

NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA
9424 Everman Ave.
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Important Dates for July

Independence Day

July 4

Church Office Hours:
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NEW HORIZONS PC(USA)

News 'n Views

Seek ye the Lord, with heart, mind, and soul

Words from Rev. Marshall

Ordinary time: that's what pastors, church musicians and worship leaders call the time between Pentecost and Advent. It carries that designation because there are no high, holy days of celebration in those weeks. The energy of a congregation may be directed to the ministry and mission that fulfills their vision.

It was clear on Sunday that this congregation sees itself continuing into the future. In this ordinary time there is space to think through ideas and options. We are able to engage in evaluation of our practices and consider other possibilities. There is a freedom about summer that allows us to test different ideas and approaches in worship and ministry.

It's tempting to let the "dog days of summer" discourage one. Let's celebrate these quieter, less scheduled days and welcome the opportunity to take time to ponder what we are about as a people of God and how we will make that known.

- REV. JOAN MARSHALL

Scripture for the Day

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

-2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



Lee Crisler - by Linda Houston
Faith Gillespie - by Kathryn Byrd
Elaine & Tom Shanahan - by Linda Houston
Jeff Johnson - by Peggy Lohnes
Frazier Family - by Yvonne Frazier
Linda Beckman - by Marion Brewer
Pat Rogers - by Yvonne Frazier
Debbie Frazier
Jim Cochran
Lucille Yamnitz
Evelyn Reed
Doris Cochran
Kathryn Byrd
Edie Roberts
Shawn King
Marion Brewer

**The Prayer List is located in the Narthex. Please write in prayer requests throughout the month, and they will be added promptly.

Pastor's Hours:

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Pastor's phone: (618) 466-8072
Pastor's email: j2d2buster@cs.com





Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it."

—SONG OF SONGS 8:7

Our hearts, prayers and thoughts go out to the people of West Virginia in the wake of catastrophic flooding. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has deployed the National Response Team to support the Presbytery of West Virginia and Synod of the Trinity as they begin outreach to those affected.

Please give by visiting:

<http://tinyurl.com/PCUSA-donate>

You'll be taken to our web site to donate securely and quickly.

If you prefer to mail a check, please send it to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PO Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (ET), at **1-800-872-3283** and donate by phone.

Police Benefit Golf Tournament

Overland Police Department's 25th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

Friday, July 15th
Shotgun starts at 8:00am

Normandie Golf Course

Proceeds benefit Overland Police Department's D.A.R.E., Safety Town, and Community Programs.

Costs are \$320 per team (\$80 per player). Golfers receive Green Fees, Cart, Food, Beverages (beer, soda and water), and Attendance Prizes

Food: Breakfast, Snacks and BBQ dinner by Miss Piggie's Smokehouse

Call: (314) 428-1221
or email: comrelations@overlandmo.org

Well-Being Retreat at Montreat

**August 15—17 at Montreat Center
in North Carolina**

Hosted by Board University at the Board of Pensions, in collaborative partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, Well-Being Retreat 2016 will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, August 15, 16, and 17, 2016, at Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina.

Active Benefits Plan members and covered partners are encouraged to step away from their daily work and examine wholeness through the spiritual, physical and emotional, financial, and vocational areas of their lives.

Well-Being Retreat 2016 attendees will have the ability to customize their retreat experience by selecting the educational workshops and guided activities that best support the journey to well-being for the individual and the Church. Listed below are just a few of the many workshops scheduled to take place:

The Spiritual Health of Congregations: Worship at the Center (Jane Vann)

Keeping Sabbath (Rev. Raymond Bonwell)

Get Moving (Joanie Barr)

Finding Your Resilience (Jeff McCombs)

Dissolving Debt (Rev. Rodney Sewell)

Tools for Funding Your Future Ministry (Karl Mattison)

Creating a Culture of Generosity (Robert Hay)

Leaving Well (Rev. Kenneth Green)

Working with Volunteers (Rev. Raymond Bonwell)

Registration will be accepted online only, and each individual must have a unique email address (from work or home) that is not shared with another person registering for this event.

Please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/motreat-well-being>

Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter articles for the August Issue should be submitted to **the office** by July 29, 2015.

God tolerates even our stammering, and pardons our ignorance whenever something inadvertently escapes us—as, indeed, without this mercy there would be no freedom to pray. ~John Calvin

There appears to be a math equation in this quote from John Calvin. Toleration plus pardon plus mercy equals freedom—the freedom defined as children being able to ask their parents anything. I wonder if this formula cannot be applied to our life as community.

