



FOCUS

March 2026

Daleheightschurch.org

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Edi Chan (2026)
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“There, he tested them.” Exodus 15:25

Tests are not just for school. Tests and trials are a part of this life we lead! We can know intellectually that tests are good for us. We understand they are to see if we have the right ideas and answers to the questions that confront us.

But the tests of life, the tests God may send our way are a little more daunting! And the results are a little more drastic if we fail. Often the outcome of moral testing is just between God and us. But we know, and we carry with us the guilt if we fail, or the confidence if we are successful in passing that test.

During this Lenten season, look back at the times God has tested you. See God’s faithfulness that no matter what the test shows, God loves you as much as ever. Consider the lessons and the goodness that has come from the times we miss the mark.

Because He lives, we can face tomorrow! That is the title of a beautiful hymn, but also a true statement for all times and seasons! How can we not be thankful and receive God’s love so we can share it with others.

No matter how our test may turn out, we can always have confidence that God never fails, and never gives up on us! What a wonderful God.

Trust in the LORD forever, for in the LORD GOD you have an everlasting rock.
- Isaiah 26:4

An essay by Rev. Susan Vergeront

MARCH

Breakfast

The Dale Heights monthly breakfast will be held on:

**Saturday
March 14, 2026.**

Serving will begin at 8:30 am.

The suggested donation is \$5.

RSVP to Roy if you have not already done so.



Birthdays:

- 15 Zenobia Brown
- 23 Don Weigt
- 28 Elizabeth Ndafooka
- 31 Jim Fleischmann

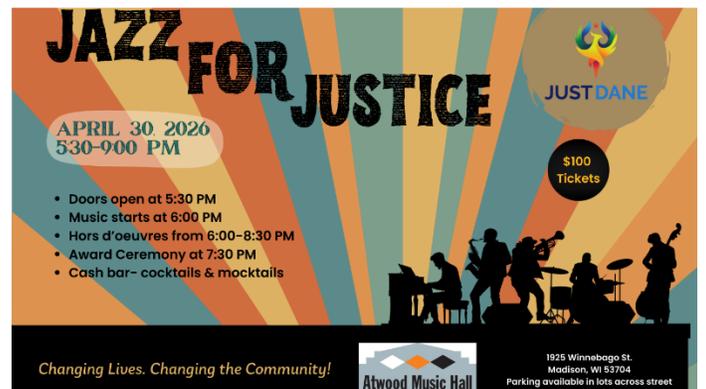
Anniversary:

- 19 Kris & Jim Tracey



**Daylight Savings Time will begin
Sunday, March 8 at 2 a.m.**

Be sure to set your clocks one hour forward!



JAZZ FOR JUSTICE

APRIL 30 2026
5:30-9:00 PM

- Doors open at 5:30 PM
- Music starts at 6:00 PM
- Hors d'oeuvres from 6:00-8:30 PM
- Award Ceremony at 7:30 PM
- Cash bar- cocktails & mocktails

JUST DANE
\$100 Tickets

Changing Lives. Changing the Community!
Atwood Music Hall
1925 Winnebago St.
Madison, WI 53704
Parking available in lots across street

We hope you will join us on April 30 to support JustDane through a night of jazz music, food, and fellowship.

Registration opens on March 23, 2026

Church Office Hours:

**Tuesday and Thursday
9:30-1:30**



**Wednesday
10:30-2:30**

The deadline for article submissions for the April issue of the FOCUS is March 27, 2026.

Dale Heights' Committees and Ministry Teams for 2026:

Session:

Edi Chan (2026)
Gale Oakes, Clerk of Session (2026)
Wendy Weber (2027)
June Zeeh (2027)
Gerry Klump (2028)
Melanie Klump (2028)

Nominating:

Edi Chan (Session Rep)
Roy Lembcke
Jim Tracey
June Zeeh

Care and Fellowship:

Verena Straubhaar
Edi Chan

Outreach and Mission:

Barb Fleishman
Edi Chan
Jamie Engebregtsen
Melanie Klump
Gerry Klump & Roy Lembcke
(WayForward representatives)
Gale Oakes
Wendy Weber, Chair

Personnel:

Edi Chan
Gerry Klump
Jack Rose

Security: (ad hoc)

Roy Lembcke
Jim Tracey
Jack Rose

Worship and Music:

Janice Krall
Melanie Klump (chair)
Verena Straubhaar (Communion & Fellowship)
June Zeeh (ushers and liturgists)

Property and Finance:

Gerry Klump
Philip Krause
Roy Lembcke, chair
Wendy Weber

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE
WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE
RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS,
AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF
GOD'S GRACE IN ITS
VARIOUS FORMS.

