



Focus

September 2017

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Faithful Workers

Dale Heights is a small church that's blessed with "big" workers and amazing volunteers. I can't say enough, and won't name individuals for fear of overlooking someone. But you and I both know who is always at hand when jobs need to be done. It's too easy to take people for granted, when we learn to expect the grounds, landscaping, flowers, and other plantings beautifying our property. We also assume there will be tasty "goodies" prepared for our post-worship fellowship time in the concourse, and that some thoughtful volunteers will clean the dishes, etc. I should also mention those who assist in preparing for and cleaning up after special events, such as our potluck lunches and ice cream socials, etc.

Thanks to the regularly meeting Property & Finance committee, our building is being maintained for our use and also for the congregations and organizations that share our facilities. Some of you aren't aware that during the week you would be likely to see some of our people at work around and within our building, doing maintenance inside and outside, including new construction projects. The Property & Finance committee has been planning and meeting with various contractors to replace flooring in the church basement, not only for aesthetic but also health purposes. This entire project will be done during the early part of September and will not interfere with anyone's regular use of the building, thanks to the good planning of the Property & Finance committee.

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A Scripture that comes to mind that describes so many of the people of Dale Heights is from the Book of Nehemiah, a narrative about an important rebuilding project:

“So we rebuilt the wall...for ***the people had a mind to work.***”

Thank you, all you willing and faithful workers at Dale Heights.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*



September 3 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Roy Lembcke

Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber

September 10 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Janice Krall

Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Oty Schaefer

September 17 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Melanie Klump

Ushers: Vreni Straubhaar, TBD

September 24 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Jennifer Jones

Ushers: Alicia Shumate, Margie Shumate, Nathan Tripp

September New Beginnings

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

This month, New Beginnings will meet on Friday, September 15 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



September Birthdays

September 4	Bill Sebert
September 9	Alicia Shumate
September 18	Jack Rose
September 20	Sandy Weigt
September 24	Jane Koning
September 25	Roy Lembcke
September 30	Ellie Metzloff

September Anniversaries

September 10	Lucille & Ray Miller
September 21	Roger & Jan Roberts
September 24	Jamie & Matt Engbregtsen

Music News

As the summer draws to a close, I want to say a big thank-you to those who provided special music over the summer! And I encourage anyone who is interested in performing to contact me to perform on a Sunday when the choir is off.

And speaking of choir, it's that time again! Rehearsals resume on Thursday, August 31 at 7:30pm, and all are welcome! Please see me if you are interested in joining the choir!

Looking ahead, I am planning a special musical treat this fall, when we will host my family's hand-built harpsichord for a time.

More information to come!

Property & Finance Highlights

August 8, 2017

- Memorial Gardens: Some buckthorn and dead tree limbs have been removed.
- Drainage problems: Thank you to volunteers who ordered the stone, dug the trench, perforated and laid the pipe in a bed of washed stone, re-laid the path and redid the culvert. These things were done to prevent a reoccurrence of rain/snow melt damaging the basement classrooms.
- Parking lot: reviewed two estimates for seal coating, patching, and restriping.
- University Ave sign: Heard a report on refreshing the sign and collaborating with Sah-lang regarding times of service, etc.
- Flooring: Decided on Mohawk vinyl tile (10-year commercial warranty) for the project to begin in August and be completed in September in time for the MATC room to be used for their classes. Sergenian's will issue a new proposal which will include flooring in Room 10, which is currently carpeted.
- Window cleaning: discussed the possibility of having the large concourse windows professionally cleaned.
- Other: Toilet in downstairs women's restroom was leaking. Toilet float in concourse restroom needed replacement. These have now been fixed. The burned-out light bulbs in the fixture at the back of the fellowship hall have been replaced.
- Giving statements: YTD giving statements have been distributed.
- Financial statements: Financial status reports as of 7/31/17 were reviewed.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00pm.

Fall Kickoff Picnic

Please plan on joining us on Sunday, September 10 for a fun afternoon on the lawn! A picnic lunch will be provided (hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and more) and there will be lawn games as well!

