New Horizons presbyterian church

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July & August Newsletter



Important Dates

July	1	Room at the Inn - no Potluck
July	4	Independence Day - Office Closed
July	6	Casual Service
July	6	First Sunday Concert Series
August	3	First Sunday Concert Series
August	10	Skit by the Worship Committee

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News' n Views

Seek ye the Lord, with heart mind and soul

Summer Fun!

This summer has been really fun so far! Several of New Horizons folks have been hanging out at Marion Elementary School Cafeteria on Tuesdays and Thursdays to play games with kids around the time that we are providing a free lunch to them from Operation Food Search. We didn't know how many to expect and Terri Fletcher who is coordinating this effort has had to work with the fluctuating numbers a little to make sure we had enough (from 3 the first day to over 38). We have had plenty. But food has not been front and center in this endeavor. The one thing that has surprised us is the fun that we are all having being with these kids. We are learning their names while we color with them sitting at the same table in the cafeteria. Or hear and tell storytelling games, or play Go Fish or Connect Four. We are playing bingo and the winner gets to pull a prize out of the bag. One winner wore his big nose and black glasses to be the caller for the next Bingo round and then everybody cheered for him. Even the parents are getting in on the Bingo! Yesterday I had the wonderful opportunity to watch a 7th grader teach a 3 year old how to play UNO! And he knew his numbers and colors and could play his cards-maybe not to win, but he matched his cards. And she was very patient with him and creative when he couldn't hold his cards to find a way to lay them on the table so she couldn't see them. I told her she was good with kids. She said she didn't know that. They made friends right there with a pack of UNO cards. And they took home mandala pictures to color at home, and I read "Enemy Pie" to them while they colored and we talked about having enemies and how we can learn to get to know those enemies and maybe make them friends. It was a fruitful conversation. Tomorrow the librarian is coming to help promote their reading program which has very cool prizes that she will be showing them. A lot more is happen- Page Three From the Pastor Continued
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Pastor Marsha's Hours:

Monday's Off Tuesday & Thursday 9-4 Wednesday & Fridays 10-3

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Summer Fun Continued

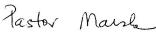
ing here than just feeding kids. Relationships are being started. Fun is being had. Word is spreading that this is a good place to go on Tuesdays and Thursdays and not just for the free lunch.

My heart was happy after Tuesday's time with the kids. I wondered what God was calling to us in this experience. I had more energy and creativity just being around them. And they seemed to just come alive at the sight of games and coloring pages and books and Bingo- not to mention the good food that is available for everyone who comes in the door.

Could God be calling us to a relationship with Marion Elementary for longer than just this summer? When I talked with Dr. Steward, the Principal last week, she mentioned that they have ongoing needs at their school. One that she spoke of specifically was tutoring. She asked me if we had any-one who would like to tutor children. I told her that we might have 3 or 4 if I asked. Well, I am asking. Would you like the opportunity to get to know a child or two by name? And pay attention to their lives? And to read with them or help them with basic math? I will be talking with her in detail in a few weeks, and I would like to have an idea of how many people would want to do this. I am plan-ning to do this myself. I have found that in the short time that we are with them during the feeding time that I am thinking about them by name, and how their lives are going. Maybe God is calling us to open our lives to some specific children in our neighborhood in the near future. What do you say? If the answer is maybe, or yes, or I am not sure, let me know and I will find out more info.

This last January, I saw how many of us were enlivened by the Asanti African Children's choir who stayed with us and entertained us. And by the way, they will be coming again on Saturday, November 8th and we will be providing housing for Nov. 8th and 9th, so plan ahead for this! Some of us who weren't sure we could take them in were blessed by their presence and spirit. So much so that everyone said "Let's do this again!" Could the same thing be true if we begin a tutoring effort with Marion Elementary?

Think about it. Pray about it. And call, text or email me if you might be interested. Peace to you all!



From Awakening Joy: 10 Steps to Happiness

When I look back on my late teens and early 20's, I realize I did lots of crazy things. I was walking nonchalantly and unconsciously through a mine field of potential dangers. Yet, as many of us know, no matter how far we go in the wrong direction, our lives can turn around. Some inner call gets us facing in the direction of goodness, truth, and happiness. Think back to the turning points in your life that got you to where you are now. Could you have written that mysterious script? How can we not be grateful for the amazing grace that keeps us heading in the direction of wholeness? As part of your gratitude practice, you might consider writing a thank you letter to Life itself, not only for the endless blessings but also for giving you the lessons you needed in order to grow.

