

# NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## August Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA  
9424 Everman Ave.  
Overland, MO 63114

### Important Dates for August

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World Indigenous Peoples Day	August 9
International Youth Day	August 12
World Humanitarian Day	August 19

**Church Office Hours:**  
**M, W, F 8:30am-1:30pm; Tu 9:30am-11:30am**

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# NEW HORIZONS PC(USA)

## News 'n Views

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

### Words from Rev. Marshall

#### "Gaining Focus"

It has been gratifying to observe and see acted out the commitment to mission of this congregation. Most exciting is your desire to name a focus with which you may become engaged as individuals. The popular word abroad in the church these days is "missional". Missional often describes a congregation or project that has as its primary focus service or care for others in the name of Jesus Christ. One way of defining missional is making disciples for Jesus Christ. This may have to do with reaching out and acting on a community need. It may mean hours of volunteer labor to assist someone rebuild after fire or storm. It may mean assisting new residents find housing and employment or schools and doctors. Missional is really about seeking to respond to needs that are not directly your own.

Our conversations on the Worshipful Work Sunday and over lunch on July 17 revealed that this congregation is still about reaching out in mission – sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with our world. Suggestions continue to flow as we review previous conversations. Steps will be taken to continue conversation and be in touch with one another over coffee and in task groups as we identify the nature and shape of our particular mission in this community and world.

It is my hope that the focus this congregation takes on will be of interest to the majority of members and offer opportunity for engagement in a broad variety of ways. We do need people willing to be the "up front" leaders, but just as important are the individuals who remain in the background carrying out the small tasks that make up the whole and support the leaders as they seek to move forward with a project or service. I look forward to mission focus New Horizons will claim and develop.

The next step will be for the Session to reflect on the conversations and determine the nature of the leadership necessary to accomplish the mission named. Please continue in prayer and support of your leaders and let them know what



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

**\*\*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

you are thinking.

I give thanks for Kathryn Byrd, Judy Doyle, Art Lohnes, Don Parson, Genevieve Rottnek and Marcia Shrum for agreeing to share with me as the Planning Team for these conversations and the energy and leadership they have demonstrated.

-REV. JOAN MARSHALL

## United Prayer for Peace

**Sunday, August 7 - 3 p.m.,  
at the Pallottine Renewal Center**

United Prayer for Peace, hosted by the Pallottine Renewal Center and sponsored in part by the Presbytery Social Witness Action Team. All are welcome to an hour of interfaith prayer for our city and our nation. Join together as community for this time to reflect on our need for peace and renew our faith in prayer.

## "Praising God with the Gospel"

**Saturday, August 6, 3 - 5 p.m.**

The Adventures Club of Cote Brillante Presbyterian presents, Praising God with the Gospel. Featuring the music of *Greater Fairfax MB Church Men's Choir, Phase II, Next Level, Sons of the Father, LeVance Madden, and the St. Louis Community Gospel Choir*. There is a \$10 donation accepted for the event, which will be held in the Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church Education Building, located at: 4673 Labadie Ave, St. Louis.

## Scripture for the Day

"You are being rooted and grounded in love."

- EPHESIANS 3:17

## Newsletter Deadline

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

## "Unglued Church"- Mark Roth

Recently, I've had the chance to meet with the leaders of several congregations. I have brought with me one simple question: *What most excites you or challenges you about your church?* The answers have been amazing: diverse, honest and optimistic amid the fears. As you might expect, some of the responses are more conventional than others. *I hope we can get a new organ. I hope we won't disappear.* But others are more thoughtful and surprisingly bold. One leader, whose father was baptized into the congregation nearly 90 years ago, said "If we have to sell this building and move to another worship space, so be it. There are a lot of needs in our community and lots of things we can do" to further God's kingdom. At another church, the leaders talked about how their congregation used to be the country club church. The country club is now closed, the congregation has dwindled, and yet the leaders who are struggling with this decline feel more intimately tied to each other than ever before. "I feel the people who are here now are totally committed to the church," one elder said. At another church in a changing city neighborhood, a longtime elder said she was present several years ago when "we had to decide if we were going to be an old, dying white church in a racially diverse neighborhood or move toward becoming an interracial congregation." The church elders chose diversity. It cost them a pastor, but gained them a new kind of congregation, one that worships today with praise music and gospel clapping combined with traditional communion rites and creeds. Of course, answers are just starting places in the journey along The Way. When the rich young man asked Jesus what he needed to inherit eternal life, he was glad to be able to tell the Master that he had followed the 10 commandments. But then Jesus said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Yes, walking the walk has always been harder than talking the talk. The church leaders I've been meeting with know that already. And yet, their answers to my question do give all of us hope. Hope, Emily Dickinson wrote, "is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all." It is what lifts all of us toward the first step on the journey.

