



Focus

March 2017

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Lenten Season

March 1, Ash Wednesday, begins the season of Lent, six weeks of fasting that culminates on Holy Week, April 9-16. This ancient tradition, observed by many Christian denominations worldwide, is a special opportunity to reflect, evaluate, and commit to a new direction in our lives in the Kingdom of God.

A recently ordered book lying on my desk, written by one of my favorite theological writers, NT Wright, is titled *The Day the Revolution Began: Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus' Crucifixion*. Wright's message, which is a theme running through much of his prolific writing, is that Jesus came announcing the arrival of God's kingdom on earth that will someday be consummated in the present creation, which will be fully and finally redeemed. With Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, his revolution was launched through his church, which is commissioned to join God in his work of Jesus followers are part of his worldwide revolution to change the world.

I realize that for me to be a faithful participant in God's revolution, I need for the Spirit of God to continue his work of transforming me into greater Christlikeness. Traditionally many Christians observe the Lenten Season of spiritual reflection by various forms of fasting, such as changes in diet, use of leisure time, and generally minimizing self-indulgence in various ways. I haven't decided exactly what my fast will be, but I resolve to give more time to prayer and spiritual reflection and meditation that will result in a clearer picture of myself before God. What needs to happen to me and within me to advance my growth and fruitfulness as a member of God's revolution? What disciplines can I observe that will enable me to devote more time to this reflective prayer, and will also enhance my praying toward greater personal transformation?

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In recent years, Dale Heights has not scheduled our own Ash Wednesday and Holy Week weekday services, but encourages our people to participate in these worship opportunities with other churches in our community. But especially, I ask you to join me in this Lenten pilgrimage in any way you choose, as we journey together toward the cross, the necessary path toward the glorious victory of the Resurrection.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*



March 5	First Sunday in Lent
Liturgist: Jennifer Jones	Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
Readers: Alicia & Margie Shumate	
March 12	Second Sunday in Lent
Liturgist: Roy Lembcke	Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
Reader: Sandy Weigt	
March 19	Third Sunday in Lent
Liturgist: Melanie Klump	Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar
Reader: Marcia Holman	
March 26	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Liturgist: Elizabeth Ndafooka	Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp
Reader: June Zeeh	

March New Beginnings

Beginning in February, New Beginnings meets on the **third Friday** of every month. New Beginnings meets on Friday, March 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.

March Birthdays

March 23	Don Weigt
March 28	Elizabeth Ndafooka
	Aaron Lembcke

March Anniversaries

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

Words seem inadequate, but thank you for the wonderful potluck lunch, song, and many kind words for Don and me on Sunday, February 26. I laughed and cried and enjoyed myself. Dale Heights will always hold a special place in my heart and memories.

Thank you also for letting me be a part of this wonderful family of faith. It has been a wonderful journey.

With gratitude and love, Sandy & Don Weigt

Church Women United

The March World Day of Prayer Celebration will take place Friday, March 3, at Oakwood University Woods Heritage Building. Gathering and coffee start at 9am, with the celebration beginning at 10am. All are invited.

On Sunday, March 5 at 3pm, the Front Porch String Band will perform a ukulele and vocal concert in honor of 50 years of Jail Ministries in the Madison area. This is a fundraiser for the very worthy Jail Ministries. Everyone is welcome, and a free-will donation will be received.

—Ellie Metzloff, Key Woman

Worship & Music Committee Highlights February 12, 2017

- People desiring to attend special services for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week are encouraged to attend a church with special services on those occasions.
- Maggie reported that Sarah Prescott has been filling in on Sundays and that it has been going well. Tentative plans are for Maggie to resume Sunday mornings on March 5. Choir rehearsals have restarted and the choir will sing on February 19.
- Inventory of banners was discussed and decision made to inventory and label the banners with names of the maker(s).
- Lent preparations: 1) Table with Lenten wreath will remain in the sanctuary throughout Lent. Candle snuffer volunteers to be secured. 2) Sign-up sheet for Easter flowers (ordered from Klein's) will be in Concourse March 5-19.
- Elizabeth will substitute for Vreni to set up for coffee hour on March 12 and 19.
- Decision made that care of plants and flowers falls under Property & Finance Committee rather than Worship. It was suggested that Elizabeth talk with the Property Committee regarding care of plants, pre-authorization for any purchases and reimbursement, etc.
- Tabled for next meeting: Discussion of future Concourse service.
- Next meeting: April 23, 2017.

