

NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA
9424 Everman Ave.
Overland, MO 63114

Important Dates for October

World Communion Sunday	October 2
Columbus Day	October 10
World Food Day	October 16
United Nations Day	October 24
Halloween	October 31

Church Office Hours:
Tu, Th, F: 8:30am—2:00pm

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NEW HORIZONS PC(USA)

News 'n Views

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

Words from Rev. Marshall

TO THE SAINTS AT NEW HORIZONS
- with thanks -

The opportunity to share informally at the reception on Sunday was lovely. Thank you for the hospitality that has marked our association and the good wishes for the future.

This has been a most interesting and challenging sojourn. I was requested to become a "first responder" as you addressed the issues around the departure of the last pastor. I entered to find a congregation disheartened, feeling abandoned with little sense of future.

In the very first week I was here the Food Pantry relocated. I appreciated the sense of loss and grief. This was your baby! I had learned of it as I began an interim in a nearby congregation back in 1989. The region was invited and urged to support this ministry with donations and volunteers. There was high energy in the congregation. Your commitment challenged other congregations.

Transition often begins with cleaning the closets: of the facility, of our minds. It has to do with sorting out what will be kept and what will be let go, discarded. It has to do with giving up the things that "no longer fit" the interest and energy of the congregation. It has to do with realigning relationships and practice and making space for new options for ministry and mission.

It was clear that everyone needed to talk; to share impressions, values, hopes and fears. I was most grateful when the people I asked to form a planning team all agreed to work with me in figuring out how to go about this. The result was a Sunday of "Worshipful Work" in which our conversation became the sermon time. Sharing in small groups provided opportunity for everyone to speak. People



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
Marion Brewer
Lore Bailey
Laura Ringling

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

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Tues, Thurs, Fri

8:30am—2pm

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listened to one another. Each group wrote down the concerns and options lifted up. It was clear that this congregation was not willing to just quit.

The Planning Team reviewed the input from the conversations. All agreed that continuing conversation was necessary. The second event was a potluck dinner following worship to allow sufficient time for all to be heard. Out of that conversation came suggestions for building use, volunteer activity, community engagement.

Almost simultaneously came the request for storage space for a sports equipment service that provides equipment and uniforms to young athletes unable to cover the expense of participation. The Session was glad to give that authorization - we were still needed in this place! Since that time there have been requests from a Girl Scout troop and an exercise group about use of space on a regular basis. That is a start. The next step is the discovery of some income-producing use of space.

It strikes me that this congregation may continue its rebuilding by engaging in other interactive possibilities. Conversation and shared focus will keep you in touch with one another. A short term study of a book such as "Worldchanging 101" by David Lamotte could lead you into discovery of appropriate mission to carry out. Sermon Talk-backs with willing preachers might also be informative and motivating. I urge you to be open to opportunities that will draw you together as you discover the future God holds for you.

It is now time for a leader with the skills to explore "doing church in this 21st century" to join your journey. I give thanks for this sojourn and ask God's continued blessing on New Horizons Presbyterian Church.

Peace, Joan M. Marshall

Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter articles for the November Issue should be submitted to **the office** by October 25, 2015.

Centennial Celebration

**Sunday, October 16, 2016
3:00 pm**

You are cordially invited to attend The Centennial Celebration & Homecoming of Overland Baptist Church. There will be a reception immediately following the service. Visit the historical displays before and after the celebration! For more information, call (314) 429-1800

**Overland Baptist Church
9303 Midland Blvd.
Overland, MO 63114**

Overland Fall Hayride

**Sunday, November 6, 2016
2:30pm—7:30pm**

Join the North Central Hobbies and the City of Overland for the Annual Hay Ride Event this November as we say goodbye to the "fall" season for the year. Grab the family, your friends, and fellow neighbors to stop by Wild Acres Park on November 6. Admittance is open to the public, but rides fill up fast! So be sure to arrive early to secure your tickets. Ticket prices are \$5 per person, which includes the hayride, a hotdog and drink, s'mores, cider, pony rides, and live music. For more information, please call: (314) 428-0490, and we hope to see you there! Wild Acres Park is located at:

**2500 Ashby Rd.
Overland, MO 63114**

Soprano Performance

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Soprano, Yunji Shim, will be in concert at Second Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, October 9 at **4 p.m.** She is a winner of this year's prestigious 70th Artist Presentation Society Audition. Her program includes music of Charles Gounod, Richard Strauss, Korean art songs, and much more. Free and open to the public. Visit www.secondchurch.net, for more information.

“Blind Spots”

So it has recently come to my attention that perhaps I'm not the best driver, or parker, to be more precise. I realized this as I was examining my bumper after an altercation with a taller-than-average concrete parking barrier. You see, I was on a pastoral mission and needed to fit my minivan into a narrow parking space, so I permitted my tire to every-so-gently kiss the curb, but in the process I became stuck.

