



FOCUS

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A Message from Pastor Roger

Summer Ministry Opportunities

Thanks to the tireless and energetic leadership of Wendy Weber and the Outreach Committee, our Dale Heights family has numerous opportunities to participate in meaningful study and life-changing ministries.

As for a meaningful study opportunity, Wendy will lead us in a summertime Bible study: Faith and Our World Today. This will be a four-week Bible study created by the Presbyterian Church Care of Creation Program and Matthew 25 Initiative, beginning on Wednesday, July 12 through August 2. Wendy says "this study will use other resources and scripture to connect our faith and commitment to following God's will in caring for all of creation." Additional details are in this *Focus*.

These special studies are always a good time of fellowship and sharing, and Wendy always presents the study material in an interesting and helpful way. I hope you'll join us.

A ministry that directly impacts and improves the lives of your students in our community is the Backpack Project, sponsored by WayForward Resources (formerly known as MOM). There will be announcements about this program and also info about the drive in the concourse in the next few weeks. Donations for contributions to this ministry that directly encourages and provides for students is Sunday, August 6. See more details in the Outreach article.

Outreach is also providing a unique and very personal need for an incarcerated individual who is reaching out for our help in providing a simple need in his life of confinement. I hope you'll join me in participating in a ministry that is an opportunity to minister to Jesus himself (Matthew 25:36). More information, including this person's appeal, is in this *Focus*.

So, thank you, Wendy and Outreach Committee for providing these meaningful summertime opportunities for study and ministry.

Pastor Roger

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June Zeeh

Edi Chan (2023)
Bonnie Savonne (2023)
June Zeeh (2024)
Verena Straubhaar (2025)
Gerry Klump (2025)



July Birthdays

- July 1: Kris Tracey
- July 2: Debbie Doshier
- July 8: Bonnie Savonne
- July 11: Melanie Klump
- July 12: Marcia Holman
Stella Engebregtsen
- July 13: Margie Shumate
- July 23: Otty Schaefer
- July 27: Jennifer Jones

July Anniversaries

- July 16: Sandy & Don Weigt
- July 25: Bill & Marcia Holman

August Birthdays

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

August Anniversaries

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



BREAKFAST

Once again, the Dale Heights breakfast group will be hosting the monthly breakfasts on **Saturday, July 8**, and **Saturday, August 12th**. Serving will begin at 8:30 am.

The suggested donation is \$ 4. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the Concourse or contact Roy Lembcke to RSVP.

The deadline for article submissions for the September issue of the FOCUS is August 29, 2023.

OUTREACH

Dale Heights received a handwritten letter and request from an inmate at Redgranite Correctional Institution in Redgranite Wisconsin for assistance with personal care items. The original handwritten copy is on the sideboard in the Gathering Space along with a copy of the request form.

Donna, our secretary extraordinaire, has checked that this is a legitimate request and a common practice. Outreach would like to consider this request and involve the congregation as well as an opportunity to do this as prison ministry and learn something about correctional life as well.

The request from the inmate:

5/23/23

Dear Dale Heights Presbyterian Church,

My name is Randy Schiff, I am 35 years old, a Christian and current prisoner at the Redgranite prison in Redgranite Wisconsin and would like to explain that I am an indigent person at this time and wanted to know if you can possibly order me some hygiene items from Union Supply?

*I am waiting to get a job but the thing about that is jobs around here start at \$.12 hr which is only enough to buy a laundry card every 2 weeks so we can wash our clothes so there's not really much around here for employment opportunities so if this is something that you may be able to help me with then I greatly appreciate it, thank you for your time and consideration on this matter and God bless you all,
Sincerely,
Randy Schiff*

If we choose to become involved, the quarterly cost for soap and Degree deodorant will be \$23.00

This is Outreach Committee's recommendation:

Outreach is responsible for the funding and commitment and we will accept \$1.00-\$2.00 donations every 3 months from interested members. Please use a donation envelope and mark it for Redgranite or prison ministry. In the meantime, please let Outreach know of your interest. We'll let you know about the response.

Thanks for considering your support for this project!

The Backpack Program is Back!

WayForward Resources (formerly known as **MOM**) is continuing its Backpack Project and Outreach would like to invite you to participate once again! There will be announcements about the program in the next couple of weeks and also info about the drive in the concourse.

