

NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9424 Everman Avenue St. Louis, MO 63114

April Newsletter



Maundy Thursday Service

April 2

Good Friday Service

April 3

Easter Sunday

April 5

Election Day

April 7

Presbyterian Women

April 21

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News‘ n Views



Seek ye the Lord, with heart mind and soul

Words from the Pastor

New Things

It is almost time for Easter after the long weeks of Lent when we have contemplated our wayward ways and made actions to turn back to God. We are almost there- and soon will be celebrating new life that is among us now. Resurrection that happens here and now when God shines God’s light on us. I recently quoted a great song by Van Morrison-the old rocker of the 70’s and 80’s with songs like “Brown Eyed Girl” and “Moon dance” that you may remember. We he had a spiritual awakening in the 80’s and was inspired to write several spiritual songs that have come to my attention lately. The main one is called “Whenever God Shines His Light on You” and it is straight from the gospel. “when my Lord calls in the darkest night, I know everything’s gonna be alright.He lifts you up and he turns you around, and puts your feet on Higher Ground”

The reason I am talking about new things is that is has come to me that we are called to start a new worshipping community downstairs with the many folks who come to the Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry which is housed in our basement. They have been reaching out for a while now-for grief work, family loss, addiction, depression and questions about God and requests for prayer when they find out I am a pastor. I am calling it “Higher Ground” in light of this great song that you can easily find on YouTube. The short worship service will of course be optional for people to come to after distribution hours. It will be heavy on time for sharing and prayer and light on preaching, at least most Saturdays. We will meet twice a month-the First and the Last at Noon and I will offer communion on the last Saturday. This gathering is for the folks who come to get food and the volunteers who help them-at least for now. and, it is a work in progress. The first one will be the day before Easter on Holy Saturday. Fitting, don’t you

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Easter Baskets Donations



Thank you to everyone who donated items or money to the Easter Baskets this year. Mission Committee distributed 65 baskets to the Salvation Army and Our Little Haven.

Pastor Marsha’s Hours

Monday’s.....	Off
Tuesday	9-3
Wednesday	10-4
Thursday.....	9-3
Fridays.....	10-4

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Words from the Pastor - cont

think? Many people have completely lit up when I explained what we are doing. There is a great need for healing, prayer, community and hope among this group of folks and I feel that we are called to help provide the space and ministry for it to happen. There may be none that come, or there may be many—we will see what happens. Will this new thing change what I do with the folks at New Horizons? I hope so. I think that anyone who works with folks on the margins is changed, transformed, and I hope that that continues to happen to me. My understanding of the plight of poverty and hunger is changing. My willingness to spread the news of food insecurity and misdistribution of food in the world (and how we can change that!) is changing. My preaching is becoming more alive and passionate because I am. In short—new things are happening.

I hope as you read this that you consider how you impact the world for better or worse. We all do, you know. Jesus asked us to follow him—do what he does—and we need to take that seriously.

There are new things happening at New Horizons too—read on and you will find them. We all are invited to grow and blossom and with God's love and grace, we do and we will.

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Marsha

Word for the Day

Our listening creates a sanctuary for the homeless parts within another person.

Rachel Naomi Remen

Pastoral Care Team Formed

March 22 was the first meeting of the new Pastoral Care Team for our church. We should have done this a long time ago. Instead of the Deacons trying to do so many diverse things, session has created a team to do pastoral care for our congregation. (Deacons still do Potlucks and Worship Leadership) We have several eager folks who will be connecting with members who don't come to church to see how they are doing and if they need anything; and we will be bringing communion to homebound people on Communion Sunday (or another time if that doesn't work) with a plan and training that was provided yesterday. Members of the team are: Genève Rottnek, Jan Reithmaier, Candy Parson, Doris Darr and Jean Winterowd. Pastor Marsha will be going out to bring communion each first Sunday of the month with these members—different ones each time. It will be arranged ahead of time who might want communion along with a bulletin, copy of the sermon and a short visit by one of these folks and other members who may want to go with them. If you want to be included in this new outreach, call the office or one of these team members to volunteer to go with them. A report will be made to the session so that the Session is aware of our Pastoral Care to members and friends of New Horizons.