Nevertheless, this has happened to me before so I knew precisely how to free myself from the situation. I would give it another gentle kiss, this time until my van dropped into place neatly between the yellow lines. Later, as I surveyed the outcome of this encounter, I noticed the fresh scrapes that happen when rough concrete meets a factory paint job!

But what happened next was quite uncharacteristic of my relationship with my automobile. I paused and stood next to the van to let my eyes linger over the car. Then I touched each and every scrape, dent and ding. And, as I slowed down long enough to truly see, a new narrative emerged. I remembered all of the places that I had been in which I added a new ding to my car, some through no fault of my own, but many others through my own carelessness. And as I looked at my car through the vantage point of my bumper, I realized that even after twenty years on the road I still had much to learn. I still had to refine some basic driving skills. I had had a blind spot as to how my driving was affecting my car, but now I could see clearly!

We all have blind spots, those areas where we cannot see how our practices and values and attitudes impact our lives and the lives of others we are in community with. But if we seek to live more faithfully into what Christian community is meant to be, then it is helpful to make a habit of humbly asking ourselves what we are missing and what it is that we can not see.

As the associate minister for the south branch of Pittsburgh Presbytery, one of the greatest joys that I have is the privilege of getting to see congregations with fresh eyes from the

vantage point of an outsider. I enter new churches every week. Some are in times of transition, others in conflict, and others just simply celebrating the familiar rhythms of weekly worship and I have the privilege of seeing each unique collection of God's people with fresh eyes from a vantage point that their habitual day to day life often keeps them from observing.

Sometimes I look and I want to yell out, “You are beautiful!” Which is so different from how they see themselves. For, mired in the day-to-day rhythms of dealing with shrinking budgets and less-full pews, these churches can adopt a narrative of decline and diminishment. They become near-blind to the fact that they are following Jesus into new lands as they share the message that the Kingdom of God has come near. And, that is beautiful.

But, there are other times when I have seen a “friendly congregation” only reach out to befriend those who look and speak like them. They had developed a blind spot which blocked out God's call at Pentecost to invite and befriend all people regardless of tribe, race, or tongue. But, most of the time I get to see that, despite all the changes of culture and context, we still (and always will) worship the God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, and who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love and destined us for adoptions as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will! And, when you pause long enough to linger over that, something interesting happens – the blind spots are lifted from our eyes so that we can see things as they truly are. May we never become blind to that!

- REVEREND AYANA TETER

Rev. Teter is Associate Minister for Outreach for Pittsburgh Presbytery, and serves as contact for the South branch churches.

She has also served as a co-pastor and head-of-staff of a racially, theologically, and culturally diverse congregation in the urban Midwest. She is one of the leaders of the Unglued Church Project.

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

Heartland Volunteers Needed

Every day, people say "I would like to be a part of helping someone". Our patients at Heartland Hospice Services would welcome your visits! Heartland Hospices' goal is to provide palliative and supportive services to meet physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of patients and their families in a health care facility or other residential settings.

We depend on our Hospice Volunteers to help us provide the extra love and care our clients and their families need at this time in their lives. Staying with the patient so family members can take a break, reading scripture to patients, or holding their hand, the help and support our volunteers give is returned to them in countless ways. You can make a DIFFERENCE. You can donate as little or as much of your time as you desire. Please contact Virginia at: (314) 453-0990 if you would like to bring something special into someone's life. Be sure to inquire about our next Training Class.

Fall Craft & Vendor Fair

**Saturday, November 19, 2016
9am—3pm**

Do you need a special gift for someone for the holidays this year? The City of Overland will be hosting their Annual Fall Craft & Vendor Fair on Nov. 19th at the Overland Community Center. The fair will feature handmade items or items of a craft nature, including specialty novelty items and delicious baked goods! Food concessions will be available from 11:30am—2pm. Vendor applications are available at the Overland Community Center, located at:

**9225 Lackland Rd.
Overland, MO 63114**


Notes from Stewardship Comm.

Summary report on giving and expenses for 2016 through the month of August:

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Receipts:		
General:	\$4,548.00	\$41,427.57
Rent	3,410.00	10,220.00
* Transfer	\$ 7,500.00	\$74,500.00
TOTAL	\$15,458.00	\$126,147.57
Expenses:	\$11,840.80	\$117,408.12

*Transfer is money transferred from our investment accounts.

October Birthdays

Justin Rottnek	10/06	
Barbara Hause	10/09	
Harry Sherrington	10/12	
Doris Cochran	10/24	



October Anniversaries

Andrew & Karen Lohnes 10/16



Let Us Pray—PCUSA Mission

"Gracious God, where there is every reason to be hopeless, overcome hopelessness with hope, so that the world may see communities of people come alive, reborn and renewed in Christ's name. Amen."

