



FOCUS

May 2025

Daleheightschurch.org

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Christ Our Hope

Hope is the light that illuminates our pathway in life, leading us onward with the promise of eternal, full life with God. For all who know Christ, hope is an essential part of the journey. Indeed, as the apostle Paul says, Christ himself is our hope. Hope in Christ is not a mere wishful kind of hope that people sometimes talk about when they say, "I hope we have a beautiful day for our picnic," or "I hope our sports team wins the championship." If our hope is limited to this life alone, we will not find true happiness.

What's more, in Christ, our future is not uncertain. We are not heading into the unknown. Our end is not a grave or a tomb. Each day, even as we grow older and our bodies may grow weak and frail, we walk toward glory. We walk toward full life with the LORD, who will one day come again.

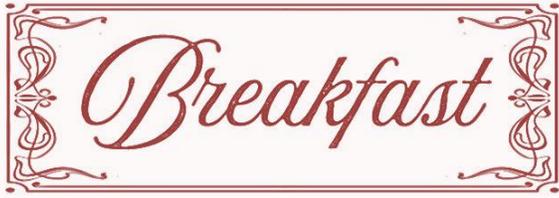
We walk toward eternal happiness. As he did with Paul, the LORD pours his grace on us, mercifully forgiving all of our sins. Not one of our sins is too great for God to forgive; Christ's death paid for them all.

Believing in Jesus gives us hope for eternity. And that hope fills us with energy in the present, helping us to hold fast to Jesus and his promises.

Blessed be the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

(1 Peter 1:3)

Adapted from an essay by Rev. Hernandes Lopes



The Dale Heights breakfast group will host a

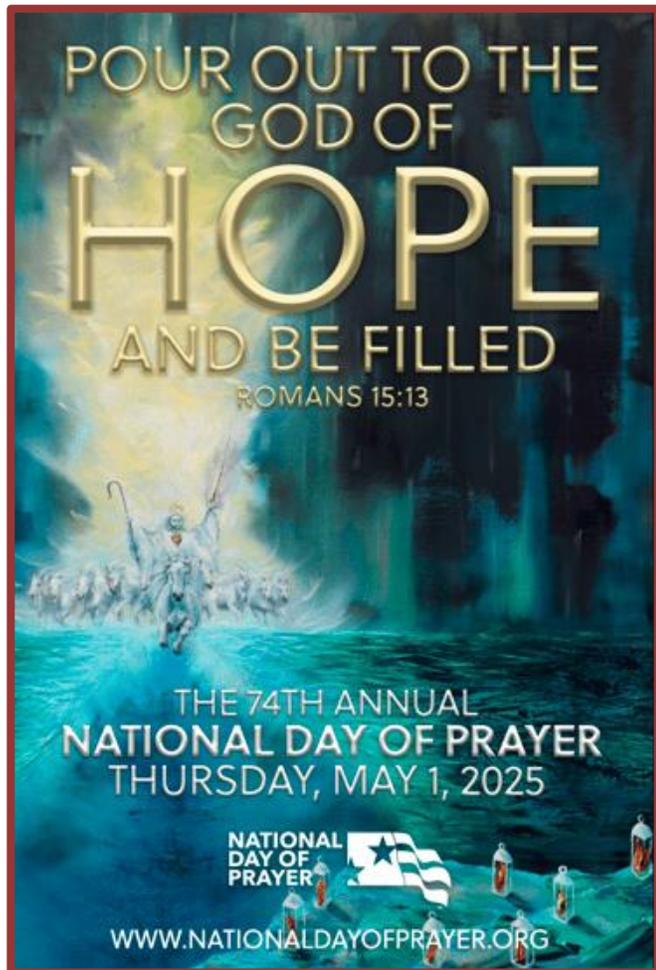
MOTHER'S DAY FAMILY BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Serving will begin at **9:00** a.m.

The suggested donation is \$5.

RSVP to Roy L. or sign up on the sheet in the concourse.



May Birthdays:

- 5 Paul Holland
- 11 Hannah Eldridge
- 15 Dagmar Bartels Krause
- 16 Maggie Rogers
- 24 Jim Tracey
- 29 Roger Roberts



Choir Schedule for May:

Thursday, May 1 at 3 pm

Wednesday, May 14 at 7:15 pm

Wednesday, May 21 at 7:15 pm



Church Office Hours:

9:30a-1:30p

Tuesday through Thursday

2025 National Prayer

God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

You have caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; therefore, we hope in what we do not see.

This world is not our home or reality, but the LORD is our Rock, our Truth, our certainty.