## **“What to Do?”-Charles Hardwick**

What to do, what to do, what to do. Sometimes decisions face us when we long to hear God's voice and align our actions with God's will for us. Lots of times we have no idea which way to go. *Discernment* is a word Christians use to describe the quest to figure out what we ought to do when two options seem to both be faithful options to following Jesus. Last week I was invited to speak at New Castle Presbytery in Wilmington, Delaware, about discernment in groups. They have begun working together to determine the future direction of the presbytery, and many faithful choices stand before them. I spoke with them about not falling prey to what I call the decently-and-in-order disorder of modest plans, and about how to listen to each other balancing both obedience to Jesus and his guidance through each other, and also critical questions which help to sharpen the conversation and decision-making process. I also had a chance to relate several questions and thoughts that come from Ignatius of Loyola, a Spanish saint of the 16th century who wrestled with the question of faithful discernment. I've been thinking a lot about these questions this past week, and since the Spirit has kept them on my mind, I thought I'd post them in case they're helpful for you. Ignatius discusses three modes of discernment... I think about the first mode as "sometimes you just know," though Ignatius called it "clarity beyond doubting." At times God's desire for us is so strong that there's no doubt in our minds. As Gallagher says, "If God chooses to give this gift of clarity, our part is to accept and act upon it." The second mode might be summarized as "what does your heart tell you." Ignatius says that the "attractions of the heart" can be another way to figure out what to do. Does the decision bring us consolations (spiritual joy) or desolations (spiritual dryness)? Decisions that elicit the former are to be trusted but the latter may not be the best ones for us. The third mode, in very technical theological language, is "put on your thinking cap." Ignatius says that when a "preponderance of reason" leads you one way, you can trust that path. He suggests questions such as the following to help us determine the best decision: *What advantages and disadvantages result from the decision in*

*bringing about God's glory? Let's assume that we desire what is best for the spiritual growth of a person we have never seen or known. What option would we counsel them to choose? On our death beds, when "all lesser motivations lose their force," what choice will we wish to have made today? When we see ourselves on the day of judgment, what will we wish to have chosen in the present situation?* I pray that when a tough choice comes your way, you'll think about these modes of discernment and choose a faithful way.

## **A Minute for Mission**

We live in divisive times. Our experience of political, social or religious division can make our lives, our communities, and our world feel like a wilderness. The news reports of violent acts seem only to increase. We watch millions displaced by war, and hear of women and children battered and abused. We listen as messages of fear and hate, often based on race and ethnicity, grow louder and louder. Weapons crowd our streets, and tools created for destruction increase in their capacity each day.

However, we also know what the psalmist knew—that in our wilderness God not only *can*, but *does*, spread a table of justice, reconciliation, transformation, unity and peace. By participating in the Peace & Global Witness Offering this World Communion Sunday, we connect and add our support to Presbyterian Ministries that witness to Christ as the Prince of Peace. Twenty-five percent of this offering remains with our congregation to build up peace in our community, 25% expands our witness throughout the region, and 50% supports the global witness through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian World Mission.

## **New Horizons Newsletter**

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

## Opportunities in PCUSA

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](mailto:flopresby@sbcglobal.net)

Glendale Presbyterian Church has two immediate openings for a part time office administrator and a part time nursery assistant. To get more information or to submit cover letter and resume, email: [glenpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glenpres@sbcglobal.net)

or mail to:

Glendale Presbyterian Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, 500 N Sappington Rd, St. Louis, MO 63122.

The Presbytery Center has two job opportunities. For information on the Communications & Office Manager position, visit:

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

For information on the Accountant & Business Manager, visit:

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

## Scripture for the Day

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

- ROMANS 12:12

## 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>

## Notes from Stewardship Comm.

Summertime is the time we take vacations, relax and have a good time. The committee wants to remind everyone that the expenses of the church do not take a vacation. Every month we have to pay our bills: utilities, insurance, payroll, maintenance and giving to our pledge to Presbytery.

