

NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA
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Important Dates for May

National Day of Prayer	May 3
May Friendship Day	May 4
Fair Trade Day	May 12
Mother's Day	May 13
Pentecost	May 20
Memorial Day	May 28

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 the Pastor

Dear friends:

As many of you know, I am active in Toastmasters. I recently received Toastmasters International's highest award, Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM). I couldn't have done it without you. The final project required for my DTM was a High Performance Leadership Project (HPL.) I had the option of doing this project outside of Toastmasters, so I decided that the Sundays of Assessments we did last fall in our church would be my project. I was able to apply some of the leadership skills of Toastmasters to this real life project. I thought it was a very valuable experience for me both professionally and personally.

So, I would like to thank everyone in our church who participated in Sundays of Assessment, especially the Session and the Worship and Nurture Committee who provided their encouragement and support. I was able to achieve a Toastmaster goal, but more importantly you were able to have the opportunity to honestly assess your congregation and move forward into the future to serve God in this place.

I will be recognized for receiving my DTM at the District 8 Spring Conference, held at the Holiday Inn in Earth City May 18-19. Shari and I will be attending.

Looking ahead to June, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be meeting in St. Louis from June 16-23. Our congregation will be participating by hosting 20 GA Commissioners on Sunday morning, June 17. Worship will begin at 10:30 and then we will enjoy lunch with our visitors. We are doing this in conjunction with Pendo Presbyterian Church. Pastor Isaac will preach, their choir will sing,



Evelyn Reed
Edie Roberts
Marion Brewer
Lore Bailey
Julianna Yamnitz
Michele Klous
Jennifer Einfeldt
Crystal Freeman
Brenda Jones
Harry and Charity Sherrington
Wray and Doris Darr
Dorothy Alexander
The King Family
The Jackson Family
The Cobbins Family

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

****Please submit new prayer requests to the Office, church email, or After Hours Mailbox.**

Office Hours:

Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30am—2pm

Pastor's Hours:

Tues* & Thurs 1pm—4pm

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and their ladies will help serve lunch.

There will be many opportunities for worship, inspiration, and service during General Assembly. Volunteers are needed from our Presbytery. Please contact me or Candy Parsons for details.

See you in church!

Pastor Mark



Moment for Prayer

Maker of us all,
Crack open our hardened hearts.
Empty us of paralyzing fear.
Fill us with courage:
Help us rise – again, and again.

Forgive us:
For the suffering we've ignored,
the children we've abandoned,
the communities we've neglected,
the cries for help we've silenced.

Give us Vision:
Strip us of the arrogance that keeps us from
seeing other truths.
Let our ears hear other voices.
Softener our hearts to others' pain.
Make us free to share in others' joy.

Transform us:
Make us catchers of dreams deferred,
Weavers of stronger nets,
Builders of firmer foundations,
Menders of that which is broken.

Restore us to something deeper,
Wiser,
Stronger.
Help us refuse to return to normal.
Amen.



Volunteers Needed for GA

June 16th—23rd

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The Committee On Local Arrangements (COLA) is seeking up to 2,000 volunteers to extend hospitality and ensure the smooth operation of GA223—the annual meeting of the PC(USA) that will be held this year right here in St. Louis. There is a spot for everyone to participate- both before and after the week of GA, and lots and lots of opportunities during. Children and youth are welcome to participate as long as their parents are with them- worship ushering and communion serving specifically invite children to serve along with a parent. No matter your age, ability, or experience level, there is an experience for you.
How will YOU be involved?

To volunteer for the General Assembly, please follow the link below to view and select from the open opportunities.

<https://tinyurl.com/GA223-Sign-Up>

Hands and Feet Celebration

Thursday, June 21st
223rd General Assembly PC(USA)

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Be sure to purchase your tickets to be part of the Hands and Feet Celebration featuring Grammy Award winning artist Kirk Whalum for Thursday evening, June 21, at the 223rd GA. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased as a part of GA Registration.

Kirk Whalum and his combo will be bringing his distinctive jazz style to the celebration, featuring his growing release of music he calls "The Gospel According to Jazz".

For more information, visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/HandsAndFeetCelebration>

Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter articles for the June Issue should be submitted to **the office** by May 25, 2018.

Pentecost Offering—Building Faith

“O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.”
~ Psalm 71:17

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a churchwide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future.

Studies show that a foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood, helps ensure lifelong faith and service. Psalm 71 testifies to this same truth. Verse 17 says “O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.” The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person’s life.