Note: In the past couple of years we have simplified the backpack program for efficiency and to avoid people having to shop individually for these items. It is more difficult for some members to do the shopping and we'll do the shopping and organizing for you. Or, WayForward Resources welcomes monetary donations to purchase requested items not donated.

Please know that you may still shop personally, but WayForward requests that we donate only new items noted on their list.

There will be a list of items posted and copies of the list available with requested items along with the cost of each in the concourse area. You may offer the cost of individual items or donate a specific amount.

Please:

- Use a donation envelope found near the door of the sanctuary, in the concourse or in the pew rack
- Note on the envelope that the donation is for backpacks and supplies or WayForward and include your name to give you credit for your gift. Please write backpack on your check as well.
- Make donations by Sunday, August 6, so we can get the items and monetary donations to the WayForward in a timely fashion.

This is from The WayForward website:

We are grateful for the way our community comes together to make sure kids from 4K to college have what they need to be ready to learn. This effort would not happen without financial support and donations from individuals, churches and businesses and the work of our many volunteers!

We can accept donations of NEW school supplies until August 10. **(Our Dale Heights deadline is Sunday, August 6.)**

Items we need this year include:

- Backpacks – including extra large (XL), sturdy backpacks for high school students
- Dry erase markers
- Crayola thin or wide markers – 10 pk
- Pink erasers and pencil tip erasers
- #2 pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pens
- Highlighters
- Composition notebooks, wide and college ruled
- Spiral notebooks, wide and college ruled, assorted colors
- Binders and binder dividers

- Poly pocket folders without prongs – assorted colors
- Earbuds
- Headphones
- Loose leaf paper, wide and college ruled
- Graph paper- loose leaf and notebooks
- Crayola colored pencils – 12 pk
- Crayola crayons, 24 pack
- Watercolor paints
- Post-it notes – 3×3
- Ruled index cards 3×5
- Sharpies (black), ultra-fine and fine
- Protractors & compasses
- Glue and glue sticks
- Pencil pouches and boxes

<https://www.wayforwardresources.org/support-us/seasonal-support/>



UPPER HOUSE

Pressing Issues for the Global Church

Upper House is hosting five conversations to learn from leaders in our community who have experience in other parts of the world—to deepen our understanding of the church at large and possibly the church in Madison, too.

Meeting on Wednesdays (7/12, 7/26, 8/9) from 5:00-6:30 PM

[Registration](#)

The Healthy and Faithful Climate Corner

The Dale Heights Energy or “Please Turn Out the Lights” Challenge

One of the easiest and most effective ways to save some money and reduce your energy bill is turning off our light when we aren’t using them.

First, reducing our energy usage by turning off our lights is an excellent way to reduce our carbon footprint.

Electricity generation is one of the biggest sources of carbon emissions that contribute to climate change.

By turning off our lights when we aren’t using them, we can do our part to reduce carbon emissions and therefore help the environment.

And reducing our energy usage doesn’t just help the environment – it also helps reduce expenses. Turning off lights when we don’t need them can help to reduce our electricity bills. We’ll also extend the life of our light bulbs, which will save us money as well.

Turning off our lights when we aren’t using them is one of the most basic steps we can take to reduce our energy usage and save money on our electricity bill. Just remember that even a small change can add up to big energy savings for us and also help reduce our carbon footprint.

What are we specifically challenging and asking all of us at Dale Heights to do?

Please...

- Be conscious and ask ourselves if we need to turn on a switch when we use the hall or go in a room
- Turn off hall lights when you are not in the hall
- Turn off bathroom lights when you exit the bathroom
- Turn off a room light when you leave a room
- Turn off the kitchen lights when you leave the kitchen
- Double check bathroom lights when locking up the building to leave
- If the air conditioning or heat has been turned up or down, return it to the original temperature when leaving.

Another reminder is to check to see that all windows are closed and locked when leaving the building.

Thank you very much and let’s see what positive changes we can make for our church and our environment!!

June is...was pollinator month, but...