Once we start looking for blessings in our lives we see them everywhere. In her book Attitudes of Gratitude, M. J. Ryan writes: "Gratitude is like a flashlight. It lights up what is already there. You don't necessarily have anything more or different, but suddenly you can actually see what is. And because you can see, you no longer take it for granted."

In a famous teaching, the "Discourse on Blessings," the Buddha enumerated the many noble qualities and circumstances available to us in our daily lives. Among the qualities of the blessed person, he includes being grateful. To be grateful is in itself a blessing and an open door to joy. Each time you are grateful for something, stop to take in and fully experience that uplifting and joyful feeling. Gratitude can be an ongoing frame of reference from which to live your life. You might even, as Albert Einstein suggests, begin to see that everything around you is a miracle.

by James Baraz and Shoshana Alexander

Highlights From 221st General Assembly

Relating to the world

- The Assembly approved the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" campaign, recommended by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. This is a call on the whole church to join in a movement to provide quality education to 1 million children in the U.S. and around the world in the next four years — as a way to alleviate poverty.
- The Assembly approved a measure to divest from three corporations Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard and Motorola Solutions it believes are not in compliance with the church's policy on socially responsible investing. The decision is a significant step in the denomination's policy that says it should not profit from "non-peaceful pursuits." This does not constitute divestment from Israel the church maintains significant investments in companies that do business in Israel.

Relating to our communities

- The Assembly approved "The Interreligious Stance of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)." This statement is the result of work by Presbyterians, Christians of other denominations, and representatives of many faith traditions to study how Presbyterians should best engage with people of different faiths.
- Recommendations that the PC(USA) advocate measures to prevent gun violence won resounding approval. The GA's decision calls for such actions as the formation of support, healing and advocacy groups for those who have experienced gun violence in their families; and opposition to "stand your ground" and other legislation that may entitle gun owners to shoot before taking alternative measures.
- The Assembly celebrated the nearly 250 new worshipping communities in more than 100 presbyteries that have been counted since the last General Assembly. Clearly this is a movement of the Holy Spirit, giving the promise of renewal and rebirth throughout the church.
- For nearly 200 years, the Presbyterian church has served as one of the greatest forces for mission
- in the world. In that spirit, the Assembly endorsed an initiative to encourage Presbyterians to go beyond the walls of their congregations and increase their engagement in service to their communities and the world. By "living missionally," we are intentionally joining in God's transformations of societal injustices by following Christ's example of service through faith, hope, love, and witness.

Relating to each other

- The Assembly approved a recommendation to allow teaching elders pastoral discretion to perform "any such marriage they believe the Holy Spirit calls them to perform," where legal by state law. The body also passed a recommendation to change language in the *Book of Order* to indicate that "marriage involves a unique commitment between two people, traditionally a man and a woman." Our prayer is that together, through our covenant with one another, the PC(USA) can move forward on this issue in love and with respect.
- The Assembly overwhelmingly voted to add the Confession of Belhar to the PC(USA)'s *Book of Confessions*. The action must now be ratified by two-thirds of the presbyteries within the next year.

Specific language on all of the Assembly's actions is available on PC-biz (www.pc-biz.org). *Assembly in Brief*, a more detailed compilation of the Assembly's decisions, will be available for download next week at www.pcusa.org/ga221.

Movie Day by PW

Presbyterian Women have started showing the miniseries for TV called "The Bible" in the back of Fellowship Hall from 1-2:30 on Tuesdays; June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15. All adults are welcome. Refreshments provided. We had 7 people attend the first one. Thanks to Tom Haill for rigging up a system to show the movie on a big screen with big sound. Now we know that we can do this!

Fences for Our Dumpsters

Property Committee is planning to enclose the dumpsters with a fence and place them on concrete pads in the near future. They are accepting bids now, so the work may be done soon. When you see that it looks better in our parking lot, tell Tom Haill, Linda Haill, Jan Kaiser, Lucille and Alva Yamnitz thank you.

Becoming More Green

The Session just decided that we will be recycling everything single stream now since we already have a single stream dumpster on site that we were only using for cardboard. Now there are recycling containers in the office, in Jubilee Hall and in Fellowship Hall for everything except Styrofoam and #6 containers. Please NO TRASH in these containers, and wash out whatever you recycle so we don't have a bug problem. Thank you to Peggy Lohnes for getting the containers and putting the sign on them.

