New Horizons Presbyterian Church

October Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA 9424 Everman Ave. Overland, MO 63114

Important Dates in October

World Communion Sunday & October 7
Peace & Global Witness Offering

World Food Day
Reformation Sunday
October 16
October 28

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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,

We will collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering on Sunday, October 7th. Someone asked me, "Is this the same as the Peacemaking Offering?". The answer is "Yes, sort of."

Several years ago, the General Assembly renamed the Peacemaking Offering to the "Peace and Global Witness Offering." This name change recognized that the peacemaking ministries of the church often intersect with the global mission of the church.

Our calling as Christians is to be witness to Jesus Christ throughout the world. As our missionaries, now "mission co-workers," went out across the world, they often encountered violence and war, which led to poverty, which make it difficult to witness to people about Jesus Christ as savior.

They returned for overseas assignments and encouraged stateside Christians to seek peace, in our relationship with other countries.

In peaceful societies, they could help alleviate poverty and proclaim Jesus Christ. This is why we now emphasize both peacemaking and global witness.

Together, peacemakers and mission co-workers help us fulfill the church mission to proclaim Jesus Christ. Please support them with your financial support of the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

- Pastor Mark





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 Lucille Yamnitz



**Please submit new prayer requests to the Office, church email, or After Hours Mailbox.

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Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30am—2pm

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Tues* & Thurs 1pm—4pm

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World Communion Scripture

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

- John 6: 33-35

Moment for Prayer

God of all nations, we give You thanks that we are all made in Your image, with such rich diversity. On this day we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world. As we break bread together, we remember that we are still one body in You, even though we have different languages, cultures and traditions, different ways of worship, praying and praising. In solidarity we drink the cup together of hope, of new life, knowing that Your will is for Your people to be one body. We are one body, but we are not the same—it is through the gift of diversity that we are able to be Your body. We thank You and praise You for making us all who we are, individually and collectively.

World Communion Sermon

"Hebrews shows us the hope we live in... not the light and optimistic surface kind, but the depth of hope that can flourish in the midst of suffering. This is not a text that tells us what we have to do to be saved... it is a text praising God and lifting up Christ. We hear what God wants for all humanity: God's glory, a role model of salvation who suffered as humans suffer - this suffering is an example of the world gone wrong, something that God wants to set right And God is enough... We are called to the table, especially this Sunday, when all Christians around the world celebrate communion, our brothers and sisters. It is a very big table, and we might not be altogether pleased with the people who share it with us, but in Christ, we are made brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, and of one another. Amen."

- Rev. Laura M. Cheifetz, From "A Sermon for World Communion Sunday"

Perseid String Quartet

Sunday, October 7th @ 4pm

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The Perseid String Quartet will be performing at Second Presbyterian Church (4501 Westminster Place in the Central West End, St. Louis, 63108) on Sunday, October 7 at 4:00 p.m. The ensemble is comprised of violinists Hannah Frey and Manuela Kaymakanova, violist Eliana Haig, and cellist Stephanie Hunt. The concert is part of the Couts Music Series and is free to the community.

Crop Hunger Walk & Concert

Sunday, October 7th

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The 2018 Crop Hunger Walk and Concert is Sunday, October 7 at Eden Seminary in Webster Groves (475 E. Lockwood Ave. 63119) — checkin at 4:30 p.m., walk at 5 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. The Holy Crepe Food Truck will be on-site from 4 to 7 p.m. The Concert is free, and is also the 7th Annual Eden Festival of Psalms, featuring Richard Bruxvoort Colligan (who has two pieces in the hymnal, "Glory to God") and other excellent musicians. Questions? Call Clint McCann at 314-619-0599. Register online at:

www.crophungerwalk.org/saintlouismo

Upcoming Art/Craft/Vendor Sales

Sat., Oct. 13th: 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Old Argo Fall Festival at Old Argo Presbyterian Church, Bourbon, Missouri.

Sat., Nov. 10th: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. PW of John Knox Presbyterian Church Craft and Vendor Sale, Florissant, Missouri.

Tues., Nov. 13th: 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. & **Wed., Nov. 14th:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Mark's Presbyterian Church Christmas Boutique, Ballwin, Missouri.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Peace & Global Witness Offering

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 7th. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be collected on Sunday, October 7th, but you can make a donation online year round through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, at:

presbyteriangifts.org/gifts/

A physical copy of the Giving Catalog can be found on the church bulletin board table.

World Communion Sunday

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served

as pastor. Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

"The concept spread very slowly at the start.

People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ," said Dr. Kerr. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized. - PCUSA

Monthly Scripture

Isaiah 41: 10

"Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious:
I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will
help you, I will uphold you with my
victorious right hand."

Jeremiah 17:14
"Heal me, Lord, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise."

1 John 3:18
"Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth."

Genesis 8:5
"The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared."

Isaiah 58: Buy-A-Bird

Isaiah 58 Ministries will be celebrating 25 years of Buy-A-Bird this year which provides holiday meals in our community. Each generous donation of \$25 will provide 1 Thanksgiving or Christmas meal for a family in need. Isaiah 58 depends on donations to make the holidays bountiful for families who are less fortunate. To make a donation, visit: www.i58ministries.org, or send a check with the memo line: "BAB XXV" Payable to: Isaiah 58 Ministries, 2149 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63104

Moment for Prayer

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit. One in mission. In union and communion with each other and with You. Today, God, we confess fumblings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

- From the Africana Worship Book, Year B

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**

Underground Railroad Tour

November 7th @ 8:30am—4pm ...

The Presbytery History Team is pleased to announce its 2018 bus tour featuring the Underground Railroad in the St. Louis and Alton areas. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 7! The tour will meet at 8:30am at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church (100 E. Adams, Kirkwood, MO 63122) and will return around 4pm. The cost is \$53 per person and includes the tour, lunch at a favorite Alton restaurant, and gratuities. Reservations can be made with Betsy Stoll, at (314) 821-0533.

"Healing Justice"

Sunday, October 28th @ 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Webster Groves Presbyterian Church Advocacy
Team and the Dismantling Racism and Privilege
Team of the Presbytery welcome you to a
special screening of Healing Justice at Webster
Groves Presbyterian, located at 45 W Lockwood
Ave., Webster Groves, Missouri 63119.
This powerful documentary addresses the school
-to-prison pipeline, the need for comprehensive
criminal justice reform, and the importance of
healing and restorative practices. Designed for
dialogue, Healing Justice is meant to prompt
questions and open conversations, exploring
trauma, justice, and healing.

October Birthdays

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October Anniversaries

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New Horizons' Calendar October 2018

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