



# FOCUS

June 2025

Daleheightschurch.org

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## Trouble Will Come, Nevertheless

Jesus warns us, "In this world, you will have troubles" (John 16:33 NIV). Since it is not a question of "if" but "when" the difficulties will come, we must prepare and know what to do when trouble comes.

There will be times when we lose a loved one, and grief feels unbearable. Sometimes, we or someone we love has to fight sickness, which feels unfair. Other times, we may even step right into a pit of our own making and suffer the consequences. The beauty is that God promises to be with us no matter where we are. We will never be too far from his reach. He will help if we call on him.

It may be hard to have strength in times of trouble, but if we can only muster the faith to say, "God help me," he will come to our side. He can and will assist us through our troubles.

Each time we go through problems, we have an opportunity to know God in a new and more profound way. God reminds us that as his children, we will never go through anything that he has not prepared a means of escape.

*I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2

Adapted from an essay by Krystal R. Simpson

# June

## Breakfast

The Dale Heights monthly breakfast will be held on  
Saturday, **June 21, 2025** \*

Serving will begin at 8:30 a.m.  
The suggested donation is \$5.  
RSVP to Roy L. or sign up  
on the sheet in the concourse.

\*Please note the date change to accommodate  
Sah-Lang's Vacation Bible School\*

## Westside Warblers

*Sing-  
Along*

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



**We will meet in the lounge at  
11 a.m. on Saturday June 21**

**Church Office Hours:  
9:30a-1:30p  
Tuesday through Thursday**



**June Birthdays:**

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

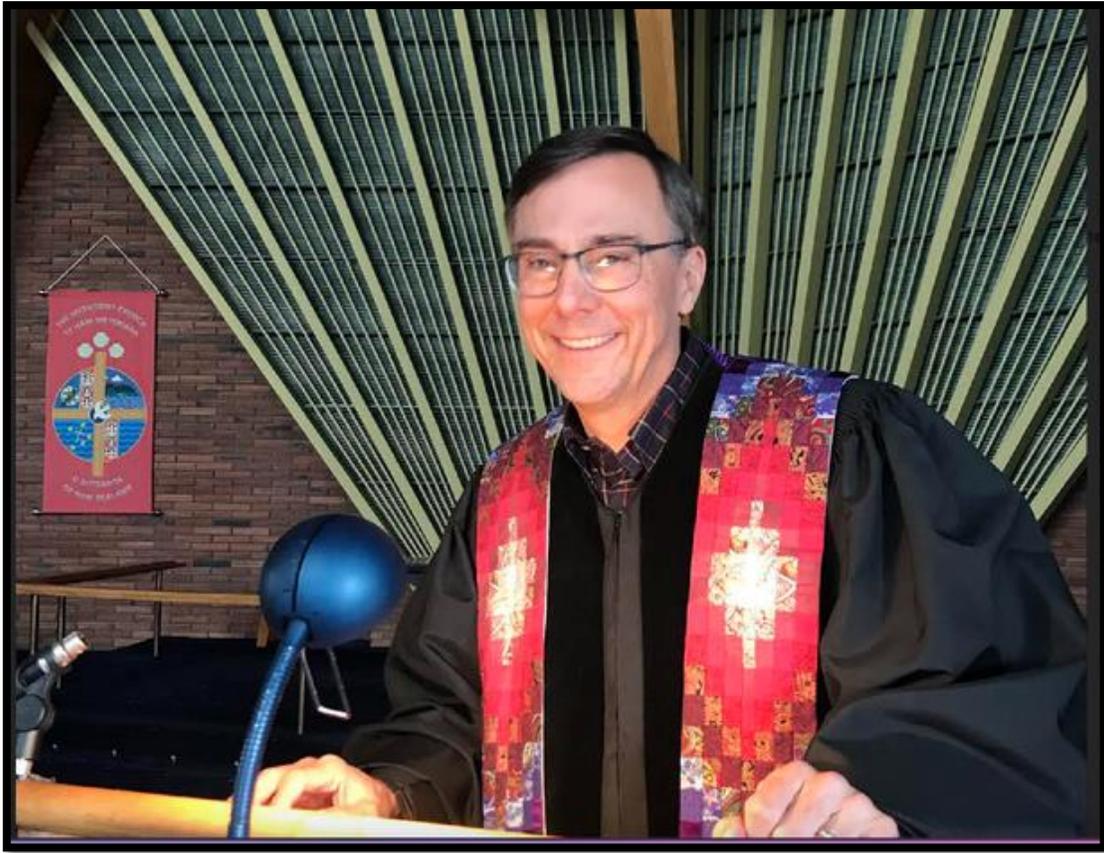
**June Anniversary**

29	Jennifer Jones & Jack Rose
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HAPPY  
*Father's  
Day*



Psalm 146:7-9 says "The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin."



