

# FOCUS

April 2024

Daleheightschurch.org

## A Message from Pastor Roger

### Dale Heights Staff

Pastor:  
Reverend Roger Roberts

Treasurer:  
Wendy Weber

Music Director  
Alissa Freeman

Accounts Manager:  
Dawn Westhoff

Office Manager:  
Deb Hughes

Custodians:  
Felipe Ruiz  
& Lily Fabella

Grounds Keeper:  
Rob Carpenter

### Session Members

**Moderator:**  
Reverend Roger Roberts

**Clerk:**  
June Zeeh

June Zeeh (2024)  
Wendy Weber (2024)  
Verena Straubhaar (2025)  
Gerry Klump (2025)  
Edi Chan (2026)  
Gale Oakes (2026)

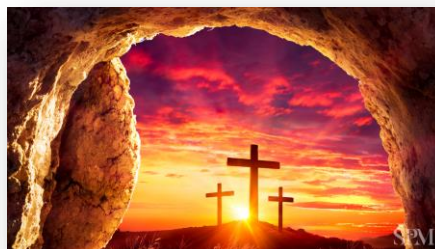
### Ongoing Easter

During my nine-plus years as pastor of a Presbyterian church, I have been introduced to a lot of liturgical seasons and practices that were unfamiliar to me. One part of the church year and seasons I particularly appreciate is the amount of time and Sunday celebrations given to Christmas (with Advent and Epiphany) and Easter (with Lent, and the 50 days of Eastertide, culminating with Pentecost Sunday, this year on May 19).

No celebration can be more important than Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The fact of Jesus' death to atone for our sins and his resurrection that gives us our hope of eternal life are the foundational pillars of our Christian faith.

With almost every day of my life's pilgrimage, the fact that our Savior lives is increasingly precious to me. The fact that he loves me unconditionally and that he lives within me through the Holy Spirit are truths that not only sustain me but give me peace and joy for each day. I pray that you also will be encouraged by these truths.

Please pray for me as I plan and prepare for sermons during this Eastertide Season, that the preached word might give us greater understanding and hope. And may our fellowship with one another be mutually encouraging as we remind each other, by words, prayer and loving actions, "He is risen!"





# Breakfast

The Dale Heights breakfast group will be hosting the monthly breakfast on:

**Saturday  
April 13, 2024.**

Serving will begin at 8:30 am.

The suggested donation is \$4.

RSVP to Roy L. if you have not already done so.



To prevent stains, we ask that you refrain from taking beverages (other than water) into the sanctuary.

**THANK YOU.**



### Church Office Hours:

9:30-1:30

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

## *April*

### Birthdays

- 7 Bill Mercer
- 10 Ndazona Ndafooka-Holland
- 22 Gale Oakes
- 23 Leon Bernido
- 30 Gerry Klump



We invite all who are interested to participate in the choir.

Rehearsals are held on **Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**

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*The deadline for article submissions for the May issue of the FOCUS is April 24, 2024.*

**JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN 2024 SPRING  
GATHERING**

**9:30 a.m. - Saturday, May 4**

**Project Regeneration:**

The **Session** as well as the **Property and Finance Committee of Dale Heights** have now gone through the second meeting of the Project Regeneration process.

We are entering into the 40 days of prayerful discernment and **ask for your prayers for us** as we go through this process looking for what is God's mission for Dale Heights and what is he calling us to be.

The [outline](#) of the process can show you what we are doing.

The explanation of what is being done can be found here: "[What is God Calling Your Church To Do?](#)"



*Hosted by*

Frankville Community Presbyterian Church  
1130A Frankville Road, Postville, Iowa

*"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:2*



All women of the church are cordially invited to the 2024 Spring Gathering of John Knox Presbyterian Women! We will gather at 9:30 a.m. for Coffee and Fellowship and begin our program at 10:00. Mary Quandahl will give a presentation, "Christ the Solid Rock," that will include a hands-on rock painting activity. Lunch cost will be \$8. Our program will also include Dedication of the Birthday Offering and a service of communion worship.

**Please join us!** To help the Frankville ladies with their planning, please **RSVP by Monday, April 22** by calling or texting 563-419-7371 or email [ripleyjb56@gmail.com](mailto:ripleyjb56@gmail.com). Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you!

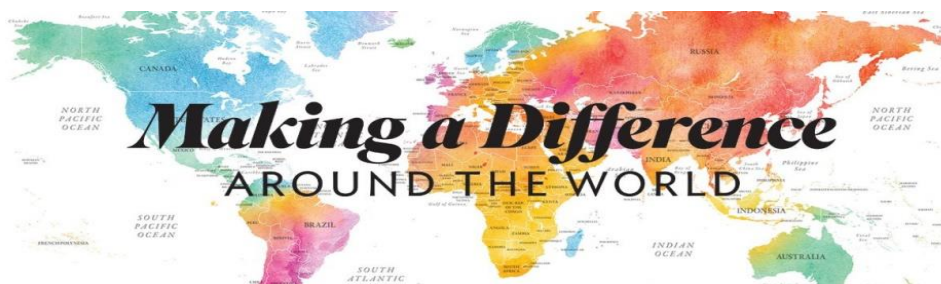
## One Great Hour of Sharing Celebrates 75 Years!

... and **THANK YOU DALE HEIGHTS** for being a generous part of OGHS in 2024 and in past years.

