

NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA
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Important Dates in July

Immigration Sunday
Independence Day

July 1
July 4

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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 most of you know, the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in St. Louis at the Americas Center in June. On Sunday, the second day of the Assembly, eight worshipers from General Assembly attended worship with us. We had planned a special worship service featuring our choir, both choirs from the Pendo Church (adult and children), and Pastor Isaac preaching. A lunch was then served in Fellowship Hall. A good time was had by all. Several times as I attended events at GA during the week I met some of our visitors and they complimented us on our hospitality and a wonderful worship experience.

I visited General Assembly four different days. I attended three luncheons which featured speakers I knew personally and who addressing issues of interest to me:

- Presbyterian for Earth Care Luncheon featured the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness. He spoke about "Poor Peoples' Campaign: Race, Poverty, and the Environment." (By the way, Jimmie is the brother of the Rev, Vanessa Hawkins who some of you have met. She is the Designated Associate Presbytery Leader for our Presbytery.)
- The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Luncheon featured the Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell who worked as a PCUSA Mission Co-worker in Peru when I first went there. He is now the Director of the World Mission Center at the seminary. He spoke about their plans to integrate passion for world mission and local church ministry into education for future church leaders.
- Faith and Science Luncheon featured a local Presbyterian minister and friend of mine, the



Evelyn Reed
Edie Roberts
Marion Brewer
Lore Bailey
Julianna Yamnitz
Michele Klous
Jennifer Einfeldt
Crystal Freeman
Brenda Jones
Harry and Charity Sherrington
Dorothy Alexander
Edna Berger
Dave Crabtree

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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Rev. Ellie Stock, who spoke about her life-long interest in science and Christian ministry. She is especially interested in how scientific truth can be used to help form Christian moral action on the environment. She has been a leader in our Presbytery's advocacy with people in Peru concerning the severe pollution caused by a mineral smelter in the Andes Mountains. I visited Peru with her in 2006 since then we have worked closely together on this issue.

Shari and I spent one afternoon as greeters/credential checkers at a plenary session of GA. I volunteered two afternoons at the Partners for Just Trade sales booth in the Exhibit Hall. Both experiences were wonderful opportunities to meet commissioners to GA and see old friends.

GA came to St. Louis and we had wonderful experiences. Thanks be to God and may we be inspired to greater service to Jesus Christ.

Pastor Mark

Prayer for Migrant Families

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of families. We are grateful for all of the joy and love that they bring into our lives, and we ask that you provide special protection for all families, particularly those who face hardships as they move in search of a better life.

Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and lead them to a place of safety and peace.

Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families have been torn apart by violence and injustice. As we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, and St. Joseph the Worker, her spouse, we pray that all migrants may be reunited with their loved ones and find the meaningful work they seek. Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge. Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Immigrants & Refugees

**Wednesdays, beginning July 11th
@ 5:30pm**

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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me. I was ill and you comforted me, in prison and you came to visit me. I assure you, as often as you did it for the least among you, you did it for me."

- Matthew 25:35-40

The Mercy Conference and Retreat Center (MCRC) Community has elected to open their chapel every Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:00pm to anyone who wishes to come and spend some time in quiet prayer for immigrants and refugees. This will begin on Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

The MCRC is located at:
2039 N Geyer Road
Frontenac, MO 63131

All are welcome. Please come and hold our human family in prayer until we see a more positive change in the ways in which our country receives and welcomes immigrants and refugees. There will be prayer cards available for those who wish to use them. At 6:00 pm a bell will sound to indicate that the time for prayer is coming to a close.

Immigration is one of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas 5 Critical Concerns. "Believing in the dignity of every human person, we work for just and humane immigration laws in the U.S., address policies that push people to flee their countries, and examine the global impact of immigration."

- Sarah Einfeld

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center

Newsletter Deadline

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

Independence Day Prayer

Everlasting God of righteousness and grace, as our nation celebrates this Independence Day, remind us of our complete dependence upon you. We look to you for your wisdom and mercy as important issues are discussed.

