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Daleheightschurch.org

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He is Risen!

Which of us has not faced the dark shadow of death? We have had our hearts broken by painful news around the world of our fellow human beings, brothers and sisters created in God's own image, being slaughtered by the forces of violence. We have been overwhelmed with sorrow as we speak a final goodbye to ones that we loved so dearly, to ones who taught us who we are, to generations that modeled life and truth to us. We have been knocked speechless by tragedy when children or others far too young have been taken from us far too soon. We have sat in silence and fear for our own lives, when a new diagnosis comes: cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, stroke, the decay and failure of our bodies.

For ourselves and for others near to us and unknown to us, we have walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Many of us this very day may feel like we or someone we love, or our whole twisted world is stuck in that valley with no path out of it. That's why the truth of the Easter message still matters in our world and in our lives

As those who have heard the truth—whether for the first time or the thousandth time—that Christ has conquered death, may we be set free to live, to really live as people of hope instead of fear. May we be set free to risk sacrificially, to give generously, to love wholeheartedly, to forgive graciously, to laugh joyfully, and to sing triumphantly that "Jesus Christ is risen today!"

To God alone be the glory!

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised..."

- Matthew 28: 5-6

Adapted from a sermon by Rev. Dr. Buz Wilcoxon

April

Breakfast

The Dale Heights monthly breakfast will be held on:

Saturday
April 12, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Serving will begin at 8:30 a.m.
The suggested donation is \$4.
RSVP to Roy L. if you have not already done so.



The Westside Warblers will be warbling on Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. in the lounge.
All are welcome!

Birthdays:

7	Bill Mercer
10	Ndazona Ndafooka
13	Alissa Freeman
22	Gale Oakes
23	Leon Bernido
30	Gerry Klump

CHOIR

Wednesdays from 7:15 – 9 p.m.

4/02
4/09
4/16
4/23
4/30

We invite all who are interested to join us.

Church Office Hours:
9:00a-12:00n *
Monday through Thursday
**Temporary*

Bible Study - The Sailing Life



You are invited for coffee at 12:30 on Wednesdays April 2, 9 and 16.

These are the final Wednesdays in Lent.

April 2, 9 and 16

- 12:30 - social time with coffee and light snack
- 12:45 - 1:45 - The Sailing Life

Pastor Kristin and Wendy Weber will lead us in conversation about where God may be leading this Church. We will use some discussion questions from the book: *Sailboat Church* to get us started.

Having read *Sailboat Church* is not a requirement

Just come and join in!

We may be able to help with transportation...let someone know!

All are welcome!



One Great Hour of Sharing is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Around the world, 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 (OGHS) — 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.

A Minute for Mission will be presented for each of these three programs.

<p>PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)</p>	<p>SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees • Receives 32% of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed • Receives 36% of funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues • Receives 32% of funds





Spotlight on

Pulpit Supply Pastor Terry McGinley

Terry McGinley is a lifelong Presbyterian, if you don't count ages zero to 33. He grew up in a suburb of Chicago but has called Mauston home since 1979. He's married with one wife and three adult children. There are also two grandsons somewhere.

Terry attended Quincy College, now Quincy University, graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in French and has long since given up using it. It does come in handy for certain Jeopardy!® categories though.

Terry embedded himself in the transportation industry for the majority of his work experience. Right out of college, he toiled six years in a sales position at an auto parts store. He then joined his brother in a car repair business in Mauston. It was a turbulent relationship that only lasted 29 years.

In 1998, Terry was commissioned to serve his home church in Mauston, Peace Presbyterian Church, as a commissioned ruling elder. The "Reign of Terry" (as it was sometimes called) came to a peaceful conclusion in 2016. He went on to serve three other John Knox congregations as a bridge pastor between late 2016 and 2019 and now serves the Presbytery as a member of the Generosity Task Force.

In 2002, Terry was the beneficiary of one of God's miracles and was resurrected to good health through the cooperation of his brother's kidney. Despite the usual claims of wedding day and the births of one's children, this remains the best thing that has ever happened to him. Happily, sponging off another family member's body part doesn't seem to bother anyone, including the donor.

Terry has been addicted to baseball for almost 67 years and is a proud baseball purist. Please don't mention the designated hitter, interleague play, the pitch clock or any of the other nonsense Major League Baseball continues to come up with. Throw the ball. Hit the ball. Catch the ball. That's it. Other leisure time activities include knocking down defenseless bowling pins, picking up drugs at the pharmacy and practicing the *lectio divina* of a twelfth century monk.