**Thanks for your bills, checks, coin-filled fishes and your prayers for the programs and recipients!**

**In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.**

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



### Over 75 years, OGHS has:

- Granted 3.1 million dollars by PDA in the United States and 15 countries
- Distributed over 55,000 pounds of seeds and seedlings to farmers
- Certified 291 PC(USA) congregations as Earth Care Congregations
- Gave a \$5,500 grant to small farmers in South Sudan
- Had 90 grants that impacted 22 countries by PHP
- Distributed 228,318 Gift of the Heart Kits and Blankets
- 875 chickens were distributed in Guatemala and Colombia
- 105 women became self-employed in Malawi
- 152 people won their land back in Sri Lanka
- 872 Presbyterian congregations purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods

Online gifts can be made here: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/oghs/>

Traditionally collected on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, much thanksgiving for the offerings made by all the churches in John Knox Presbytery.



## *Earth Day Every Day 2024 Program Schedule*

**Earth Day Every Day** is a free, family-friendly **Sustainability Fair and Electric Vehicle Show**.

**Come to this yearly community extravaganza to celebrate Earth Day and get inspired for environmental action!**

**Date & Time:**  
**Saturday April 27, 2024**  
**from 10 am - 3 pm**

**Location: 645 Schewe Rd, Middleton, WI (off Old Sauk Road on the west side of Madison)**

**This family-friendly event includes free admission, live music, a bounce house, face painting, free popcorn, free drawings, and activities for kids, as well as dozens of exhibitors, speakers, and an electric vehicle show! There will be zoo animal shows and a chance to try out electric bicycles. Lunch & ice cream will be available for purchase from local food trucks.**

**Eventbrite listing (with free tickets):**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/earth-day-every-day-sustainability-fair-and-electric-vehicle-show-tickets-866651095757?>

The sign-up link for EV owners who want to show their vehicles is at: [Earth Day Every Day Fair: EV Car Show Exhibitor Registration](#)

Time	Title/Topic	Presenter & Organization
10:00	Cool New Clean Tech	Andy Phelps, Green Team
10:30	EV 101	Dave Benforado, MGE
11:00	Wildlife Rehabilitation	DCHS Wildlife Center
11:30	Messages From the Youth Solutionists	Isak Drangstveit, Dane County Youth Environmental Committee
12:00	Main Stage Program: Mayor's Speech, Presentations & Drawings Music Performance	Mayor Emily Kuhn, City of Middleton
12:30	Dane County Alternative Transportation Resources & BRT	Zia Brucaya, RoundTrip Shanae Meacham, Madison Metro Transit
1:00	Zoo Animal Show	Chloe Frankovic, Henry Vilas Zoo
1:30	Accessing IRA Funds	Kathy Kuntz, Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change
2:00	Zoo Animal Show	Chloe Frankovic, Henry Vilas Zoo
2:30	Greening Your Fleet	Mahanth Joishy, Madison Fleet
2:55	Free Drawing: Mower	Zayna Thomley, Middleton Community Church

**See next page for Exhibitors!**

***Earth Day Every Day***  
***Exhibitors Coming to Date:***

Click on links below for more information

[Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change](#)

[Madison Gas & Electric](#)

[Renew Wisconsin](#)

[Focus on Energy](#)

[Middleton Sustainability Committee](#)

[350 Wisconsin](#)

[K-12 Energy Education Program \(KEEP\)](#)

[Solarshare co-op](#)

[Metro Transit](#)

[Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens](#)

[Aldo Leopold Nature Center](#)

[Dane County Humane Society Wildlife Center](#)

[Environmental Books \(Middleton Public Library\)](#)

[Madison Children's Museum](#)

[Green Box Composting](#)

[Madison Natural Lawn](#)

[Prairies \(Redeemer UCC\)](#)

[Sauk Prairie Solar Schools](#)

[Dane County Youth Environmental Committee](#)

[Faiths Connect for Climate Action](#)

... and more!





## Standing beside the people we serve

Some of the people who look to our food pantry to help stretch their budgets get to know the staff and volunteers over time. One of our guests — who has been visiting weekly — shared that he recently had cancer surgery. He spoke about his battle to regain his health with our food access managers and how important the pantry was to him through it all. **"It helps to feel like you have people standing behind you, and you all did that for me,"** he said.

We're distributing the equivalent of nearly 120,000 meals per month with support from our community. You can make a difference and help us continue to meet the need by [planning a food drive](#), shopping directly from our [Amazon Wish List](#) or [donating today](#). Thank you!

*(Our wish list features items that are always in demand at the pantry and any items you buy will be shipped directly to WayForward.)*

### Top 10 Food Donations

- Mac and cheese
- Hamburger or tuna helper
- Canned chicken or tuna
- Basmati, jasmine or white rice
- Masa
- Noodles (any kind)
- Pasta (spaghetti) sauce
- Canned beans (all varieties)
- Canned fruit (all varieties)
- Condiments (any kind)

### Creating food security & housing stability

WayForward Resources (formerly Middleton Outreach Ministry) provides access to nutritious food for people throughout Dane County and support that helps people stay in their homes in Middleton, Cross Plains and west Madison.

## ***DALE HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

5501 University Ave.

Madison, Wisconsin 53705

### **APRIL CALENDAR**

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|----|---|
| 03 | Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm                     |
| 07 | Sunday Worship/communion                    |
| 09 | Property and Finance meeting 7:00 – 8:30 pm |
| 10 | Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm                     |
| 13 | Family Breakfast – 8:30 am                  |
| 14 | Sunday Worship                              |
| 17 | Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm                     |
| 21 | Sunday Worship                              |
| 28 | Sunday worship / Session 11:20              |



### **Liturgists**

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|----------|-------------------|
| April 7  | Wendy Weber       |
| April 14 | Melanie Klump     |
| April 21 | Roy Lembcke       |
| April 28 | Carey Fleischmann |