1 Peter 4:10



SCHEDULE OF CWU CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS FOR 2026

*Feb 6, 2026 Human Rights Day at First Baptist Church, 9:30 to Noon

*March 6, 2026 World Day of Prayer at Church of Christian Scientist, 10 to Noon

*May 1, 2006 May Friendship Day at Mt Zion Baptist Church, 10-Noon, lunch Noon

*September 11, 2026 CWU Forum at Dale Heights Presbyterian Church, 10 to Noon

*November 6, 2026 World Community Day at Mt Zion Baptist Church, 10 to Noon

On the first Friday in March the Day of Prayer begins on the international dateline, in Samoa. Early in the morning, Christian women begin praying for our world. As the earth rotates, a great wave of prayer begins to build. It sweeps across the Pacific, touching Fiji and New Zealand, rolling on through Asia: Japan, the Philippines, Korea, and Bangladesh. The countries of Africa, and the Middle East are next. The wave reaches the shores of Europe as the day dawns there. Across the Atlantic, it moves onwards, the Caribbean, the Americas, and on to the Pacific again until the sun finally sets over American Samoa where the final service takes place. A worldwide circle of prayer is complete.

Every year, I will give you rest, come

Nigeria 2026 - I will give you rest, come

Every year, the **World Day of Prayer** unites people across the globe in a spirit of worship, solidarity, and shared faith.

This year our focus is Nigeria. The theme, *"I Will Give You Rest: Come"* is taken from **Matthew 11:28-30**. Here, Jesus invites us to understand God's kingdom in a new way. His call to "come" and find rest is not just as a momentary relief but an invitation to a new way of living in relationship with God.

²⁸ **"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**

³⁰ **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."**



Top 10 List

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. 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.

- ✓ Cereal
- ✓ Canned fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Canned proteins (tuna and chicken)
- ✓ Canned hearty soups and stews
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Condiments
- ✓ Spices
- ✓ Variety of pastas and sauces
- ✓ Vegetable oil
- ✓ Baking items (flour, sugar, oil, baking soda/powder)
- ✓ Snack items (fruit snacks, granola bars, etc.)

Thinking of Spring

What are Spring Ephemerals?

After a long winter, gardeners are eager to get out of their houses and into their gardens. If you wander out into the stark, tawny woodlands of early spring, you will see little shoots and delicate blossoms emerging. These dainty plants often grow in beds of moss and leaf litter where larger plants will not easily crowd them. Known as **spring ephemeral plants**, they are the first plants to pop up in spring and the first to flower. They emerge early to take advantage of the sunlight that penetrates the bare branches of the deciduous woodland.

Some familiar spring ephemerals are the classic Eurasian species – tulips, daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths, and grape hyacinth. They emerge in early spring, flower, and die back to dormancy by early to mid-summer. Underground lies a bulb, corm, or other storage organ that patiently waits for next year to start the process over again. These species are popular and easy to grow, but they are only a few of the many species available and **none of them are native**.

We do have native ephemerals here in the Madison area and it's so wonderful to see them appear, bloom and tell us that it's spring! Some are:

Yellow trout lilies



Virginia bluebells



Eastern shooting star



Jack-in the pulpit



plus Mayapple, Bloodroot, Trilliums ... and more!

It is the season of Lent and the time of Easter. We often find ourselves really focusing on our faith and life with God. Life is characterized as ephemeral - as in fleeting and temporary - while God and His Love are eternal and unchanging. Indeed, faith acts as an anchor, allowing believers to navigate our earthly life by focusing on eternal promises rather than the temporary, visible circumstances of our lives.

Happy Life and Happy Easter!

Adapted from Edge of the Woods Nursery 2025 and a post by Terry Storch, 2020

DALE HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5501 University Ave.

Madison, Wisconsin 53705



MARCH CALENDAR

- 01 Sunday worship / Book study class
- 05 Choir practice 12:30pm
- 08 Sunday worship
- 10 Property & Finance
- 12 Choir practice 12:30pm
- 14 Church breakfast 8:30am
- 15 Sunday worship / Session training
- 19 Choir practice 12:30pm
- 22 Sunday worship
- 29 Sunday Worship

Liturgists and Readers

- March 1: L: Carey Fleischmann
R: Barb Fleishman
- March 8: L: Otty Schaefer
R: Wendy Weber
- March 15: L: Gerry Klump
R: Otty Schaefer
- March 22: L: Jim Fleischmann
R: June Zeeh
- March 29: L: Roy Lembcke
R: Still needed

