



Focus

May 2017

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Living a Complete Life

Although he and his wife, Olivia, were members of Dale Heights for just over a year, Joseph Ishikawa made a profound impression on our congregation and his death on April 14 leaves us with a sense of void and sadness. We all remember his gentle nature, warm smile, and eagerness to engage any of us in conversation. I can still recall my visit with Joseph and Olivia when they presented themselves as candidates for church membership. They both spoke of a strong faith in and loyal devotion to Christ as Lord and Savior. The more I became acquainted with Joseph and then heard about his fascinating life, the more I agree with the statement in his obituary—Joseph Ishikawa lived a complete life.

Although most of us won't, like Joseph, live to age 97, we each can aspire to live a complete life. The 90th Psalm contrasts God's eternity with human frailty and brevity of mortal life, saying "the days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong..." so consider the strength of Joseph Ishikawa! (Admittedly, today's average lifespan in developed countries is considerably longer than when this psalm was written in the ancient Middle East). But whatever the duration of our mortal lives, we can each one, by God's gracious blessing, live a complete life.

We're all aware of the mysterious and unpredictable nature of human life, and how many lives are tragically cut short and fail to reach any measure of their full potential. And yet every mortal life (including centenarians), in the light of God's eternity, is, as the psalmist wrote, soon swept away. My resolve, as I face another birthday, is to seek to live a complete life, one that can be said will have fulfilled God's intention when he created me in his image, redeemed me by his grace, and called me into his service.

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John Wesley, commenting on the way his original Methodists faced the reality of death said, “Our people die well.” We aren’t ready to live well until we’re ready to die well, living each day knowing that when we reach the end of our brief mortal pilgrimage, we’ll receive the embrace of our loving Savior who’ll be thrilled to have us in his glorious, uninterrupted presence forevermore.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*



May 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Gale Oakes

Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

May 14 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Barb Fleishman

Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer

May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Jamie Engebretsen

Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar

May 28 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Jim Lundgren

Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp

May New Beginnings

New Beginnings meets on the **third Friday** of every month.

This month, New Beginnings will meet on Friday, May 19 at 11:30am, at Prairie Café, 3109 Pheasant Branch Rd, Middleton. Please **text** or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

May Birthdays

May 5	Paul Holland
May 9	Anne Lembcke
May 11	Hannah Eldridge
May 15	Dagmar Bartels
May 16	Maggie Rogers
May 20	Janet Jones
	Rick Shannon
May 24	Jim Tracey
May 29	Roger Roberts

May Anniversary

May 27	Grant & Anne Lembcke
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Worship & Music Committee

April 23, 2017

- At the request of Session, various options for a Holy Week service in 2018 will be discussed at future meetings.
- Summer special music recruitment will start soon. The choir's last Sunday is June 4. Pastor Roberts suggested bringing in musicians from other churches when special summer music is needed and when the choir does not sing. The annual hymn festival is scheduled for June 11, perhaps in the Concourse if an electric keyboard can be borrowed for that service.
- Discussed the "uninvited guest" who entered the church and later broke into a car in the parking lot. Consensus was that the door which leads to the lower level should be locked Sunday mornings and the office door should be locked.
- It was suggested that one of the sanctuary doors be left open during the service so ushers will be more aware of people in the Concourse and can ask questions. Property & Finance will be asked to discuss having a monitor for the parking lot and church during services.
- Re: sanctuary candles—Pastor Roberts suggested that we use one large LED candle placed on the communion table instead of the candelabras. Pastor Roberts' research indicates most Presbyterian churches use one candle. Source for candle to be pursued.
- Next meeting: Sunday, September 10, 2017

Property & Finance Highlights

April 11, 2017

- Lawn & Garden: a survey of the plaques in the memorial gardens has been completed—most were in reasonable shape—some will need reattachment to the stakes. A few trees need replacement, such as the dwarf blue spruce for the Gebhardts. A church member is interested in having raised planters on church grounds to grow herbs and vegetables for MOM. More details are requested.
- Sound system: Sah-lang has sent out sanctuary sound equipment for warranty repair. A temporary fix has allowed the system to function.
- Spring work days: Saturday work days will begin after Easter.
- Upcoming: the committee has scheduled a meeting with Sergenian's on April 18. Also in April will be meetings with Wolf Paving or their associates (regarding parking lot maintenance) and PKK Lighting (can light replacements/etc in interior and exterior of the concourse).
- Financial: the financial statements for period ending 3/31/2017 were not yet available. Also, bank check signature forms require more information than expected. That information is being gathered to submit to the bank.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 7:00pm.



Church Women United

The May Friendship Day luncheon on May 5 will be the last CWU event until September. It will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church beginning at 10:30am. The Least Coin offering will be collected at this event. As of April 20, Dale Heights had \$72.52 and we hope it will increase by May 5! Since we pray for peace as each coin is given, this represents many prayers! The proceeds from the offering will be used for self-help projects for impoverished women in the US and throughout the world. Thank you all!

—Ellie Metzloff, Key Woman

Outreach & Mission



May *Outreach* News

One Great Hour of Sharing

You were very generous in your participation and giving to our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Our grand total raised this year was \$1369.22! Just a reminder that your gifts make a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please stop to think of the fact that you indeed make a difference in the lives of people around the world! You are blessed to be a blessing to others. Thank you very much.

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)



The Road Home

Our next opportunity to help with The Road Home shelter is on **Friday, May 19**. The other 2017 dates are August 4 and October 27. Mark your calendars and please see Gale Oakes to help out with food, fun, and fellowship!

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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