

NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA
9424 Everman Ave.
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Important Dates for September

Labor Day
International Day of Peace
Native American Day

September 5
September 21
September 23

Church Office Hours:
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NEW HORIZONS PC(USA)

News 'n Views

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

Words from Rev. Marshall

"Continuing the Journey"

The New Horizons congregation is taking a giant step in its continuing journey of faith as it elects a Pastor Nominating Committee. That may seem like a pretty familiar process to many. It is also an invitation to re-examine the life and work of this congregation. It is a time for "back to basics".

Two priorities stand out as pillars for this congregation: 1) Hospitality and 2) Mission. These priorities shape what we do as a people gathered for worship and praise and how we reach out in ministry to our community and around the world. We celebrate the warm and friendly atmosphere that welcomes everyone to worship and participation. We are proud of a long history in mission characterized by the Food Pantry and the zeal with which members are seeking new forms of mission outreach. This congregation is composed of members who are eager to share time, talents and energy to serve their neighbors.

There is discomfort even as we consider other avenues for mission. The shift in focus is coupled with a sense of loss. We have not abandoned the Food Pantry. We will continue to provide donations of food and money and celebrate its ministry in this community.

Now it is time to look within and discover the gifts we have to share with our community. Most encouraging is the realization that our building may serve in other capacities. Providing space for Billy Mayhew's Sports Equipment Service is one. Billy and his wife were concerned about the number of children limited in their ability to play sports due to lack of funds for equipment and fees. He started "passing on" used equipment as he found it and soon acquired help from others. He needed



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
Pat Rogers
Laura Ringling

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

Pastor's Hours:

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Pastor's phone: (618) 466-8072
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more storage space, just as we were wondering how we might serve the community. The Session said "Yes!" Then Sports Authority closed and he was able to acquire a lot of new equipment using gifts he had received. The youth of this community will be well served in future months and years.

Then came a request for space use by another Girl Scout Troop. Those details are being worked out. Keep your ears open. Listen for new ideas for business or service that might utilize space in this building. Look around this neighborhood ready to see and respond to wishes and dreams that might be fulfilled.

Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, October 1, 2016

9:00 am—2:00 pm

The Maryland Heights Presbyterian Church proudly presents their Arts and Craft Fair on October 1. A wide variety of wonderful handcrafted and specialty novelty items along with delicious baked goods will be available.

Lunch plates of hotdogs, chips and a drink will be available for purchase.

Maryland Heights Presbyterian Church is located at:

**200 Harding Avenue
Maryland Heights, MO**

If you need additional information, check our their website at:

MHPChurch.org

Or call: **(314) 739-2538**

Newsletter Deadline

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

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women (PW) will start meeting for Bible study on **Tuesday, September 20th**. We will meet every third Tuesday at twelve noon in Jubilee Hall. Bring a snack lunch and dessert will be provided. ALL women of the church are invited.

Women's Presbyterian Gathering will be **Saturday, September 24** at John Knox Church in Florissant. Anyone interested should contact Doris Darr for reservations and a ride.

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>

Church Rummage Sale

This, fundraiser will be held during the neighborhood Macklind Days festival on **September 24**. Donations will be accepted for the Rummage Sale, *Monday, September 19 - Thursday, September 22, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.* We will take anything EXCEPT perishable items and adult clothing. Kids clothing, toys, and books are always in high demand! All proceeds from the sale will go directly to the new ministry at The Southampton Church. Items left after sale will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store or recycled responsibly.

“Beginning and Ending In God”

Reconciliation is a word frequently invoked but seldom understood. Paul’s words from 2 Corinthians beautifully capture a defining aspect of reconciliation: its cosmic significance. In Christ, “there is a new creation” because “in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself” (2 Cor. 5:17–19). Reconciliation is part of who we are as Christ’s church.

Reconciliation is God-centered

Scripture reminds us of the ultimate purpose of reconciliation and opens our eyes to the many ways in which reconciliation is predicated upon the initiative of God, rather than human beings. God acts in Word and Spirit to repair divisions, restore dignity, renew relationships, and redeem tragic circumstances. Humanity is called to participate in God’s reconciling mission. In Scripture the end point of that mission is given many names: a just kingdom, a welcoming banquet, a heavenly city, the new creation. But the mission is founded on the grace of Jesus, who prioritizes the place of the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized.