On this day, we ask you to keep this nation, and all nations, under your care, that we may be peoples who are at peace, and who are a blessing to others in this earth. Grant our nation's leaders wisdom, that there would be times of peace and justice in our land and in our world.

On this day, we lift up to you all who serve in our Armed Forces, who serve as the centurion did as ones who are under authority—brave men and women who risk their lives for their country. Remind us of those who are far from home and loved ones, who on this day sail or fly or walk in harm's way, and keep them always close to you. Where there is combat, grant them compassion for their enemies, and keep them brave in the face of evil.

Hold in your loving hands the families of those who are far away. Grant them comfort in their anxieties. And comfort those who grieve, because they have received the dreaded message that their loved one has died. Strengthen those who carry the wounds of war, visible and invisible, and be to them a sure presence.

And on this day, we lift up to you those who serve your people as chaplains wearing the uniforms of our military services, and the families of those chaplains. Grant that they may always be true to the churches and groups who send them as they serve in the always complex and challenging environment of institutional ministry in the military. As Jesus sent the Twelve with the exhortation to be "wise as serpents and innocent as doves," may they also have both wisdom and innocence as they navigate the rocks and shoals they encounter in living out their calling.

Remind us always that we serve the One who washed the feet of his disciples.

And on this day keep all of us grounded not in our strength but in yours, ever relying upon the promise that "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength ... They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

All of this we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Chief of Navy Chaplains, Rear Admiral Mark L. Tidd at the 220th General Assembly

Alaska Mission Volunteers Needed

Alaska Mission Adventurers Needed!
The Presbytery Executive, Curt Karns, from the Presbytery of the Yukon, is looking for adventure seeking workers to support an ongoing mission in Gambell, Alaska after some work teams just backed out of coming this summer to help finish the Church/Community Center. This project is very important to the Yukon Presbytery and they were already short-handed to get it done this summer. They are asking for individuals to join their team leaders to form the teams to get this done. Do you know people from our presbytery or synod, of individuals who might be able to pay their way to Gambell, Alaska for an adventure?

These are several weeks in the summer available if you are interested. Please contact the Presbytery of the Yukon by email at: exec@pbyukon.org, by phone a: (907) 350-3969, or by contacting Danna Larson at First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage at (907) 272-6411.

More information available, at:
tinyurl.com/Alaska-Gambell-Mission

Monthly Scripture

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord"

(Isaiah 61:1-2)



Mission Yearbook

Dear Lord, we give thanks for peacemakers in our world. Guide us, that we may serve as peacemakers everywhere you lead us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayer for Immigration Sunday

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Moment for Prayer

Creating and sustaining God, your great commandment in Christ is that we love one another as Christ has loved us. We confess that we fail to embrace your liberating love. We divide where you would have us unite. We exclude where you would have us embrace. We choke the breath from your Word when its truth does not accommodate our fears. Forgive our hardness of heart. Mend our broken human family. Breathe into us the living Word of all-inclusive love. We ask in the name of your child, our Brother, Jesus, the healer of our souls. Amen.

Musicians for Worship

This Presbyterian musicians' group provides worship services for several area nursing homes. Most of these people have been involved in worship all their lives, and now they find themselves in nursing homes and unable to worship. So the group is currently seeking a guitar player, a piano player, and any instrument that the old folks can sing to!!

Current opportunities to serve are as follows:

- Tuesday at 2 p.m. in West country;
- Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. in Des Peres;
- 1st and 3rd Sundays at 3:30p.m. in Kirkwood

If you find God calling you to use your skills in this very needed service, please call Jeanne Zimmerman at: 314-707-4003.

July Birthdays

Julia Lohnes	07/25
Samantha Lohnes	07/25
Marilyn Kratz	07/28



July Anniversaries

George & Patty Albin	07/15
Jan & Chuck Kaiser	07/30



New Horizons' Calendar

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30am Worship & Communion 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	2 10:00am Free to be Me Al-Anon (JH)	3 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	4 8:30am Mission Sewing	5 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	6 10:00am Freedom Al-Anon (JH)	7 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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