



# FOCUS

June 2024

Daleheightschurch.org

## A Message from Pastor Roger

### Dale Heights Staff

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Reverend Roger Roberts

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### *Summer's Here and God's in Charge!*

As I understand it, the "unofficial" beginning of summer is the day following Memorial Day, which means we're into summertime, even though the weather continues (as I write this) to feel like early spring. But this is the season when most of us take vacations and also take a more "informal," maybe carefree approach to our schedules and daily responsibilities.

But we can be confident that the leadership of Dale Heights is staying at the task of seeking and finding God's direction for the church. As Session and Property & Finance have engaged in prayer, study and a discussion process called Project Regeneration (in consultation with PCUSA Foundation officers) one truth has been made absolutely clear: Your leaders love the church called Dale Heights Presbyterian, and are determined to seek God's best for fulfilling God's purpose and mission.

As you know, my retirement as your pastor will become effective on Sunday, July 28. Even though my ministry has been part-time, my love for you and my dedication to serve faithfully (though flawed!) has been wholehearted, and my prayers for you will certainly continue, prayers for the church and also for you beloved individuals, whom it has been my privilege to serve these ten years.

So, as these "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" roll on, let's make the most of our times of worship, fellowship, and simply being God's faithful people called Dale Heights.

***Just remember, it's God's church and he is in charge!***

### 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)



## Breakfast

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

Saturday  
JUNE 15, 2024.

*Note the date change - time TBD.*

The suggested donation is \$4.

RSVP to Wendy W if you have not already done so.

## Westside Warblers

**Come for breakfast,  
stay for the sing-along!**

**We will meet in the lounge at  
11 am  
Saturday, June 15**

***Songs are from Tom & Janet  
Jones' songbook.***

**Church Office Hours:  
9:30-1:30  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**



### ***June Birthdays***

- 1 Mike Holland
- 1 June Zeeh
- 7 Kim Chan
- 11 Edi Chan
- 16 Dominic Brown
- 21 Lucille Miller

### ***Anniversaries***

- 29 Jennifer Jones and Jack Rose



***The deadline for article submissions for the July  
issue of the FOCUS is June 25, 2024.***



Shop our [Amazon](#) wish list!

### **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.



# Outreach & Mission

June 2024



## **This is “food” for thought...**

In light of the great need at **WayForward** (and other food pantries) and in their own words:

*For over 40 years, we have provided food for people in our community without ever turning anyone away who met our eligibility requirements. For the first time in our history, we can no longer meet the need with our current resources. We have placed limits on how much food people can take, but we are still **running out of food** every week.*

We at Dale Heights often fellowship around food, and tasty food at that. We are richly blessed in many ways and others suffer from food insecurity. In a visible sign of that gratitude and extending that gratitude to others, let's talk about bringing an item on the WayForward “most wanted list” as we gather for fellowship time or breakfast. We can even encourage a group like Westside Warblers to participate when we enjoy Ellie's peanut-butter cookies and something to drink.

**Just “food” for thought and how about we think and talk about it?**



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## Who are you calling senior?

Did you know that Senior Brunch is open to neighbors of all ages? Whether you need a break or have a little free time, this monthly **free** shared meal with a short activity is a great way to relax and catch up with fellow community members. You're invited on *3rd Fridays, 12:30-2pm*.

On **June 21**, enjoy the treat of **live music** with your lunch/brunch courtesy of Make Music Madison!



**Make Music Madison**

**Make Music Madison takes over June 21**

Make Music Madison is a free city-wide celebration of live music. Performances at the LCEC on **June 21, 11am-5pm**, include Xander Anim, Clough "Mane" Thompson, Rael The Artist, and Marcus Porter. The SNV Dance School will lead off with Bharatanatyam (Indian classical dance) for fusion and Indian classical music. Come on over to celebrate Friday and enjoy the magic of music.



**From Your June 2024 Sustainability Corner  
... and this month it's all about trees!**

First of all, a few words from the **Let's Talk SOS Save Our Songbirds** event at Sequoya Library and yes, you guessed it! Trees were even mentioned!

**Can you imagine our world without songbirds?**



North America has lost 30% of its birds since 1970. Warblers, finches and sparrows are among the hardest hit. Wisconsin is suffering these losses too and they're continuing.

Our pleasure in seeing and hearing a variety of songbirds will go away if we don't act now. We'll lose a lot more, too.

- Birds boost our mental health and anchor Wisconsin's \$2.6 **billion wildlife watching economy**
- Birds disperse seeds, pollinate plants, and help reduce crop and forest pests
- Birds are "canaries in the coal mine," alerting us to unhealthy conditions for people & wildlife

Trees provide shelter for birds and are host to an unbelievable number of insects, which birds need to feed their baby birds and nourish themselves as well.