Terry will preach at Dale Heights on Sunday, April 6.



Maundy Thursday is the day in Holy Week when we remember Jesus at Table celebrating the Last Supper with his disciples. This year on **April 17**, we will gather together at **7:00 pm** to receive communion together. This Last Supper begins Jesus' preparation for taking his final journey to the Cross.

Following communion, we will read and listen together to the scripture passages that describe this journey of Jesus, known as "The Via Dolorosa" – "The Way of Suffering." This is part of a traditional service of *Tenebrae* – which means darkness. The sanctuary will be progressively dimmed. We will leave the service in silence, pondering the Cross of Christ.

Please join us at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 17 for this special service and prepare your heart for Easter.

“Sleep in Heavenly Peace”

*“In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for you alone,
Lord, make me dwell in safety.” Psalm 4:8*



**All women of the church are cordially invited to the
John Knox Presbyterian Women 2025 Spring Gathering
Saturday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m.**

**Hosted by Portage Presbyterian Church PW
120 W. Pleasant St., Portage, Wisconsin**



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Program by Sara Shaver from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Portage

<https://shpbeds.org/chapter/wi-portage/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SHPPortage/>

**Donations of new twin size sheets, pillows, and bedding items,
or monetary donations, will be collected at the gathering.**

The church is accessible and has an elevator. Lunch cost is \$8. To assist the Portage ladies with their planning, **please RSVP by Wednesday, April 23** by calling or texting 563-419-7371 or email ripleyjb56@gmail.com. (Indicate if you have any dietary restrictions.)

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you!

**To read the full Spring 2025 newsletter of
John Knox Presbyterian Women, click [here](#).**



April 22 is Earth Day



Plastics Impact Quiz!

How much do you know about the impacts of plastics on land, air, and water? Click the links to answer.

What form of plastic pollution is most common in the world today?

Terrestrial

Marine

Air

They are all equal

How much daily-use plastic is actually recycled?

50%

17%

9%

4%

When toxic chemicals are released into the soil from plastics, who does it affect?

The plants

The animals

Humans

All of the above

What are common effects of plastics on human health?

Cancers

Lung disease

Birth defects

All of the above

How many total plastic pieces are currently estimated to be in our oceans? *As many as.*

50 billion plastic pieces

124 billion plastic pieces

2 trillion pieces of plastic

171 trillion plastic pieces

Americans use approximately how many plastic drinking straws per day?

25,000

100,000

250,000,000

500,000,000



SENIOR BRUNCH

April 18 at 12:30 p.m.

Third Friday of each month

If you're a senior 55+ or enjoy spending time with seniors, please come to the LCEC for a **no-cost lunch and informative programming** on the third Friday of each month, 12:30-2pm.

No reservation required.



Creating Stability in Uncertain Times

For nonprofits and many other organizations across the country, the recent months have felt unsettling and confusing as changing communication around the federal funding and programs continues to come out with possibly significant consequences to our ability to do our work and fulfill our missions.

WayForward Resources receives funding from a variety of sources. The largest portion of our budget (just over 50%) comes from individuals -- members of our community who support our work. The second largest portion comes from private grant-makers, including businesses and foundations. However, we do receive federal funding, particularly for our doubled-up housing program, Connections. Last year, federal funds covered nearly all of the expenses for this program and are slated to cover a large percentage of the program this year also. We are in communication with Dane County (which disperses many of these funds) and are closely tracking this.

Beyond the direct impact on our services, we are concerned about the impact of decreased funding on other agencies that do similar work. Many nonprofits who work with people experiencing homelessness receive a significant portion of their funding through the federal government. **Decreasing housing assistance available through agency partners could increase the number of people seeking our services. Our housing programs are already operating at capacity, with wait times for assistance sometimes exceeding a month.**

We are also keeping watch on federally funded food programs. We don't receive any government grant money for our food pantry – but federal funding still impacts our ability to meet the need for food in our community. We seek food from many resources, stretching our dollars as far as possible. One of the partners who provide food free of charge to us is the federal program, TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program), which provides 7% of our food. We also worry about possible cuts to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), a program that provides monthly food benefits to low-income individuals. In 2022, 63,000 people in Dane County received SNAP benefits. If families and individuals in our community receive less SNAP benefits, they will need to rely more on food pantries. Our food pantry continues to see record demand, with three times as many visits as we had only two years ago. We are already struggling to keep up.