Guatemala Mission Trip

Last year, Gerry and Jamie Klump traveled to Guatemala as part of a mission trip sponsored by Outreach for World Hope. A team from Waunakee is preparing another trip to Guatemala and they are requesting items to take for the people there.

Needed items are: Neosporin antibiotic cream, antifungal ointment, 2oz tubes hydrocortisone cream, aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, adult multivitamins, children's chewable vitamins, antacid tablets, boys underwear (sizes from 2T to 6), girls underwear (sizes from 2T to 10), children's socks, flip flops, children's shirts, children's pants, children's dresses, small baseball-style caps, children's shoes, small baby bottles, DumDum suckers, Smarties, combs, pencils, crayons, small toys (like Matchbox cars), and small stuffed animals.

Please turn in items by **March 31**. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Property & Finance Highlights

February 14, 2017

- Thanks to Sah-lang for the window shades that they installed in the sanctuary. The shades will enable projections on the overhead screen to be seen more clearly.
- Some property issues discussed at the January meeting have been resolved: the water softener is now cleaned and repaired, a doorbell for the back concourse door has been installed, the men's restroom on the lower level has a new toilet, paint, and shower-curtain divider. Repairs were also made in the upper restroom! Thank you, Jack Rose!
- Wendy Weber attended the meeting and brought ideas for time-of-worship signage on the lawn along University Ave. Sign lighting was also discussed.
- Regarding water issues in the MATC classroom: a combination of sandbags ringing the outer door and application of blackjack tar below the threshold have made some improvement. Still to be looked at is the moisture affecting tiles in that classroom. Trenching, heating cables, and other ideas will be discussed further.
- The committee reviewed a third draft of a 2017 budget. In addition, financial reports for January were reviewed.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 7:00pm.

Session Notes

February 21, 2017

Session welcomed Wendy Weber to her second term, and Edi Chan and Melanie Klump to their first terms.

Committee representatives to Session are:

- Property & Finance: Roy Lembcke
- Worship & Music: Rev. Roger Roberts
- Outreach & Mission: Melanie Klump
- Care & Fellowship: Edi Chan
- Christian Education: The Session
- Personnel: Rick Shannon

Gale Oakes was elected clerk and Wendy Weber was elected treasurer.

The next Session meeting is Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 7:00pm.

Outreach & Mission



March *Outreach* News

The Road Home

Thank you to those who helped out at The Road Home on March 3! Our next commitment to serve is May 19, please see Gale Oakes if you'd like to help out!

Pres House

Thank you to those who helped with serving dinner at Pres House on March 5!

Al Ripp & MOM Community Gardens Potluck

We are happy to welcome back Al Ripp, Executive Director of Middleton Outreach Ministry, who is going to be talking about the MOM community gardens. Al will speak about how these gardens provide for their clients, as well as the process of starting gardens in our community. Join us on **Sunday, March 19** after worship for this presentation, and please **bring a dish to pass**.

John Knox Presbytery Night at the Madison Mallards

Date: Sunday, July 16 (Church Night)

Time: 4:05pm

Cost: \$31 per person (includes admittance to the game, all-you-can-eat food, and 3 drink tabs)

Join other Presbyterians from JKP at the ballpark in the third base TDS Triple Play section! We will have an all-you-can-eat expanded ballpark food option throughout the game. Each ticket will be accompanied by three tabs for drinks or for kids' games. JKP has reserved 100 tickets and can add more if needed. **Deadline is June 15**. Checks should be made out to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church with "JKP Mallards Night" on the memo line. Questions can be sent to Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler (2revs@charter.net or call 608-417-0231)





Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

Lent has traditionally been a season of fasting and prayer. Fasting and prayer can be categorized as taking time for discernment and being especially mindful about our meaning and work in God’s world. During this time, it is suggested that Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church, we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of One Great Hour of Sharing. The program recipients are:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)
- Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)
- Self-Development of People (SDP)

We know: Jesus’ ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. OGHS helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society. OGHS is about this: every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of people, and you will hear about a few of these individuals over the coming weeks. Let the stories really help us see and feel the faces and realities of those whose lives are being changed by our gifts.

Here’s a challenge: to give strong consideration to increasing your gift to the offering—you’ll see how giving opens your heart to God’s work in your own life. Are there any relatively small changes we can make in our lifestyle and our spending which would actually allow us to make a greater gift and difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in need? We will be abundantly aware of a greater sense of faith and connection to this special offering.

Listen for more information during Minutes for Mission for this special offering season. You can find materials on the Outreach table as well. Thank you for your generosity!

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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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