Sound System Upgrade

The week of July 1 we will have our sound system upgraded! We are hopeful that this will help those of you who have difficulty hearing to fully participate in our worship service in the sanctuary. We will also be able to use hearing assisted devices that we have with this new system. And it will be hooked up to the projector so we can show video clips and movies easily. Thank you to those who have given to the Memorial Fund which is covering the cost of this necessary upgrade.

June Session Highlights

- The Presbytery will be visiting us to learn more of the vitality of our church.
- Deacons will be having another great potluck in September.
- A new Spiritual Formation group starts in June.
- We will be adding more recycle bins around the church.

First Sunday's Concert Series

Sunday July 6th at 3 pm. The featured performer will be Singer/songwriter guitarist Brian Clarke who is from St. Louis, graduated Normandy High School and has played all over St. Louis for over 40 years. His website is www.brianclarkeonline.com for more information. Suggested donation is \$10 and \$5 for Seniors.

Cry and Die

To call a local church into the mission of Jesus is to call its members into two behaviors. First we cry. Then we die. We let our hearts be broken with the things that break the heart of God. Then we die to the comfortable patterns of life that insulate us emotionally and geographically from those for whom Christ died.

Ben Campbell JohnsonGlenn McDonald Source: Imagining a Church in the Spirit

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee has been working on new and different ways to make offerings to the church. We are looking into Paypal, accepting credit card payments and other ways to make it easier and convenient for you. We have had several inquiries about an update on giving, so we will sending out a 6 month contribution statement to everyone in July. Look for those in your mailbox at church or we will mail them to you.

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of New Horizons!!! "

Room at the Inn

Tuesday, June 3 fourteen of our church and six clients from RATI got together for a sloppy Joe pot luck hosted by Patty Albin. bill and Dee Rhinesmith stayed as Innkeepers. Alva Yamnitz handled the transportation and also substituted for Sy Seidler in making the drinks. Linda Haill graciously offered to do the laundry. July 1 is our next pot luck. We will skip pot luck in August but will resume again September 2.

Doris Darr

Poet's Corner

Give Us Daily Awareness By Helen Steiner Rice

I walked across the meadow Through a carpet bright as gold It was an enchanted field of daises Shimmering brilliantly and bold I dared not pick a flower As it would have disturbed the glorious sight For I know my God created it To make a dark world bright The stream beside the meadow Trickled slowly down the hill While a meadowlark flew over Screeching a loud shrill The trees were blushing brightly With leaves of scarlet red All magnified with brilliance By the sun shinning overhead It's the same with all of God's people We shine with His pure light He made us for His glory To make a dark world bright.

Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,"

Matthew 25:35

Food Pantry Statistics for May

	May	2014 Year-to- Date	2013 Year-to- Date
People	657	3491	7054
Families	219	1134	2541
Children	300	1315	2653
Adults	357	2276	4403

All donations made to Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry are tax-deductible.

Room At The Inn (R.A.T.I.)

Planting Trees

The Talmud tells the story of an old man who was planting a carob tree when a king rode by. "Old man," the king called out, "how old are you?" "Seventy years, your majesty," the man replied.

"How many years will it take before that tree will bear fruit?" the king asked. "Perhaps seventy years," the man answered.



Mockingly, the king went on, "Do you really expect to eat of the fruit of that tree?"

"Of course not," the man said, "but just as I found fruit trees when I was born, so do I plant trees that future generations may eat from them."

The Talmud

Source: God's Echo by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso

Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women will not meet in the summer. In September we will start a "Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians, Reconciling Paul". If you don't have a study book, contact Charity Sherrington. Hope to see many of our women September 16.

Also, hope you are enjoying the movies on the Bible we are presenting on Tuesdays this month. Bring diapers for Crisis Nursery or a donation to give them to purchase some. For questions, see Lucille or Doris. We have already received some stuffed animals for BRO. Collection will be in September, so hunt the garage and other sales.

Presbyterian News

Synod of Mid-America Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy

Highlights of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy meeting on June 12th

The free-will offering for the Kenyan Well Project totaled, \$1,000.

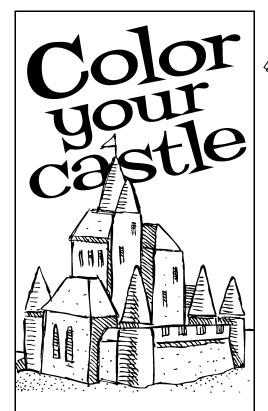
Approved the ordination and installation of Melanie Smith to Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church as Associate Pastor for a designated term of four years effective July 1st and Erin Counihan to Oak Hill Presbyterian Church as Pastor effective August 1st.