**Dale Heights is pleased to welcome back  
Rev. Dan Yeazel**

Rev. Dan Yeazel has spent the last five years serving congregations in New Zealand. (He learned to speak Methodist and Anglican!)

Dan and Monica have recently returned to Madison. He continues to bake good pies and make bad puns.



The Presbyterian Foundation is bringing back our popular **Day of Learning** program to offer support for churches, ministries, and mid councils on financial sustainability.

Join us on **Thursday, June 26**, for a series of workshops on **Storytelling, Stewardship, and Generosity**, all online, and offered **free of charge**.

You'll hear from experts on our staff who will share knowledge and tactics with you. You'll walk away with actionable steps you can implement in your congregation, grounded in theology.

**Our focus is on you: helping you build generosity in your congregations to stabilize and grow your ministry.**

<b>11:30 am to 12 pm Eastern: (10:30 to 11:00 am Central)</b>	<b>Keynote: Storytelling</b> <i>Robyn Davis Sekula, Vice Pres. of Communications &amp; Marketing</i>
<b>12 to 12:45 pm Eastern: (11 to 11:45 am Central)</b>	<b>Workshop: Stewardship</b> <i>Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley, Ministry Relations Officer</i>
<b>12:45 to 1 pm Eastern: (11:45 am to 12n Central)</b>	<b>Question and Answer time</b>
<b>1 to 2 pm Eastern: (12n to 1:00 pm Central)</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2 to 3 pm Eastern: (1 to 2 pm Central)</b>	<b>Workshop: Planned Giving</b> <i>Rev. Sandra Moon, Ministry Relations Officer</i> <i>Karl Mattison, Vice President of Planned Giving Resources</i>
<b>3 to 3:15 pm Eastern: (2 to 2:15 pm Central)</b>	<b>Question and Answer time</b>

Can't make it at that date and time? Sign up anyway, and we'll send you a link to the recordings following the event.

Looking forward to being with you!

**Register Today**



## Church Women United, Inc.

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***Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive ecumenical Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice.***

Church Women United, Inc. was founded in 1941 as a racially, culturally, theologically, inclusive national Christian women's movement to celebrate unity and diversity and it continues to work for peace and justice in the world today.

Church Women United's social policies are bold markers on the path of our journey as Christian women in the United States. For more than 80 years, we have been issuing social policies on matters of vital concern to women and families in the United States and throughout the world. As recently as 2024, we issued social policy on immigration reform.

In light of the current government actions that are being taken across the nation with regards to immigration, we are reaffirming this principle as follows:

***As Church Women United, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, recognizing that all people are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Throughout Scripture, we are called to love the stranger, care for the vulnerable, and seek justice for those in need (Leviticus 19:34, Matthew 25:35). We should not forget that Jesus was an immigrant.***

***The current immigration situation in the United States presents complex challenges. We are called to respond with compassion, wisdom, and a commitment to justice. We acknowledge the hardships faced by immigrant families, many of whom are fleeing violence, poverty, and instability in search of safety and opportunity.***

***We urge our leaders to work together toward humane and practical solutions that protect human dignity, uphold family unity, and provide clear and just pathways for those seeking refuge and opportunity. We stand with those offering aid, hospitality, and advocacy in the spirit of Christ's love.***

Sincerely,

*Margaret B. Rushing*  
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## *When the law fails, love must act*

*In 2022, the PC(USA) declared itself a "sanctuary and accompaniment church." Now is the time to live into that promise, writes Geoff Browning.*

### **Good trouble**

It's human nature to avoid rancor and conflict. However, there are times when conflict is necessary. Where would we be without the likes of Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez, and John Lewis encouraging us to get in some good trouble? In his book, ***On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century***, Yale University History Professor Timothy Snyder says that we must resist tyranny by standing out because when the spell of the status quo is broken, others will follow.

One of the provisions of the declaration of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be a "[Sanctuary and Accompaniment Church](#)" is to encourage our mid councils and congregations to also consider declaring themselves places of "Sanctuary and Accompaniment." There are at least three reasons we should consider such actions in our presbyteries and congregations.

### ***There are times when conflict is necessary.***

First, more than [47.8 million](#) non-citizens live in America. These people are nurses, doctors, groundskeepers, students, scientists, laborers, and even pastors. We depend on these neighbors and professionals more than we realize. There are likely tens of thousands of non-citizen Presbyterians who are attending our churches on any given Sunday morning without us even realizing it. Many Presbyterians have the unique privilege of knowing that we will not be deported, even if we protest. We can use this power to let our non-citizen friends and neighbors know that we stand with them in love.