While the environment around us feels uncertain now, our mission remains the same. That mission is to bring our community together to create food, security and housing stability.

We believe that everyone has the right to access enough food and a stable place to live. And we believe that ensuring that everyone in our community has their basic needs met creates a stronger community for all of us.

Many people who come to **WayForward** are facing uncertain circumstances. An increase in rent may make it impossible for them to buy food and pay their rent, and they now aren't sure how they will keep their children safe and healthy. They may have faced a recent job loss, an unexpected illness for them or another family member, an expensive car repair, or another change in circumstances that makes it difficult for them to meet their basic needs. We often hear from people who never expected to need to use a resource like **WayForward**, but now find themselves needing a little extra support to maintain or regain stability.

Listening to the range of experiences from people who come to **WayForward** and watching large-scale changes in our country shows us that anyone could potentially move from stability to instability – and more quickly than we'd like to believe. Stability isn't a guarantee or always a choice we get to make. Factors beyond our control sometimes make those decisions for us. But there are choices we **do** have control to make. Even amidst uncertainty, we can choose to be part of building stability. We can choose to make an impact in the lives of people in our community by working together.

If you are looking for ways to create more stability around you and in our community, we invite you to join us. Financial donations create stability by keeping people in their homes. Food donations create stability by making sure people don't have to worry about being hungry. Donations of time through volunteering help increase our capacity to do our work. Visit our website wayforwardresources.org to learn more about how you can create stability even in uncertain times.

Thank you for all you do to create stability in our community.

DONATE

We strive to meet the needs of our community by providing essential items to those who shop the food pantry. We understand the significance of having a well-stocked pantry, and we constantly work towards ensuring that everyone has access to nutritious meals.

To better serve you, we have compiled a list of our top 10 most needed items.

- Hearty soups
- Paper, plastic and reusable grocery bags
- Canned chicken or tuna
- Basmati, jasmine or white rice
- Masa
- Noodles (any kind)
- Canned tomatoes (any kind)
- Canned beans (all varieties)
- Canned fruit (all varieties)
- Condiments (any kind)

These items are crucial in meeting diverse dietary requirements and ensuring a balanced diet for individuals and families who access food from our pantry. By donating these items, you can make a significant impact and help us provide access to a variety of foods.

Buy items directly from our Amazon Wish List!

[Wish List](#)



Pres House Update

This year's **Break With a Purpose** trip was to Alabama. 10 students traveled with our associate pastor, Nii Addo Abrahams, on a civil rights pilgrimage around the state. They visited sites in Selma, Birmingham, and Montgomery. Some of the sites included the National Voting Rights Museum, 16th St. Baptist Church, the Legacy Museum, and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.

Prior to the trip, the team read and reflected on James Cone's book, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Cone's work was a helpful lens for our students as they reflected on the ongoing legacies of Jim Crow in the South and their own communities, including Madison. It was a sobering and powerful trip, and students returned with many lessons to share with the rest of the Pres House community!

These students recently shared their reflections. We encourage you to read what they shared. To read these student stories, please click [here](#). Please scroll down to find a link to each story. Some students shared their reflections in Sunday worship. To listen, please click [here](#).



PH Apartments

Residents of **Pres House Apartments** came together on Lunar New Year for an extra special Community Dinner to celebrate the Year of the Snake! 70 residents and friends came together for good food and celebrations. Chef Mary prepared a beautiful spread of dishes for us — longevity noodles, dumplings, rice, tangyuan, mushrooms, cucumber salad, and more — and residents joined in on making dumplings and sharing red envelopes with new year messages of encouragement for their neighbors.



Pres House wellness initiative, **Candid**, has an exciting update to share as well. Ginger Morgan, certified health coach and director of Candid, recently led "What's Next?" What's Next is our group for graduating students to talk about the challenges and possibilities of the major life transition that is graduation! The first meeting's topic was "Hopes and Fears." There will be two other sessions this semester, including "Career Motivation, Networking, and Identity Capital" and "New Community/New Relationships."