Helen Keller says that toleration is the greatest gift of the mind; it requires the same effort of the brain that it takes to balance oneself on a bicycle. It is the opposite of a winner-take-all position. It means holding opposing viewpoints lightly in your head. In a community it provides for debate and discussion that can lead to better ideas.

“Where there is injury [let me sow] pardon,” said Francis of Assisi. In almost every discussion about servant leadership, I have heard at least one person say, “but don’t be a doormat.” The comment comes out of the concern that putting others first somehow makes us weak. There may be some truth to that, but putting ourselves first does not make us strong either.

When I do the hard work of reconciliation with another, I can get unstuck from that emotion-filled space. That reconciliation may have to confront injustice and injury in a community. That confrontation may create change that will be fertile ground for those seeds of pardon.

From the great Herman Melville we have this quote: “Heaven have mercy on us all—Presbyterians and Pagans alike—for we are all somehow dreadfully cracked about the head, and sadly need mending.” A community is made up of people who are all dreadfully cracked about the head. Honking our horns at the car that hesitates at a green light is useful venting, but doesn’t display much mercy. The person may be wrestling with a whale of a problem.

What is your community like? Is there tolerance, pardon, or mercy? Can you and your congregation change that?

January 11-22, 2017

Take a trip to the Holy Land, led by the Rev. Richard Blackburn, Executive Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Highlights of this spectacular opportunity include:

Jerusalem

Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, the Old City, Via Dolorosa, and more!

Bethlehem

Church of the Nativity, Shepherd’s Fields, Sabeel, Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Diyar Consortium, Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center, and more!

Galilee

Mount Tabor, Nazareth, Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves, and more including a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee!

In addition to visiting the important pilgrimage sites where there will be regular opportunities for worship and devotional reflection, the trip will also include:

- Visits to various peacemaking ministries in the Holy Land and with Palestinian Christians working for peace.
- Teaching Sessions on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, biblical peacemaking, conflict transformation, and church leadership from a family systems perspective.
- Devotional reflections on the iconography related to the pilgrimage sites as found in Christian art from the Early Christian and Byzantine eras, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and Baroque era.

View the complete itinerary for the trip at:

<http://tinyurl.com/pilgrimage-flyer>

For more information, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/Peacemakers-Pilgrimage>



Host an International Student

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow and the American Councils for International Education are bringing outstanding young Russians to study in the U.S. for the 2016-2017 academic year. Most will live with U.S. host families and they hope yours will be one of them!

For more information, visit:
<http://tinyurl.com/host-students-PCUSA>

Presbytery Organist Wanted

Florissant Presbyterian Church is looking for a part-time Choir Director/Organist. Approximately 6-8 hours per week. Responsibilities include leading choir rehearsal and music for Sunday worship service. To apply please send resume to: flopresby@sbcglobal.net

Mound Ridge Fundraiser

The Mound Ridge Spring Fundraising Committee is asking for churches, individuals, groups, and Presbyterian crafters to donate baskets and items for auction once again this year. Please contact Mound Ridge by email:

moundridge@glpby.org

or call: [573-265-3098](tel:573-265-3098)

and arrangements will be made for items to be picked up.

July Birthdays



- Peppy Poeppelmeier 07/01
- Joanne Neely 07/03
- Briana Gage 07/16
- Linda Houston 07/17
- Justin Byrd 07/23
- Steffanie Rockette 07/23
- Julia Lohnes 07/25
- Sammie Lohnes 07/25
- Purity Wachira 07/25
- Marilyn Kratz 07/28



Scripture for the Day

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

- 1 JOHN 3:2

July Anniversaries

- George & Patty Albin III 07/15
- Jim & Amanda Sheppard 07/28
- Chuck & Jan Kaiser 07/30

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Don't forget that you are welcome and invited to submit items for the Monthly Newsletter here at New Horizons! Simply leave a submission in the "Newsletter" box in the office mailroom, on the office desk, or in the After Hours Office Mailbox!



Post-General Assembly Letter

PC(USA) leaders issue post-General Assembly letter to the church:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3

Brothers and sisters in Christ, there is a new season in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as witnessed by the actions of the 222nd General Assembly (2016). The body of 594 commissioners who gathered June 18-25 in Portland, Oregon, elected Co-Moderators Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, and J. Herbert Nelson as the Stated Clerk. Both were historic, and both signal a new way forward for our church.

The business decisions made by the body also were transformative for the 1,572,660 members and 9,642 churches of the PC(USA). The work wasn't easy, and involved careful deliberations.

