# New Horizons Presbyterian Church

### **September Newsletter**

New Horizons PCUSA 9424 Everman Ave. Overland, MO 63114

#### **Important Dates in September**

Labor Day	September 3
Deacon Potluck	September 9
National Grandparents Day	September 9
Presbyterian Women Meeting	September 11
Native American Day	September 23

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 the Pastor**

Dear friends:

Shari and I just returned from our vacation to Chicago and St. Paul, MN. In Chicago we attended the Toastmaster International World Championship of Public Speaking. For the first time in Toastmasters' history, the top three winners were all women. They were also women of color. The first place winner was an African American woman from Houston, TX; the second place winner was from China who spoke excellent English; the third place winner was an African American from Florida. A universal theme in all the speeches was overcoming adversity in life with the advice our parents.

The second leg of our journey was to St. Paul, MN to visit John, the best man at our wedding a year ago. It was my first visit to see John since he moved to Minnesota three years ago, so it was an opportunity to see new places and meet new friends.

Our mode of transportation was the train. Shari and I have a disagreement when traveling. She prefers the destination and wants to get there as soon as possible; I prefer the journey and enjoy the scenery along the way. Therefore, we compromised, and we took the train all the way to Minnesota. In the future when we go to a distant destination, we will probably take an airplane. On our return from St. Paul to Chicago the train was 3 ½ hours late and we had to stay overnight at a very nice hotel (at Amtrak expense) before our return to St. Louis. Delays are inevitable; our biggest disappointment was the lack of hospitality and assistance at certain stops along the way. The best assistance was in St. Louis, so we were glad to return home.

I still believe that the train is a viable form of transportation, but the journey also requires human assistance along the way. This is



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
Linda Spickler
Shari Maddox



\*\*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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metaphor for life itself. There are many viable, and God-given, journeys through life. Some are smooth; some are rough. But the best journeys include assistance from our fellow human beings. As we journey through life, let's offer that assistance to each other.

--Pastor Mark



#### "September 3, 1802"

Earth has not anything to show more fair:
Dull would he be of soul who could pass by
A sight so touching in its majesty:
This City now doth, like a garment, wear
The beauty of the morning; silent, bare,
Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie
Open unto the fields, and to the sky;
All bright and glittering in the smokeless air.
Never did sun more beautifully steep
In his first splendour, valley, rock, or hill;
Ne'er saw I, never felt, a calm so deep!
The river glideth at his own sweet will:
Dear God! the very houses seem asleep;
And all that mighty heart is lying still!

- William Wordsworth, Composed upon Westminster Bridge

#### **Autumn Prayer**

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves, shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow. We sense its passing in rain that dampens, winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show. Creator God, who brings forth both green shoot and hoar frost, sunrise and sunset, we bring our thanks for seeds that have grown, harvests gathered, storehouses filled, mouths fed. And, as your good earth rests through winter's cold embrace, we look forward to its re-awakening when kissed by Spring's first touch.

#### **PW Meeting**

#### Tuesday, September 11th @ 12pm

The Presbyterian Women will begin meeting every second Tuesday of the month at noon. The first meeting will be held this month, on Tuesday, September 11th. All women of the church are welcome and invited!

The 2018 Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women will be held on Saturday, September 29th from 9am—2pm at John Knox Presbyterian Church. The theme will be "Learn to Do Good, Isaiah 1:17". Registration is due by September 15th. The form can be found in the Linkletter, or at:

tinyurl.com/PW-Fall-2018

#### **Deacon Potluck**

The deacons will be hosting a potluck on Sunday, September 9th after worship. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish if you are able. All are welcome and invited.

We hope to see you there!

#### **Annual Police Golf Tournament**

Friday, September 14, 2018 @ 8:00 am

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The Overland Police Department will host their 27th Annual Police Community Relations Golf Tournament on September 14th, at the Eagle Springs Gold Course. The cost is \$90 per player, or \$360 for a team of 4, and includes green fees, cart, beverages (beer, soda and water), attendance prizes, breakfast, snacks and a BBQ dinner by Miss Piggies Smoke House.