Two wonderful young neighbors reminded me again that June is...was pollinator month! Thank you wonderful, curious and informed ones! Let’s get a head start on Pollinator Month 2024. **We still have time to add even a couple of pollinator plants to our gardens and yards! Here’s a reminder for all of us:**

National Pollinators Month in June brings attention to the importance of the relationship between pollinators and plants. Pollinators are insects and animals that transfer pollen from one plant to another. This pollen transfer leads to plants being able to produce fruits, vegetables, and nuts. Pollination, thus, is a crucial method through which humans and wildlife get their food resources.

Research studies estimate that about 75% of the food sources in the world are dependent on pollination. However, due to increased pollution and invasive non-native plantations, pollinators like bees and wasps are in danger of extinction.

Must-have plants to help Wisconsin's native bees

Jennifer Rude Klett

April 13, 2022

Special to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

One of the more important steps backyard gardeners can take to help disappearing native bees is to grow native plants that provide continuous blooms throughout the season, according to **Susan Carpenter, plant curator at the University of Wisconsin Arboretum.**

Carpenter offered these “must haves” for bee conservation, broken down by season. Some of the recommendations are noted as superfoods or immune builders for bumble bees, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Early season: Virginia bluebells, *Mertensia virginica*; shooting star, *Dodecatheon meadia*; wild lupine, *Lupinus perennis*; wood betony, *Pedicularis canadensis*; serviceberry, *Amelanchier*; willow, *Salix*.

Midseason: white or cream false indigo, *Baptisia alba* or *Baptisia bracteata*; penstemon, *Penstemon*; Culver’s root, *Veronicastrum virginicum*; wild bergamot, *Monarda fistulosa* (superfood and immune builder); purple coneflower, *Echinacea purpurea* or *Echinacea pallida* (superfood); leadplant, *Amorpha canescens* (superfood); common milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*; American basswood tree, *Tilia americana*. “Do not skip that one. It’s huge, and they love it,” Carpenter said.

Late season: bottle gentian, *Gentiana andrewsii*; showy goldenrod, *Solidago speciosa* (superfood); New England aster, *Aster novae-angliae* (superfood); white turtlehead, *Chelone glabra* (immune builder).

For additional recommendations, Prairie Nursery in Westfield has a handy online native flower and shrub guide for season-long pollinator support that specifically lists species of bees, prairienursery.com.

There are also many trees, shrubs and native plants which effectively contribute to a healthier ecosystem!.

Submitted by Wendy Weber

Happenings at Dale Heights..

We welcomed High Point Church’s Mission to Madison youth program to assist Jack Rose and Gerry Klump in work at our church. Three different groups of 7th graders along with a leader came for 2 ½ hour shifts on Tuesday and Thursday morning and Tuesday afternoon June 20 and 22. They painted the red garage, painted doors of the white garage, and assisted in moving mulch for our flower beds. We provided snacks, fruit and lemonade. Thanks to Wendy Weber and Barb Fleischman for providing some of the treats. Special surprise was Wednesday morning’s youth group leader was our old friend Dietrich Gruen.

Submitted by Gerry Klump

Bible Study: Faith and Our World Today

We are planning a four-week bible study created by the Presbyterian Church Care of Creation Program and Matthew 25 Initiative **beginning on Wednesday, July 12**. The study will use other resources and scripture to connect our faith and commitment to following God’s will in caring for all of creation.

- Gathering, dessert and fellowship will be from 12:30 – 12:50 p.m.
- The bible study will be from 12:50 – 2 p.m.
- The class is planned for Wednesday, July 12 – August 2
- **Note:** It may be necessary to reschedule the Wednesday, July 19 class to Tuesday, July 18.



DALE HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JULY CALENDAR

- 01 Session 1:00 pm
- 02 Sunday Worship/communion
- 08 Family Breakfast – 8:30 am
- 09 Sunday Worship
- 11 Property and Finance meeting
7:00 – 8:30 pm
- 16 Sunday worship
- 23 Sunday worship
- 30 Sunday worship

AUGUST CALENDAR

- 06 Sunday worship
- 08 Property and Finance meeting
7:00 – 8:30 pm
- 12 Family Breakfast – 8:30 am
- 13 Sunday worship
- 20 Sunday worship
- 27 Sunday worship

Also – see article about Bible Study Dates.

Liturgists

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| July 02 | Marcia Holman |
| July 09 | Otty Schaefer |
| July 16 | Verena Straubhaar |
| July 23 | Janice Krall |
| July 30 | Barb Fleishman |