Please contact Edi Chan if you would like to help plan, set up, or contribute in any way.

Hope to see you there!



September **Outreach** News

Middleton Outreach Ministry

Thank you for your amazing response and willingness to serve the students, our next generation, with the donations of backpacks and school supplies, as well as monetary donations. Our goal was 5 filled backpacks and it was so much more! Thank you to Roy Lembcke for delivering the donations.

The Road Home

Thank you to Gale Oakes for coordinating the meal served by several Dale Heights folks for the Road Home Shelter at St. Luke’s in Middleton in August. We are reminded of the challenges many families and individuals have. We are called to follow Jesus Christ and to live our faith in such places, and never forget how fortunate we are to be able to help.

Outreach Garden for MOM

Be sure to check out the progress of the herb garden planter! There’s still time and opportunity to help tend the garden, so if you would like to do so, please contact Melanie Klump.

Dale Heights Picnic

See elsewhere in the Focus for details on the Fall Kickoff Picnic, to be held on September 10.

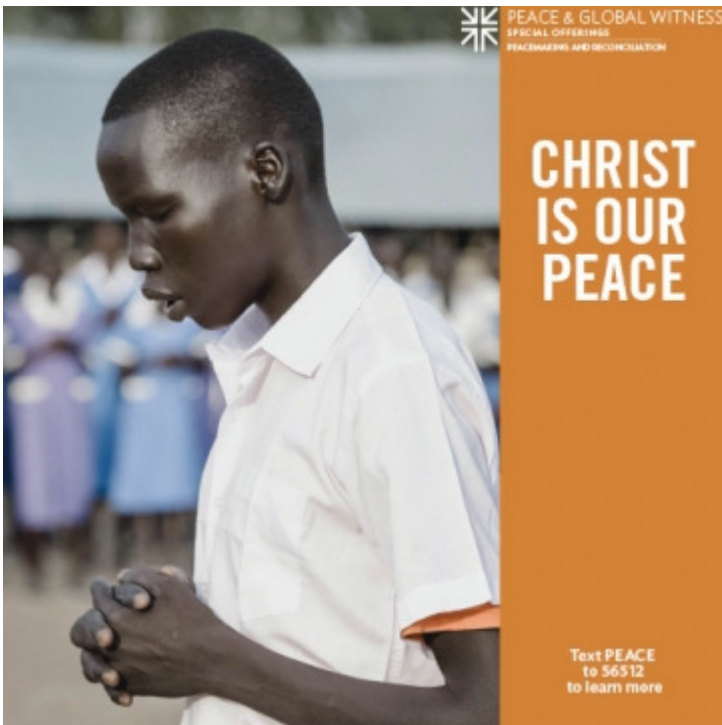
Disbursements

The Committee has disbursed funds to two new organizations: Lussier Community Center on Gammon Rd, and One City Learning Center on Madison’s south side.

Upcoming dates...

- September 3-October 1: Peace & Global Witness Offering (*see next page*)
- October 16: CROP Walk (First Congregational UCC)
- October 22: Pres House
- October 27: The Road Home

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



2017 Peace & Global Witness Offering

September 3—October 1

“So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.” Ephesians 2:14-17



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

The offering formerly known as the Peacemaking Offering supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church.

This is really a four-week pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, families, and individuals as we support those in our communities, nation, and world who lack peace in their lives for various reasons. Areas of special interest this year are:

- Supporting those working to heal the divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan, where 220,000 people live in one refugee camp.
- Syrian refugees
- Using our Presbyterian Ministry seat at the United Nations to speak to many issues important for our calling as serving Christians.
- Hearing about activities in other Presbyterian churches as they work to pursue the path toward peace for others.
- Creating materials to help congregations deal with important issues—disagreements in our churches, bullying in schools, and gun violence in our communities, even Madison.
- Please follow the link for Path of Peace Daily Reflections, or subscribe to have them delivered daily: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Path-of-Peace-Reflections-2017.pdf>

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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