Pres House Church

In January, Pres House hosted the Pacific, Asian, and North American Women in Theology and Ministry (**PANAATM**) Midwest region for a two day retreat, "Connections and Possibilities." More than half of the people gathered were international seminary students preparing to enter ministry and the academy.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Piano

RECITAL

by

Dr. Alissa Freeman



Upcoming Event

Solo Piano Recital

Monday, May 12th at 3pm

***Stoughton Opera House
381 E Main Street
Stoughton, WI 53589***

“Music Appreciation Series”

Program:

***Prelude #4 by Doreen Carwithen
Serpent’s Kiss by William Bolcom
Sonata #3 by Frederic Chopin
Remainder of Program TBD***

One hour program ❖ Free-will Donation

Let's Talk ... Food Waste and How to Reduce it

Thursday, April 24 6:30

8 p.m. Sequoya Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd.

Lorenza Zebell, Program Director at Sustain Dane will speak about **reducing food waste** and **why it is important**.*

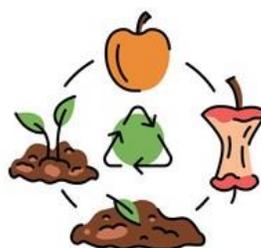


Sustain Dane is the sustainability organization of Dane County and Madison WI. The organization values holistic sustainability - a healthy environment, a just economy, and equity and well-being for all.

Sustain Dane encourages bringing your food scraps to market collection sites as one way to positively impact the environment if you do not do home composting.

Lorenza Zebell leads Sustain Dane's education and outreach programs. With eight years of experience in environmental program design, Lorenza has successfully launched multiple initiatives aimed at promoting practices within diverse communities.

*According to the Wisconsin DNR, our landfills consist of 14.5% food that would be traditionally edible, and 6% "food scraps" (like peels). This makes food the largest component of our waste stream. Preventing food waste in the first place is the most preferred option, feeding hungry people is next, and finally composting.



Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WISPIRG)

is calling on Amazon to reduce *more* plastic packaging!

With more and more packages being shipped every day, the amount of plastic packaging waste is rising rapidly. Often unrecyclable, this plastic goes to landfills and, like plastic bags, pollutes the environment and community.

PIRG is campaigning to reduce the amount of plastic packaging and plastic waste in America. We're urging Amazon and other companies to recognize the amount of plastic they use and seek more sustainable alternatives.

How big is this problem?

According to a report by Oceana, the plastic waste generated by Amazon's plastic shipping pillows in 2020 could circle the Earth 800 times.

Help call on Amazon to use less plastic

It's clear that recycling Amazon plastic packaging is a failure, and that the company should take steps to minimize the plastic waste that flows out of its business.

PIRG's campaign for less plastic waste has made an impact.

Recently, Amazon announced that it will phase out its plastic pillows by the end of 2024, getting rid of a wasteful and unnecessary feature of its shipping practices. Acknowledging that its plastic bubble-lined bags are not recyclable is a step in the right direction, but much more can be done.

PIRG is calling on Amazon to:

- get rid of single-use plastic packaging,
- reduce the enormous amount of plastic that the company produces, and
- switch to recyclable, sustainable alternatives.

Already, thousands of supporters and members like you have sent a message to Amazon to ask it to reduce its plastic waste. If you haven't yet added your voice, you can add your own message at: <https://pirg.org/wisconsin/take-action/tell-amazon-eliminate-plastic-waste/>

DALE HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5501 University Ave.

Madison, Wisconsin 53705

APRIL CALENDAR



- 02 Bible Study – The Sailing Life 12:30pm
- 02 Choir practice 7:15 pm
- 06 Worship - 5th Sunday in Lent
- 09 Bible Study – The Sailing Life 12:30pm
- 09 Choir practice 7:15pm
- 12 Church breakfast 8:30am
- 13 Palm/Passion Sunday worship
- 15 Property & Finance
- 16 Bible Study – The Sailing Life 12:30pm
- 16 Choir practice 7:15pm
- 17 Maundy Thursday service 7pm
- 19 Westside Warblers 11am
- 20 Easter Sunday worship
- 23 Choir practice 7:15pm
- 26 Dick Corey memorial service
- 27 Worship – 2nd Sunday of Easter
- 30 Choir practice 7:15pm

Liturgists



- April 6: Marcia Holman
- April 13: Barb Fleishman
- April 20: Edi Chan
- April 27: Gerry Klump