These lessons might be taught through a congregation’s commitment to Educate a Child, Transform the World in ministries that shape a child’s academic achievement, setting them on a path toward a stable future. They might be taught through one of the youth events sponsored by Ministries with Youth at the national church that brings together young people from all over the country to share their experiences of faith with one another, and learn how their faith can help them address challenges all over the world. Or our young adults may be guided through a year of intentional service where they discern God’s call upon their lives by our Young Adult Volunteer Program.

And there is more -- Presbyterian congregations are finding new ways to minister to children at-risk in their own communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and developing youth and young adult leaders.

By giving to the Pentecost Offering, one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come; children, youth, and young adults. We invite your congregation to join with the worldwide church in building for our future, in building individual lives of faith. Won’t you join us? If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

- PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS



Prayers for Pentecost

“Holy One, when Christ ascended into heaven to reign with you in power and glory, you sent the Spirit of truth to guide us into the way, the truth, and the life of Christ. Let your Spirit, our Advocate, guide us still—preserving us from judgment, protecting us from sin, and leading us into righteousness, so that we may testify to the good news: fullness of life and joy for all; through Jesus Christ our Savior and in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

“Lord God, through Christ you have given us peace that the world cannot give. Let your Spirit of truth abide with us so that we may live in hope, grow in faith, and keep your commandments of love; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.”

John 14:8-17, 25-27

“Living God, you sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into your church. Let us no longer be captives to fear, but messengers of your saving love, so that all may be reconciled in you; through Jesus Christ, our peace.”

John 20:19-23

Community Gospel Choir

**Saturday, May 12th @ 6pm.
Clayton High School Auditorium**

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The Community Gospel Choir was formed in the summer of 2007. Through spirited interpretation of the rich tradition of African-American Gospel music they are working to:

- Break down racial, cultural and economic barriers in the St. Louis community
- Model community and reconciliation
- Perform to the highest musical standards to further a knowledge and appreciation of traditional spirituals and contemporary Gospel music
- Be a gift to the entire community through regular public concerts and participation in community events

Annual Overland Block Party

Saturday, June 2nd @ 8am—10pm

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The City of Overland and the OBA will once again host the annual Block Party at the city's parking lot and pavilion located at 2510 Woodson Rd. This year's event will feature a 5K run/walk, farmers market, parade, carnival games, hot car racing, local artisans, live music, food vendors, and other fine beverages to enjoy. The theme for this year's parade is... "Aloha Summer!" and is open to everyone! They are hoping to see floats and vehicles decorated with a tropical, Hawaiian or beach theme, with cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place. Food and drink vendors will open the whole day, so come out and enjoy a day full of family friendly fun! More information can be found at: www.OverlandBiz.com



Wyland PTO Bingo Night!

**Friday, May 11, 2018 @ 6pm
Wild Acres Banquet Hall**

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The Wyland Elementary PTO is hosting their 3rd Annual Bingo Night this coming Friday at the Wild Acres Banquet Hall (2500 Ashby Rd.). Prizes include wonderful non-cash items like gift cards for restaurants and merchandise. The cost is \$20/person, with beer and soda included. There will also be raffles, 50/50 drawings, and more! The proceeds benefit the Wyland Dolphin Packs program—a weekend backpack program to supplement food for hungry kids. Those who bring 3 non-perishable food items for donation will receive 1 free raffle ticket!

For more information, call Molly Harris at: (314) 640-3831, or email: dolphinpacks1@yahoo.com

May Birthdays

Virginia Strunk	05/10
Doris Darr	05/24
Debra Noles	05/24
Jack Folkerts	05/27
Jan Kaiser	05/27
Victoria King	05/27
Ann Highfill	05/29

HAPPY
Birthday

May Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries for May.



Information Update

If you have not seen your birthday or anniversary listed in the Newsletter, please let us know so that our church family can celebrate with you!

May 2018 - New Horizons' Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	30 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	1 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	2 8:30am Mission Sewing	3 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	4 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	5 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
6 10:30am Worship & Communion 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	7 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	8 12:00pm PW Meeting (JH) 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	9 8:30am Mission Sewing 6:30pm Session Mtg	10 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	11 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	12 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
13 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Mission Mtg 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	14 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	15 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	16 8:30am Mission Sewing	17 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	18 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	19 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
20 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Deacon Mtg 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	21 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	22 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	23 8:30am Mission Sewing	24 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	25 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	26 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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