All proceeds will benefit the OPD D.A.R.E. Program, Safety Town and Community Programs here in Overland.
Call (314) 428-1221 to register today!

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

Newsletter articles for the October Issue should be submitted to **the office** by <u>September 25, 2018</u>.

#### A Prayer for Autumn Days

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn,
the trees are saying goodbye to their green,
letting go of what has been.
We, too, have our moments of surrender,
with all their insecurity and risk.
Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves
lying in colored patterns on the ground,
our lives have their own patterns.
As we see the patterns of our own growth,
may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives.

We always need to recognize your power-filled presence.

May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.

For all this, we are grateful.

Amen

#### **Monthly Scripture**

"And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years."

-Genesis 1:14

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork."

-Psalm 19:1

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."

-Ecclesiastes 3:1

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

-Galatians 6:9

"Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain."

-James 5:7

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."

—Isaiah 40:8

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." —Psalm 9:1

#### **Biblical Occupation Match**

Match the name of each Biblical figure with his or her occupation.

Nehemiah
 Luke
 Demetrius
 Matthew
 Lydia
 Joseph
 Paul
 Cornelius

A. SoldierB. CarpenterC. CupbearerD. ClothsellerE. Fisherman

F. Shepherd
G. Tax collector
H. Tailor

9. Tabitha I. Silversmith 10. Amos J. Priest

11. Eli K. Tentmaker 12. Peter L. Physician

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#### **National Grandparents Day**

National Grandparents Day became an official observance in 1978, thanks largely to the lobbying efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginian who had 15 children and 43 grandchildren during 60 years of marriage. The purpose of National Grandparents Day, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day (this year on September 9th), is threefold: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children and to help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer. Grandparents—and, in this mobile society, surrogate grandparents—also serve as examples of how to endure challenges with God's help. Elders describe how God remains present, faithful and steadfast throughout the years. As Psalm 145:4 (NIV) says, "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."



#### **Annual Interfaith Dinner**

## Thursday, October 25th Doors open at 6pm, Dinner starts at 7pm

The Annual Interfaith Dinner and Celebration will be held at the St. Charles Convention Center on October 25th. This year's celebration will be hosted by the Muslim Community of the Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis.

The keynote speaker will be Tarek El-Messidi, founder of Celebrate Mercy, and will also honor Paul Reuter, executive director of The Sheldon, and Carolyn Losos, chair of Arts & Faith St. Louis.

Tickets for the event are \$85 for adults, and \$20 for students, with sponsorships and scholarships available. Kosher and vegetarian dinner entrees will be available as well. To purchase tickets,

visit: interfaithstl.org

#### **SSM Volunteers Needed**

SSM Health DePaul Hospital is currently seeking high school (16+), college and adult volunteers to assist on patient floors at the nurses' station. Duties include greeting visitors, answering phones and patient call lights. Volunteers are also needed to serve in several positions at the hospital. A variety of days and hours are available. For more information, please contact Barb Toulster, Volunteer Director at: (314) 344-7083, or visit: ssmhealth.com/volunteer

The hospital is located at 12303 DePaul Dr.

#### **A Morning Prayer**

At the start of a day, who can tell what a day may bring forth? Cause me therefore, gracious God, to live every day as if it were to be my last, for I know not but that it may be such. Cause me to live now as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. O grant that I may not die with any guilt on my conscience, or any known sin unrepented of, but that I may be found in Christ, who is my only Savior and Redeemer.

- Thomas à Kempis, 14th Century

#### **September Birthdays**

Patrick Borsheim	09/01
Vickie Lucas	09/02
Lucille Yamnitz	09/19
Edie Roberts	09/22



#### **September Anniversaries**

Rich & Barbara Hause	09/06
Kathryn & Justin Byrd	09/10
Jan & Chuck Kaiser	09/26
Art & Jennifer Lohnes	09/28
Yvonne & David Frazier	09/29



# New Horizons' Calendar September 2018

Saturday	10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.	PEO (JH) 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.	15 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.	10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.	29 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.	10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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Sunday	26 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	10:30am Worship & Communion 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	9 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Mission Mtg 12:00pm Deacon Potluck 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	16 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Deacon Mtg 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	23 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	30 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.