensive" here at Dale Heights. We depend on everyone to take a part in ministry and service, and some of our people have to "wear more than one hat," i.e. serve in more than one capacity.

Speaking of those who serve in more than one capacity, on Sunday, February 26 we'll enjoy a special potluck lunch following our worship service, honoring Sandy Weigt, who, with her husband Don, is moving shortly thereafter to Connecticut. As we all know, Sandy's departure will leave a huge gap in our church's service and ministries. Sandy has been an invaluable leader as an active elder and committee chair, advocate with our staff (a great help to me throughout my 2 1/2 years as your pastor), and as an always willing helper and worker. I've said numerous times that we'll need to recruit at least five people to take Sandy's place.

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But as Sandy is quick to tell me, the workers will come forward to take her place, which is certainly my prayer. I pray the Lord will send forth more workers into this field of service, and just maybe you, my reader, are one he's sending to help us in his kingdom work at Dale Heights.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*



February 5	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgist: Edi Chan	Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
February 12	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgist: Gerry Klump	Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
February 19	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgist: June Zeeh	Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar
February 26	Transfiguration of the Lord
Liturgist: Otty Schaefer	Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp

February New Beginnings

Beginning in February, New Beginnings will meet on the **third Friday** of every month. New Beginnings meets on Friday, February 17 at 11:30am, at Prairie Café, 3109 Pheasant Branch Rd, Middleton. Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

February Birthdays

February 3	Marlowe Elizabeth Eldridge
February 4	Madalitso Wright
February 18	Jan Roberts

February Anniversary

February 21	Joan & John Hicks
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Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

Although we prefer not to have to cancel worship, sometimes winter weather makes it necessary. If the decision is made to cancel worship, Maggie will send an email and change the answering machine by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning to indicate the cancellation. If you are at all unsure about whether or not to come to church, please check your email or call the church.

Above all, play it safe.



Church Women United

Church Women United's January Human Rights Celebration brunch at Bethany United Methodist Church, attended by Wendy Weber and I, was an outstanding program. Speaker Steven Schooler, director of Porchlight, spoke about Porchlight's amazing work among the homeless. The CWU Human Rights Award was presented to Mr. Schooler as well.

This month's Forum will be held on February 3 at First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin Ave, in Madison. Gathering and coffee at 9am, and the program, "Triangle Ministry Today", presented by Meg Nielsen, will begin at 10am.

—Ellie Metzloff, Key Woman

Property & Finance Highlights

January 10, 2017

- Reviewed the stewardship campaign figures.
- Discussed potential expenditures for 2017 such as replacement of the old air conditioner. Discussed 2016 expenses, such as December snowplowing costs, which will need to be paid in 2017.
- Learned that the MATC classroom had water issues caused by an ice dam at the lower back door.
- Learned that the water softener and both men's restrooms had issues that will need to be addressed soon.
- Reviewed financial status documents as of 12/31/16.
- Reviewed the second draft of 2017 budget.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, February 14, 7:00pm.

Souper Bowl of Caring

The prayer said at the first Souper Bowl of Caring continues to be appropriate: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

We have participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring for a number of years because a great need to help with hunger continues in our own community.

Donations will be accepted, and 100% of the collected money will be given to Middleton Outreach Ministry. The menu will again be tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. If you would like to bring something to round out the meal, please bring it to the kitchen that morning.

Please come for fellowship and food, and feel free to wear your favorite team's colors!

Communication!

Committees are meeting and making decisions all the time here at Dale Heights, and that includes plans for activities. If your committee is holding an activity in the church:

- Make sure Maggie in the office knows about it. Please let her know in writing, either via email or the notepad on the office door. She will follow up with you, but don't be afraid to follow up yourself. If necessary, Maggie will contact Pastor Paul to coordinate building use with Sah-lang.
- Write an article for the Focus! Make sure it's in by the deadline.
- Leave a note for Rick, our custodian, in his mailbox if he needs to do any setup.

Thanks for helping our church run smoothly!

Outreach & Mission

February *Outreach* News

The Road Home

Our Road Home commitments for 2017 are the following dates: February 24, May 19, August 4, and October 27. Mark your calendars and see Gale Oakes to help out with food, fun, and fellowship!

Pres House

We are scheduled to serve dinner at Pres House on March 5. This is another great opportunity for food, fun, and fellowship! Please see Wendy Weber if you're interested in helping out!

Guatemalan Child Sponsorship

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a Guatemalan child, or helping to sponsor a child through Dale Heights' Outreach Committee. Outreach for World Hope (OWH) founder, Kim Tews, spoke to us at a June potluck. Should you feel called to do so, please email Jamie Engebregtsen (klubregtsen@gmail.com) for more information about this opportunity.

Sharing Christmas & Special Offerings

Thank you to all who donated and shopped for our adopted family this Christmas! We were able to share the joy and love of the season through gifts from their wish lists.

We also have the totals for money collected for the Peacemaking and Christmas Joy Offerings—your generosity allowed us to send \$1369.62 for Peacemaking and \$395.31 for Christmas Joy to Presbytery! Thank you so much!

Sandwich Board

If you have a church activity that needs publicity, see Wendy Weber to learn how to use our new sandwich board, available to everyone!

Please feel free to join us at our next meeting, **Sunday, February 12** after worship in the downstairs dining area!



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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