Presbyterian Women



All women are invited to participate in the monthly meetings and Bible Studies of Presbyterian Women. Bring a sandwich and join us Tuesday, April 21 at noon.

Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry

Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry has been serving almost 1000/month and is in need of everything: canned meat, vegetables, peanut butter, spaghetti and sauce, cereal, soups, toilet paper and cleaning supplies and feminine products too. We have been accepted to be a participating pantry with the St. Louis Food Bank which means we will be able to purchase food for pennies on the dollar and be eligible for USDA food for certain clients. We are just beginning this relationship and it has long been hoped for! So in the near future, the best way to give to the pantry is by giving money so we can purchase staples from the Food Bank. We will let you know when that is happening.

We have about 25 new volunteers in the pantry and have taken over most of the basement in the new "Choice" pantry where we basically have a grocery store. We distribute food Monday evening, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings. We have begun to receive food from one area school and hope to increase to others. We are hoping to provide afternoon volunteer time for high schoolers to get community service hours re-packaging this food during the week. We have hired a cleaning service to clean the areas that the pantry uses on a bi-weekly basis. And we now have our own checking account, no longer under the church accounting system. This is a lot of change. And it is usually a happy place-even when we don't have as much as we would like to offer folks. We appreciate the support of this church in the space, utilities, volunteer hours and money that members give to serve our community. We are helping to create a sense of community in the hospitality, caring and food that we provide and in helping people discover how they can help their community too.

Food Pantry Statistics

	February	2015 Year-to- Date	2014 Year-to- Date
People	967	1906	8463
Families	284	576	2684
Children	351	680	3158
Adults	685	1295	5105

New Pictorial Directory Coming

Pastor Marsha has been snapping smart phone pictures of folks after services for two weeks now and Jeanette has uploaded them into the computer and will be making new pictorial directories very soon. This will replace the old printed one; so if your information has changed, please call us at 314-427-0841. If Pastor Marsha has not taken your picture, come by the office or see her on Sunday to get it in! It is so nice to see the new pictures snapped casually instead of stiff sittings that would cost us money and time! We will also have a bulletin board with new faces on it. Check it out!

February 2015 Finance Report

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>FEB 2015</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
Current Expenses	\$8,074.89	\$15,000.19
Benevolences	\$25.00	\$50.00
Line Items	\$38.00	\$105.00
Rent	\$2,000.00	\$2,105.00
Ameriprise Transfer	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,137.89	\$42,260.19
 <u>EXPENSES</u>		
Current Expenses	\$15,155.66	\$30,448.17
Payroll Payable	<u>-\$164.00</u>	<u>(\$328.00)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,991.66	\$30,120.17

Prayer List



- Lee Crisler - by Linda Houston
- Faith Gillespie - by Kathryn Byrd
- Tammy Hillebrand - by Lore Bailey
- Erin Miller - by Linda Houston
- Jean Pate - by Fran Longcor
- Sara Seidler - by Sy
- Elaine & Tom Shanahan - by Linda Houston
- Jeff Johnson - Peggy Lohnes
- Debbie Frazier - Yvonne Frazier
- Linda Beckman - Marion Brewer
- Lynn Kratz
- Dave Frazier
- Pat Moorhouse
- Judy August
- Kelly Lowery
- Edie Roberts
- Audrey Bowdish
- Fran Longcor
- The Family of Carla Highfill
- Julianna Yamnitz - Alva Yamnitz
- Rod Mohler - Linda Houston
- Linda Hail
- **The Family and Friends of Ceal Briscoe**

April Birthdays

- 04/02 Wray Darr
- 04/03 Mary Jo Harkins
- 04/04 Marguerite Goedde
- 04/05 Evelyn Reed
- 04/06 Marion Brewer
- 04/10 Mary Shehorn
- 04/11 Judy Doyle
- 04/11 Harrison Wachira
- 04/13 Brian Frazier
- 04/17 Richard Hause
- 04/19 Diane Harmon
- 04/20 Jennifer Lohnes
- 04/25 Chuck Kaiser



April Anniversary

- 04/04 Harry & Charity Sherrington
- 04/07 Bob & Pat Moorhouse



Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter articles for the March Issue should be submitted to **the office** by April 10, 2015.

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