God of hope, we pour out our praise and are filled with Your powerful presence.

We pour out repentance of sin and are filled with forgiveness and righteousness.

We pour out pain from the attacks of the enemy—anxiousness, fear, anger—and You fill us with courage, assurance, and love.

We pour out our needs, the desires of our hearts, and are filled with Your Kingdom provision and purpose.

We pour out our hearts for our nation, for the people and places, relationships and responsibilities the LORD has established: the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Arts, Entertainment, Media, and Government.

May all who live, serve, and steward in these be filled with Your purpose, wisdom, strength, and truth.

Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

In abounding hope, anchored by our hope in the name of Jesus, we pray.

AMEN!

Written by NDP Task Force President, Kathy Branzell



“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://shppeds.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](#).**

Create stability for people in our community. Your support prevents evictions and provides food access.

Help families like Madeline's feel safe and stabilized in their new beginnings

After years in an abusive relationship, Madeline* made the decision to leave her partner and get a fresh start for herself and her children. However, as a stay-at-home mom, she had no income, and her partner controlled the household finances. On her own, she couldn't afford the apartment her family was living in.

Fortunately, Madeline reached out to WayForward Resources and connected with a case manager. She discussed her need to find work, childcare, and an affordable place to live for her family. She also wanted to stay in her current neighborhood to allow her kids to remain focused and engaged in school and connected to their friends.

Together, she and her case manager worked on a planned move with these goals in mind. WayForward provided financial assistance that Madeline applied toward the remaining months' rent at the too-expensive apartment and offered our food pantry as a resource option, which could allow her to save funds to pay the security deposit at a new place. Madeline and her family's new apartment is much more affordable and still within her children's school district.

Domestic violence is a leading cause of housing instability and homelessness for women. Survivors are often forced to leave their homes to escape abuse, only to then face barriers in obtaining and maintaining safe housing, including limited access to financial resources and discrimination by housing providers. Women who experience violence are also disproportionately more likely to experience food insecurity than the general population.



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.

Your support helps families like Madeline’s feel safe and stabilized in their new beginnings.

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

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

CITY OF MADISON - COMPOST FOOD SCRAPS

Have you

herd?



Our goal is to compost **40,000 pounds** of food scraps. That's the weight of a *herd of bison*. Grab your scraps bucket and we'll meet you at the farmer's market!

City of Madison FREE food scraps drop off at neighborhood farmers' markets schedule:

- Madison Eastside Farmers' Market
 - *Dates:* April 29, 2025 to October 28, 2025
 - *Hours:* Tuesdays, 4:00pm to 7:00pm
 - *Location:* McPike Park (202 S. Ingersoll St)
- Westside Community Market
 - *Dates:* May 3, 2025 to November 1, 2025
 - *Hours:* Saturdays, 7:00am - 12:30pm
 - *Location:* 505 S. Rosa Rd (University Research Park)
- South Madison Farmers' Market
 - *Dates:* June 3, 2025 to October 28, 2025
 - *Hours:* Tuesdays, 2:00pm to 6:00pm
 - *Location:* Corner of S. Park St. and W. Wingra Drive (1602 S. Park Street)

YOU'RE INVITED!

Celebrate 150 Years of Madison Public Library with parties in all nine library locations!

madpl.org/150yearparties

MAY 10
Four libraries
9am - 5pm

MAY 17
Central Library
10am - 1pm

MAY 31
Four libraries
9am - 5pm

150th Anniversary Celebration

Attend a Party in the Library this May!

Our first location opened on **May 31, 1875**, and we're ringing in 150 years of library service in Madison with birthday cake, giveaways, and interactive activities for every age at all nine locations!

We invite you to attend our [anchor event at Central Library](#) on Sat, May 17, as well as [neighborhood library celebrations](#) on Saturday, May 10 or Saturday, May 31 to get the full experience.

Each 150th Party will offer something unique, with special activities reflecting that library's character and neighborhood.

[LEARN ABOUT EACH LOCATION'S CELEBRATION](#)

DALE HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5501 University Ave.

Madison, Wisconsin 53705

MAY CALENDAR

- 01** **Choir practice 3p**
- 04** **Sunday Worship**
- 10** **Mother's Day family breakfast 9a**
- 11** **Sunday Worship**
- 13** **Property/Finance 7p**
- 14** **Choir 7:15p**
- 18** **Sunday Worship**
- 21** **Choir 7:15p**
- 25** **Sunday Worship**

Liturgists

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| May 4 | Janice Krall |
| May 11 | Verena Straubhaar |
| May 18 | Otty Schaefer |
| May 25 | Barb Fleishman |