66% of us drink coffee daily yet we're often unaware that **most coffee is grown in ways that destroy migratory songbird habitats.** Vast swaths of forest have been cleared in coffee-growing areas in Central and South America, where many Wisconsin songbirds spend their winters.

The good news is some coffee is grown better for birds.

Look for more info in the July **FOCUS** issue about buying bird-friendly coffee!



**When you are looking for a tree to purchase, check out the great**



<https://www.cambridgetreeproject.org/>

Greater Madison's Source for Natives and  
Specialty Trees and Shrubs

**Plants with Purpose:** Proceeds from our online non-profit tree sales have gifted and established over 1100 additional living trees in Cambridge since 2006.

*Plants are delivered to your door (rates available by request) or you can schedule convenient curbside pickup in downtown Cambridge seven days weekly from 8am-8pm.*

*Our stock is sized to readily fit into **sedans and SUVs** but large enough to provide immediate landscape impact. Choose plants with proven local performance based on extensive research of over 1300 trees planted throughout Cambridge over the past 18 years.*

***Questions about how to select, plant, or care for your trees? With over 18 years of urban forestry experience, we can help!***

**Contact Us:** [info@CambridgeTreeProject.org](mailto:info@CambridgeTreeProject.org) 608-513-1977

PS. If you want to be intentional about choosing a tree, shrub or plant that is especially beneficial to our environment, here is a great source of information from Johnson's Nursery near Menomonee Falls.)

<https://kb.iniplants.com/native-plant-guide>.

PPS. Did you know that when the city of Madison replaces trees on your terrace, you as a homeowner may be able to choose native trees that are more beneficial to our environment?





**And you may ask, “Why are native trees so important?”**

**Here is factual information generated by AI!!**

*Native trees are important for many reasons, including:*

### **Food and habitat**

Native trees provide food and shelter for many animals, including birds, pollinators, and small mammals.

### **Ecosystem services**

Native trees help keep water clean, reduce erosion, and respond better to forest fires and drought than non-native trees.

### **Climate change**

Many native trees store carbon dioxide, which can help combat climate change.

### **Energy efficiency**

Planting a combination of deciduous and evergreen trees can save on heating and cooling costs. Deciduous trees can provide shade in the summer and sunlight in the winter, while evergreen trees can block winter winds and provide shade in the summer.

### **Other benefits**

Native trees can create a noise buffer, enhance the visual character of a neighborhood, reduce the risk of flooding, and increase protection from wind and storm damage. They can also improve air quality and enhance property values.

### **Low maintenance**

Native trees are adapted to local climate and soil conditions, and require less human assistance to survive than non-native plants. They also have natural limits that help keep their growth in check, so they won't take over an area.



Since we're talking about trees... well, this is some good information from **Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)** about why trees are important and maybe some thoughts about trees you may not be aware of.



## Urban Forests

**In American cities, trees save lives. Help us plant them where they're needed most.**

As our summers grow hotter, urban trees keep things cool in our cities.

**Extreme heat threatens the lives and health of people living in cities during the summer.** Planting a collection of trees (and thereby creating more healthy urban forests) within cities is one of the cheapest, fastest, and most effective ways to directly lower temperatures and save lives.

**Today, some city neighborhoods enjoy trees and green space, while others do not.** Due to historic discriminatory policies, trees in cities are often sparse in neighborhoods with more low-income families and people of color. Today, these neighborhoods can experience temperatures more than 15°F hotter than wealthier neighborhoods in the same city on a hot day. We can help change that while improving air quality at the same time.

**Help us advocate for increasing urban forests nationwide. Here's how you can take climate action:**

- Advocate for policies that increase urban forests, with a focus on neighborhoods that suffer from a lack of **tree equity**.
- Support local groups and local community leaders with tree planting initiatives.
- Help local communities take advantage of funding available for adding trees.
- **Find your local CCL Chapter** and join to help increase the amount of urban trees in your area.

**DALE HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**JUNE CALENDAR**

June 2	Sunday Worship Session 11:20 am
June 9	Sunday Worship
June 15	Church breakfast- time TBD Westside Warblers 11 am
June 16	Sunday Worship / Father's Day
June 22	Tom Jones Memorial/Interment 1 pm
June 23	Sunday Worship Worship Committee 11:20 am
June 30	Sunday Worship

**Liturgists**

June 02	Gerry Klump
June 09	Carey Fleischmann
June 16	Edi Chan
June 23	Melanie Klump
June 30	Wendy Weber