Summary report on giving and expenses for the first 6 months of 2016:

	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE
Receipts:		
General:	\$3,792.00	\$31,285.57
Rent	2,040.00	6,770.00
* Transfer	\$10500.00	\$50,500.00
TOTAL	\$16,332.00	\$97,555.57
Expenses:	\$14,383.67	\$92,937.00

\*Transfer is money transferred from our investment accounts.

## August Birthdays

Charity Sherrington	08/01
Patty Albin	08/05
Paul Reithmaier	08/14
Don Parson	08/15
Jan Reithmaier	08/19
Terri Fletcher	08/27



## August Anniversaries

Bill & Dee Rhinesmith 08/02





## “War&Peace: A Short Reflection”

The deliberations in the 222nd General Assembly’s Peacemaking and International Issues Committee were long but exciting. As an observing student, I tried my best to keep quiet during the debate on overture 12-06, “Risking Peace in a Violent World: Five New Peacemaking Affirmations.” The biggest bone of contention was over the inclusion or exclusion of the term “just war” in the list of church traditions by which we are guided in our discernment. I was merely an observer without a voice at the table, but because I served in the military, this issue hit home for me. Each of us who carries a rifle in a war zone is marked by that decision forever. For a Christian, at least for this Christian, there is an overwhelming awareness of making a morally questionable decision when you pick up that rifle. Even the lesser of two evils is still a horrific choice. The Ten Commandments say, “Thou shalt not kill.” However, the Bible also tells us over and over to protect the defenseless, even at the risk of our own well-being. Those who serve are thus forced to choose between a sin of commission when we pick up that rifle or a sin of omission when we see the innocent slaughtered on the nightly news feeds. Neither is ever going to be a satisfying choice. I came to the realization that there are many, many things for which I am willing to stand, lots of things for which I have been known to argue or to fight. There are even a few things for which I would be willing to lay down my life, but there is only one thing for which I am willing to kill. For me, protecting the innocent is our highest calling. Radical love for our neighbor means that I would be willing to use any means at my disposal to protect them, even if that means I would ever after bear the burden of my choices. I think our Presbyterian focus on prayerful listening, discernment, and respect for people who act out of conscience, even when we disagree with their chosen actions, is critically important when examining the various sides in this issue. We heard from a number of military chaplains during the GA debate. They said that our Presbyterian commitments to radical love, even for those with whom we disagree, is critical to the pastoral care and healing of our veterans returning home from war. I would agree, since the love and support of my church family along with my wife were the

keystones to my own healing. There are no stronger proponents for peace than those of us who have seen the face of war. The committee’s action made clear that violent options are the absolute last resort, but also recognized that sometimes they might be an abhorrent but valid response to our call to engagement in the world. There was an overwhelming current of pastoral concern for those who make the difficult decision to serve. There was also a clear acknowledgment of the need to support and care for those veterans when they return home. In the end, I rest in the sure knowledge that Jesus loves me. What helped me come the rest of the way home from my war was learning—largely through the support of the members of John Knox Presbyterians Church in Greenville, SC—not just that Jesus loves me, but that Jesus loves me unconditionally, even when I am acutely aware that I don’t deserve it.

- CHARLIE PRATT

## 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 Peacemaker's Pilgrimage

**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>**

## 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](mailto:MHPChurch200@yahoo.com)

## 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!

# August 2016 - New Horizons' Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	<b>1</b> 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	<b>2</b> 5:00am August Primary Election 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	<b>3</b> 8:30am Mission Sewing	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	<b>5</b> 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	<b>6</b> 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
<b>7</b> 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	<b>8</b> 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	<b>10</b> 8:30am Mission Sewing 6:30pm Session Mtg	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	<b>12</b> 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	<b>13</b> 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
<b>14</b> 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	<b>15</b> 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	<b>17</b> 8:30am Mission Sewing	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	<b>19</b> 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	<b>20</b> 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
<b>21</b> 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Deacon Mtg 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	<b>22</b> 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	<b>24</b> 8:30am Mission Sewing	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	<b>26</b> 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	<b>27</b> 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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