Collectively, the body acted on nearly 100 overtures by discerning the will of Christ. Among other things, we now have a new addition to our Book of Confessions – the Confession of Belhar. It is the first of our confessions that comes from the global south. And, the PC(USA) has a new Directory for Worship; and Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and Procedures. God is truly guiding us to be more faithful and just to all of God's creations.

Much discussion has been taking place around the identity and purpose of the denomination, and this week the assembly voted to create a 12-member Way Forward Commission “to study and identify a vision for the structure and function of the General Assembly agencies of the PC(USA),” and a 15-member 2020 Vision Team to “develop a guiding statement for the denomination and make a plan for its implementation.”

To quote Stated Clerk-elect J. Herbert Nelson, “We are not dead ... we are alive, we are reforming and we are transforming this world, one person at a time.” Looking outward, the assembly voted to engage in selective, phased divestment from fossil-fuel companies through the PC(USA)'s Mission Responsibility Through

Investment committee, and re-affirmed a two-state solution for Israel-Palestine.

Please know this is only a snapshot of the actions taken, and just a glimpse at where God is leading this denomination. Complete business actions can be viewed at www.pc-biz.org.

We are, brothers and sisters, in a new season. It's exciting, but also a little scary. Yet in the midst of it all, take comfort that God is still guiding and controlling all – and we need not fear. God is calling us to hope, and to God be the glory!

- The Reverend Grady Parsons
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

Ritenour Co-Care Volunteers

**Now at the new location:
9516 rear Lackland Rd.
(back of the building!)**

If you would like to do something to make our community stronger, come and spend a little time in the food pantry! We need help stocking the store (T,W,F,S from 8:30am-noon), and processing pallets of food (M and F from 1-3pm).



Ritenour HS students volunteering in the Food Pantry

Operating Hours:

Monday	1 pm - 7 pm
Tuesday	8 am - 12 pm
Wednesday	8 am - 1 pm
Friday	8 am - 4 pm
Saturday	8 am - 1 pm

"A Mercy Gentle Yet Strong"

July 18—20, 2016

"A Mercy Gentle yet Strong" is a silent retreat led by Katherine Doyle, RSM at Mercy Center, Frontenac.

Registration: 8:00 A.M. Monday.

Program concludes mid-afternoon Wednesday Shakespeare tells us that mercy falls as "gentle rain upon the earth below"...it is twice blessed.

It transforms brokenness into wholeness, extends its hands to raise those bowed down, and gives life to both receiver and giver. In this Extraordinary Year of Mercy, you are invited to explore the mystery of God's mercy through this guided retreat—a time of prayer, reflection, and sharing. Participants will listen to the cries for mercy around us, remember mercies received, and respond to the call to be mercy for the world.

Presenter: Mary Katherine Doyle, RSM is the Novice Minister for the Sisters of Mercy Novitiate in St. Louis. Trained in history and spirituality, she has ministered in education, communications, faith formation, spiritual direction and retreat ministries.

Non-refundable registration: \$25 **due July 5**

Total cost, including registration:

Overnight: \$275

Commuters: \$175

Contact: Sandy Meyer at:
smeyer@mercycenterstl.org
or call: [314.966.4686](tel:314.966.4686).

NHPC Medical Equipment

Medical equipment can be incredibly expensive, even when insurance helps cover the cost. To save money, and time, you can instead borrow various medical devices from New Horizons.

From wheelchairs and walkers to crutches and canes, just stop by the office and ask if we have what you need. Borrow it for as long as you want without all the hassle!



Presbytery History Tour 2016

Thursday, October 13th

8:45 am—3:00 pm

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy will be hosting a History Tour through Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Bellefontaine Cemetery played an important role in the early growth of St. Louis, and is the final resting place of many historical figures and prominent Presbyterians. Bellefontaine's founders planned that the cemetery would become a major civic, cultural, and historic institution. Join this year's tour to learn about the fascinating history of Bellefontaine Cemetery!

Depart: 8:45 am

From Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
100 E. Adams, Kirkwood, MO 63122

\$63 per person includes a boxed lunch. Ice cream at Crown Candy on the way back is at your expense.

Make reservations with Betsy Stoll
by calling: (314) 821-0533

Arts and Crafts Fair

The Maryland Heights Presbyterian Church will hold their Arts & Craft Fair on

Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016.

To request a vendor application,
Call: 314-739-4721
or email: MHPChurch200@yahoo.com

Words to Live By

"Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

- POPE JOHN PAUL II

July 2016 - New Horizons' Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:30am Worship - Worshipful Work Service 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	27 10:00am Free to be Me Al-Anon (JH)	28 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	29 8:30am Mission Sewing	30 5:30pm Worship & Nurture Mtg 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	1 10:00am Freedom Al-Anon (JH)	2 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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