Second, there is safety in numbers. If there are scores of presbyteries and churches who declare themselves to be sanctuaries for the sake of refugees, then it is much more difficult for the government to know where to begin. And if even more churches and presbyteries come to the aid of those that the government would seek to persecute, then their task becomes even more difficult.

Third, beginning a conversation in our presbyteries and congregations about sanctuary and accompaniment allows us to live into God's call to welcome the stranger. Presbyteries and churches can, in the words of the PC(USA) 2022 overture, consider declaring themselves to be "Sanctuary and Accompaniment" entities "while taking into consideration local contexts, capacity, and the results of congregational discernment."

***Let us act in love; let us get in some good trouble.***

Whatever we may choose, let's remember that our faith requires action that is commensurate with the challenges before us and on behalf of those who are suffering under the yoke of lawless abduction, rendition and imprisonment. May Christ's words ring in our ears this Easter season: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Let us act in love; let us get in some good trouble.

Excerpted from an article by Rev. Geoff Browning in The Presbyterian Outlook.

Click [here](#) to read the article in its entirety.



The Rev. Geoff Browning is a retired campus minister and former Peacemaking Advocate for the Presbytery of San Jose.



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## **Wear Orange Weekend** is Almost Here!

As we approach **Wear Orange Weekend** 2025  
(**June 6<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>**)

the Wisconsin Council of Churches invites you to join us in  
standing together for gun violence prevention.

**First United Methodist Church**, Madison, is hosting a Safe  
Firearm Disposal event on **Saturday, June 7, from 9:00 AM to  
12:00 PM**, in cooperation with Guns to Gardens Wisconsin.

### **WI-Madison-Candlelight Vigil**

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Join us on the steps of the State Capitol on **Saturday, June 7 at  
6 pm** as we hold a vigil to remember the 125 people shot and  
killed each day and the hundreds more who are wounded or  
traumatized. We will lift up the stories of those most affected and  
hear from community members as we **Wear Orange**.





## **Immigration: Fiction, Facts & Faith**

*June 10, 6:30 PM | Zoom*

Darryl D. Morin, National President and Chairman of the Board of [\*\*Forward Latino, Inc.\*\*](#), will share a presentation entitled **Immigration: Fiction, Facts & Faith.**

**Forward Latino's** mission is to empower affiliates to inspire and engage communities, strengthen our democracy, improve the lives of working families, protect the environment, and stand up for equality and civil rights. They cultivate, train, and support a diverse national network of Latina/o/x community leaders addressing the civic, economic, and political challenges of the 21st century.

This is part of the **Taking a Faithful Stand** webinar series and will be **Tuesday, June 10, at 6:30 PM on Zoom.**

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO REGISTER\*\*](#)

**MAKE MUSIC MADISON**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 8 AM - 9 PM**

An invitation from Emily Volland



## RSVP For the Global Choir Project

Join our community choir to learn and perform two songs on **Make Music Day!**

For the first 90-120 minutes, local choral conductor Emily Volland will lead participants in learning "Birds of a Feather" by Billie Eilish and "Three Little Birds" by Bob Marley. Both songs are inspired by the "Taking Flight" theme for the global choir project.

Once "Three Little Birds" is learned, we will record it and send it off to be compiled for the group song. Then we will learn "Birds of A Feather," and the show will begin! Each site in the world (Canada, Germany, Ghana, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa, Türkiye, the U.K., and the U.S.) will perform their song via live-stream. We will hangout (with snacks!) and watch the other countries perform. Then we will sing "Birds of a Feather" close to the end. To close the live-stream, we will watch the recorded compilation of all the choirs singing "Three Little Birds." Each performance will be broadcast to screens in the other participating venues, plus those tuning in online.

**RSVP Due:** 12:00 PM (noon), Thursday, June 19, 2025

### **Schedule (subject to change)**

**Arrival time:** 10:45 AM

**Practice time:** 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Livestream starts:** 12:30 PM

**Your performance time:** Around 2 PM

**End of Livestream:** Around 2:15 PM

**Snacks will be provided!**

**Event Address:** Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra (WYSO) Center for Music | 1118 E. Washington Ave. Madison, WI 53703

Questions? Email [info@makemusicmadison.org](mailto:info@makemusicmadison.org)

## *Stories of Stability – Meet Sandra*



Sandra\* has a disability that causes her a lot of pain. She relies on her electric wheelchair to get around and maintain independence.

When Sandra’s enhanced FoodShare benefits ended, she couldn’t afford to buy both healthy food *and* pay her electric bill. Sandra faced a difficult choice: purchase food or keep her power on—the power she needed not just for basic living but also for her mobility.