“The Path to Wisdom”

Wisdom is one of the hardest dispositions to describe. What is wisdom? We recognize it when we stand before a person of deep wisdom—a sage who seems to drip insight, perspective, and judiciousness. We recognize it, but we can’t always describe what makes this person wise.

The reason we have such a hard time describing wisdom is that too few pursue it. We pursue knowledge, especially logical, analytical, formulaic knowledge. We pursue pleasure, or at least to activities that may bring relief to the angst or anger they may feel in life. We pursue shortcuts, hoping to bypass the struggles of life, while, ironically, creating more struggles. We pursue leverage over others so that we can feel stronger and more in control of our destinies.

We pursue power, dominance, influence, distractions, dependence, rebelliousness, and so much more. Wisdom,...? Not so much.

Wisdom is hard to achieve because it requires getting out of our own worldviews, and we spend too much of our lives trapped inside prisons of constricted perspectives.

Wisdom requires first that we devote ourselves to understanding ourselves—our failures, our fears, our frustrations as well as our potential, prospects, and possibilities. Who has the willingness to understand themselves when so many people fear self-discovery, dismissing it as psychobabble or navel-gazing?

Self-understanding is only one part. Wisdom also requires us to nurture enough personal empathy, compassion, and understanding to recognize the perspective of another. In other words, wisdom seeks to see ourselves and life through another’s eyes. Again, who has the time to grapple with this in an age where we are all trapped in our own ideological igloos? We live in an age where so many see compromise as weakness, those who disagree with us as imbeciles, and other faiths, ethnicities, and ways of thinking as threats?

Finally, real wisdom begins to blossom as we try our best to glimpse God’s perspective. This means gathering all we’ve learned from the Bible, worship, prayer, and life to gain a sense of

how God sees us. This requires spiritual work to peer beyond the veils of mere human thinking.

The great 15th-century mystic, Thomas à Kempis speaks to this striving for God in his classic, *The Imitation of Christ*, saying:

"If you want to learn something that will really help you, learn to see yourself as God sees you and not as you see yourself in the distorted mirror of your own self-importance. This is the greatest and most useful lesson we can learn: to know ourselves for what we truly are, to admit freely our weaknesses and failings, and to hold a humble opinion of ourselves because of them. Not to dwell on ourselves and always to think well and highly of others is great wisdom and perfection."

Obviously we can’t truly see ourselves from God’s perspective, but neither can we truly see ourselves from others’ perspectives. Nor can we truly understand our own perspectives, which are a constant mixture of impulses, emotions, and rationality. But we can try, and in trying we gain greater awareness of everything. And it is in the striving for the mixture of all these perspectives that we slowly nurture wisdom.

By expanding our awareness to become multi-dimensional, we begin to become alert how God speaks to us through everything. This is the path to wisdom.

- THE REV. N. GRAHAM STANDISH

Rev. Standish is a Ph.D., M.S.W. and senior pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania.

Upper Room Daily Devotions

Many Christians identify daily time with God as their most valuable spiritual habit. The short meditations in The Upper Room Disciplines include one-page devotions with scripture based on Revised Common Lectionary and weekly scripture overviews with questions and thoughts for reflection, available in print, enlarged print, Kindle and e-book versions. If you would like to order a Book of Daily Devotions, visit:

Bookstore.UpperRoom.org

And use the promo code: **URDISC25** to receive 25% off your order.

Mission Yearbook

If you would like to continue to view the daily readings from the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook, visit: **www.pcusa.org**. On the right side of the page, there is a red arrow labeled "Today's Reading in the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook" that will take you there!

Homemade Meals Needed!

Support Presbyterian Campus Ministry in St. Louis by feeding students! Do you like to cook? Is there a group of chefs in your home church? Sign up as an individual or as a group to bring a homemade meal to a UKirk Sunday evening gathering during the Fall semester at Trinity Presbyterian Church in UCity. Sign up at:

<http://tinyurl.com/Homemade-Meals>

Let Us Pray—Mission Yearbook

"God of every generation, we gratefully praise you for calling and claiming your people of every time and place, guiding us and inviting us to follow you through this life. Be all that we pursue in our pilgrimage toward you, granting us refuge in a world that is ever changing, until our hearts find peace in you. Amen."

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).

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

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

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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 on the office desk, in the After Hours Office Mailbox, or in the "Newsletter" box in the office mailroom!

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!

October 2016 - New Horizons' Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	26 10:00am Free to be Me Al-Anon (JH)	27 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	28 8:30am Mission Sewing 6:30pm Stewardship & Finance Mtg	29 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH) 7:00pm Choir	30 10:00am Freedom Al-Anon (JH)	1 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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