New General Assembly Moderator

Heath Rada, a retired Ruling Elder who served the American Red Cross as CEO of the Greater Richmond Chapter and President of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education was elected Moderator of the 221st General Assembly at the General Assembly meeting held in Detroit Michigan on June 14th.

May 2014 Finance Report

INCOME	MAY 2014	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
Current Expenses	\$ 11,721.00	\$40,155.85
Benevolences	\$ -	\$275.00
Line Items	\$ 13.00	\$1,509.76
Rent	\$ 3,490.00	\$5,780.00
Ameriprise Transfer	\$ 10,000.00	\$35,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25,224.00	\$82,720.61
EXPENSES		
Current Expenses	\$ 14,369.10	\$84,561.71
Payroll Payable	\$ (164.00)	<u>(\$410.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,205.10	\$84,151.71



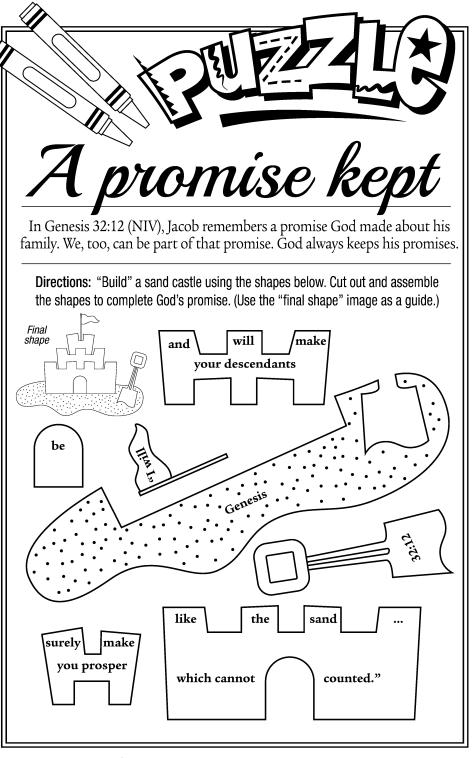
Summer is the perfect time to build a sand castle, whether in a sandbox or on the beach. Use this fun idea to add color to your creation.

What you need:

- Empty spray bottles
- 1 cup water per bottle
- 4 Tablespoons cornstarch per bottle
- Food coloring

What you do:

- 1. Remove the lid from each bottle and pour in the water and cornstarch.
- 2. Replace the lid and shake the bottle to dissolve the cornstarch completely.
- 3. Add drops of food coloring to achieve the desired color.
- 4. After building a sand castle, spray it with your colorful mixtures.



Answer: "I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand ... which cannot be counted." Genesis 32:12, NIV



- Lee Crisler by Linda Houston
- · Faith Gillespie by Kathryn Byrd
- Tammy Hillebrand by Lore Bailey
- Erin Miller by Linda Houston
- Jean Pate by Fran Longcor
- Arline Roberts by Pat Rogers
- Elton Rogers by Pat Rogers
- Sara Seidler by Sy
- Elaine & Tom Shanahan by Linda Houston
- Amanda & Michael Klein Jennifer Lohnes
- Shannon Turner by Diane Harmon
- Charles Kaiser Pat and Linda
- Jeff Johnson Peggy Lohnes
- Debbie Frazier Yvonne Frazier
- Mae Dixon Alva Yamnitz
- Marion Brewer
- Carla Highfill Ann Highfill
- Lisa M. by Ron Bickerstaff
- Linda Spickler Terri Fletcher
- Fred and Jean Winterowd
- Linda Beckman Marion Brewer
- Dorothy Alexander Marion Brewer
- Lynn Kratz
- Dave Frazier

Thank You

In June the members of New Horizons donated 14 bags of food, 17 boxes of food and hygiene products and 18 bags of clothes to the Crisis Ministry of Isaiah 58.

We collected \$1823.17 for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

July & August Anniversaries

07/15	George & Patty Albin
07/28	Jim & Amanda Sheppard
07/30	Chuck & Jan Kaiser
08/02	Bill & Dee Rhinesmith



July & August Birthdays

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Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter articles for the September Issue should be submitted to **the office** by August 15, 2014.

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