



Focus

August 2017

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A Message from Pastor Roger

Dale Heights Staff

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Dale Heights Session

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Anniversaries

They say “time flies when you’re having fun,” and that’s certainly true regarding my ministry with Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. It’s hard to believe that on July 27th I celebrated my third anniversary as your pastor. I continue to be grateful that you had enough confidence to entrust me with this charge to be your Stated Supply Pastor, considering my Baptist ministry credentials. Several of you have offered me some guidance, instructions, and “hints” on the ways of being a Presbyterian, even loaning me books to help me with this steep learning curve. You’ve always affirmed my ministry gifts of preaching and pastoral care, which continues to be a joyful, gratifying work for me.

When I began as your pastor in the summer of 2014, I was still quite new to Madison and Wisconsin, having moved to this new area with my wife, Nancy, who was receiving care and treatment for her Alzheimer’s disease. I’m grateful, not only for the way you welcomed us as your pastor and wife, but for the love and attention you gave to Nancy during the final stages of her disease. Her memorial service on July 18 was a loving tribute to her life as well as an expression of your love for my family and me.

The following year, God brought a wonderful new helpmeet into my life who became my wife in 2016. Jan has been an amazing gift to me in every way a spouse can possibly be. She also has brought to the Dale Heights people her love and ministry concern, as well as her gifts and talents in Christlike caring and hospitality (not to mention her excellent cooking skills). So, on September 21 Jan and I will celebrate another important anniversary—our first wedding anniversary. We haven’t, as of this writing, made a final as to where we’ll celebrate, but knowing her fondness for watersides and sunshine, I have a fairly good “suspicion.”

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So, anniversaries are occasions for celebrating with thanksgiving, whether they be honoring the deceased or giving thanks for the living, who continue to bless our lives. So, thank you, God, for Dale Heights Church, and thank you, God, for my lovely and gracious wife, Jan, and for the years I've enjoyed in ministry and marriage, and for the countless blessings ahead. Let's celebrate!

Yours in his love and service,

—Pastor Roger



August 6	9th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Gale Oakes	Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
August 13	10th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Edi Chan	Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
August 20	11th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Barb Fleishman	Ushers: Vreni Straubhaar, TBD
August 27	12th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Jennifer Jones	Ushers: Alicia Shumate, Margie Shumate, Nathan Tripp

August New Beginnings

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

This month, New Beginnings will meet on Friday, August 18 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.



Church Women United

The first Forum of the 2017-2018 year will take place on Friday, September 8. It will be held at the Sikh Temple, 6970 Century Ave, Middleton. Tea begins at 9am, with the presentation "The Sikh Faith and Beliefs", presented by Bob Seerha, beginning at 10am.

Everyone is welcome.

—Ellie Metzloff, Key Woman

Directory Revision

In September I will be publishing an updated Dale Heights directory. Please check your current contact information and update the office if anything has changed before the end of August.

August Birthdays

- August 3 Grant Lembcke
- August 6 Cecilia Martinez
- August 8 Lenore Mercer
- August 11 Bill Holman
- August 19 Janice Krall
- August 23 Sam Roecker
- August 27 Frank Rodriguez
Jane Williams

August Anniversaries

- August 11 Gale Oakes & Dale Buske
- August 18 Janet & Tom Jones
- August 31 Vicki & Gerry Klump

Psalm a la Mode...

August 29, 2017

6:30pm



Property & Finance Highlights

July 11, 2017

- Memorial Gardens: Some bark mulch has washed out into other areas due to heavy rains. The red garage area will be cleared more to serve as an extension of the back gardens. Smaller memorial trees or bushes could go in that area. Memorial plaques were discussed. Tree trimmers will be hired to cut down the one dead trunk of the birch tree and to trim the Amur maple. One memorial tree in the Jorgenson garden has dead lower branches. There is a new plaque for Nancy Roberts. The lawnmower belt and blades have been installed.
- Drainage problems: Trenching continues at the side of the office wing. Heavy rains have caused some seeping next to the MATC fire door and also in the Fellowship Hall/storage area.
- Lighting: With Session approval, PKK Lighting has been contacted to schedule bulb and fixture installation on the exterior of the concourse. A new gooseneck lamp is designed to light the church name on the concourse exterior. Replacement lights for the two concourse interior lights over the staircase will also be installed. Sanctuary lighting is on hold for now. Someone has placed solar fixtures to light the Sah-lang sign near University Ave.
- Computer and copier: More information will be gathered on replacing the current office copier and office computer.
- Flooring: A recommendation to go ahead with asbestos abatement and new flooring in the office wing basement is being forwarded to Session for their consideration. Note: Session approved this recommendation on Saturday, July 22.
- Air conditioning: Maintenance has been done. The old unit for the Fellowship Hall is still working.
- Financial statements: Financial status reports (with new format) as of 6/30/17 were reviewed. Year-to-date giving statements will be distributed soon.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00pm.



August *Outreach* News

Middleton Outreach Ministry

Melanie Klump was our own Meter Maid on July 16 for the Pay-to-Park fundraiser, which raised \$168 toward the MOM Parking Lot Replacement fund in memory of MOM Executive Director Al Ripp. Thanks for your generosity!

It's back-to-school time, which means it's time for the MOM School Supply Drive! The Outreach Committee has a goal to fill 5 complete backpacks. If you would like to contribute cash, a backpack (**if possible, please buy an extra-large one requested for high school students to add to regular-sized ones already donated**), and/or supplies from the list shown, please contact Wendy Weber. You can even donate with another person! Please bring your donation on or before **Sunday, August 13**. A list of supplies can also be found on the sideboard in the concourse.

Most needed items:

- extra-large back packs for high school students
- dry erase markers
- three ring binders (w/out logos)
- graph paper
- dividers for folders and binders
- protractors
- compasses
- black sharpies
- Crayola crayons
- plastic page protectors-packs of 10
- 3x3 Post-it notes
- scotch tape
- pocket folders

Outreach Garden for MOM

Two slots remain in August for helping out with the Outreach garden. Please sign up if you are able to help!

Dale Heights Picnic

Mark your calendars for the Dale Heights Fall Kickoff picnic! On Sunday, September 10 we will be celebrating a new year with hot dogs, other food/drink, and outdoor games and activities. Edi Chan is looking for volunteers to help out, so please contact her with your interest!

Upcoming dates...

September 3-October 1: Peace & Global Witness Offering

October 16: CROP Walk (First Congregational UCC)

October 22: Pres House

As always, a big thank you! You and we know we could never do the work without you!

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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