Sandra contacted **WayForward Resources** for help preventing her power being disconnected. WayForward was able to send some funds toward her electric bill and provided her with food deliveries from our pantry twice a month. “It’s been a huge help,” Sandra tells us.

Her story reflects the stark challenges faced by Americans with disabilities in meeting their basic needs. [According to the USDA’s Economic Research Service \(2023\)](#), food insecurity affects 33% of U.S. households with an adult who is out of the labor force due to disability, compared to just 10% of households without adults with a disability. This means households with an adult with a disability are over three times more likely to struggle with consistent access to adequate food.

The connection between disability and food insecurity is further documented by [Feeding America’s 2022 research](#). Among the 79 million older adults over 60 in the United States, those with disabilities experience food insecurity at more than twice the rate of older adults without disabilities. These statistics highlight how disabilities can create compounding challenges, often forcing people to choose between essential needs like food, medicine, and utilities.

Your donations to WayForward help neighbors like Sandra maintain their independence and access to nutritious food. When you give, you provide critical support that provides housing stability and food security, and helps our community members meet their basic needs.

*\*A representative photo and name have been used to maintain client confidentiality*

## Food security plays a vital role in a person's well-being, affecting school, employment, and health outcomes.

With record demand for our food and housing services, your support is needed now more than ever.

Our food pantry is experiencing three times as many visits as we had only two years ago, and distributing the equivalent of almost 122,000 meals a month. Last year over 700 households received financial assistance to remain in stable housing, a 90% increase since 2019.

**Join us in building a strong community** where everyone has enough food to eat and a warm place to sleep. Donate today to **make a difference**. Thank you!

[DONATE](#)

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



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!***

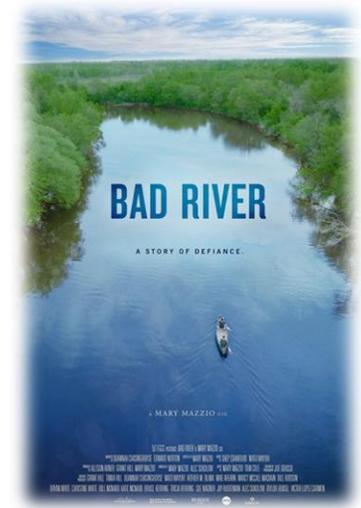
**Wish List**

We wouldn't have been able to make it without you."  
—food pantry client

## Let's Watch and Talk about Bad River (a documentary)

- Thursday, June 5
- 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.
- Sequoya Library Rooms A and B
- 4340 Tokay Blvd., Madison 53711
- Join us and bring or share it with a friend and if you've seen it you may want to view it again
- Yes, we will serve popcorn for the viewing!

**The Bad River documentary chronicles the Wisconsin-based Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's ongoing fight for sovereignty and protection of Lake Superior from the aging Line 5 oil pipeline.** The film highlights the tribe's deep connection to the land and their resilience in the face of historical injustices and current threats, which showcases their David and Goliath battle against the pipeline and corporate interests.



This is a trailer for the documentary and not only about the Line 5 pipeline. You'll see it's a long and difficult history with their response of resilience.

[https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/bad\\_river](https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/bad_river)

You are also encouraged to check out their informative and amazing website. It offers us insight into who the tribes are and what they offer their members and community and what is good for us to know.

<https://www.badriver-nsn.gov/>



## Food Scrap Drop-Off Program

### Food Scraps Drop Off - Expanded Options!

After four weeks of operations at the East and West Farmers' Markets, the [Food Scraps Drop-Off](#) sites have received over **650 drop offs and collected 4,000 lbs. of food scraps.** Food is brought to [Neighborhood Food Solutions](#) to be converted into compost. **The South Farmers' Market location will start collecting scraps on Tuesday, June 3.**

**Launching June 1**, Dane County Waste & Renewables will install Scrap Stop containers in Madison, Middleton, & McFarland. **Scrap Stops are available 24/7** to Dane County residents and accept the same materials as at the farmers' market sites. Complete the [Resident Registration](#) form in order to receive the combination lock code for a Scrap Stop location. [Learn more about Scrap Stops here.](#)



**DALE HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

5501 University Ave.

Madison, Wisconsin 53705



**JUNE CALENDAR**

- 01 Sunday Worship**
- 08 Sunday Worship**
- 10 Property & Finance 7p**
- 15 Sunday Worship / Fathers Day**
- 21 Church breakfast 8:30a**
- 21 Westside Warblers 11a**
- 22 Sunday Worship / Session**
- 29 Sunday Worship**



**Liturgists**

- June 1 Wendy Weber
- June 8 Janice Krall
- June 15 Carey Fleischmann
- June 22 Melanie Klump
- June 29 Jim Fleischmann