Reconciliation is liturgical

Reconciliation for Presbyterians is written not only into the biblical text, but also into the very life of our covenant communities. Each time Christians gather in worship to confess sin and belief, to receive God’s forgiveness, and to extend it to one another, we live into the promise of ultimate reconciliation offered in Christ. Through such acts, we name sin and accept responsibility so that what has been wounded might heal. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s most recently adopted confession, the Belhar Confession, reflects the power of contrition when it declares, “Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.” We are called to confess boldly.

Reconciliation is public

If reconciliation involves the whole world, it must go public rather than be confined to the sanctuary. Deep divisions of race, gender, economics, and even religion breed suspicion and hostility. And yet Reformed theology insists that because God is present in and cares for society’s relationships and institutions, we cannot abandon the public sphere. Indeed, if

public life is characterized by the multiplicity of relationships that bind us politically, economically, and socially, then it becomes a necessary and powerful place to witness to God’s reconciling community. To do so requires Presbyterians to examine their power and to reposition their relationships to the marginalized and vulnerable. We do this each time we individually and corporately repent of misused power and live justly with our neighbors.

Reconciliation is embodied

Whether interpersonal or institutional, reconciliation cannot succeed on the weight of words alone. Confession of sin and resolution to do justice must take on flesh. They must be embodied in practices that communicate solidarity over isolation, faithfulness over idolatry, and integrity over duplicity. In other words, for Presbyterians the call to reconciliation must impact our material lives, from where we live to how we spend our time and money. There is no better example for us than the bread and cup at the Lord’s Table, where Christians encounter the sacrifice and provision of God made real and efficacious. The table prompts Jesus’ invitation: How will you who are nourished by my feast share your lives with one another?

Sometimes we confuse reconciliation with the restoration of things past or with the forceful prevailing of our own customs and desires. However, reconciliation is not a return to presumed glory days of the 1950s or even the 1650s, where unity was often achieved by shutting out the unwanted. Nor is it unity enforced by a soul-crushing uniformity. The destination of reconciliation for Presbyterians is God’s promised future, a place the book of Revelation aptly describes as a city (Rev. 21–22). Perhaps there’s no more fitting image than an urban space to characterize the public and visceral aspect of reconciliation and to capture the Presbyterian imagination to seek a place where healing is available for nations and whose gates remain open to those who wish to join God’s reconciling community.

- BY JOSEPH L. MORROW

Campus engagement manager for Interfaith Youth Core



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

"I've Been to the Mountaintop"

A free Reader's Theatre in Five Voices presented by A Call to Conscience, will be held at Gibson Heights Presbyterian Church, on **Saturday, September 23, 7 p.m.**

Arianna String Quartet

The Arianna String Quartet will have a concert on **Sunday, September 25, 4 p.m.**, at Second Presbyterian Church. This quartet, based at the University of Missouri in St. Louis, is widely regarded as one of America's finest ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information call: 314-367-0367
or visit: www.secondchurch.net

Scripture for the Day

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

- 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Let Us Pray—PCUSA Mission

Holy God, as you welcome us, help us to welcome each other. Help us to listen to and understand each other better. Help us to love each other. Help us to embody your kingdom in our communities, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

"He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds."

- PSALM 147:3

Notes from Stewardship Comm.

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

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Receipts:		
General:	\$5,594.00	\$36,879.57
Rent	40.00	6,810.00
* Transfer	\$ 7,500.00	\$67,000.00
TOTAL	\$13,134.00	\$110,689.57
Expenses:	\$12,630.32	\$105,567.32

*Transfer is money transferred from our investment accounts.

September Birthdays

Patrick Borsheim	09/01
Vickie Lucas	09/02
Bob Moorhouse	09/10
Terrance Bonds	09/17
Lucille Yamnitz	09/19
Edie Roberts	09/22
Deanna Rhinesmith	09/25



September Anniversaries

Rich and Barbara Hause	09/06
Kathryn Byrd	09/10
Paul & Jan Reithmaier	09/26
Art & Jennifer Lohnes	09/28
Yvonne & David Frazier	09/29



“It’s Not a Piece of Cake”

Why do we think the Bible is so easy to understand when we so easily misunderstand one another in day-to-day communication?

When texting on cell phones first became a popular form of communication, there were lots of news stories about the incomprehensible new lingo that was emerging, particularly among teenagers. Local news reporters did folksy human-interest stories explaining the various abbreviations, from OMG (Oh, my God!) to IDK (I don’t know) and YMMV (Your mileage may vary). Often these reports would include amusing anecdotes about the dangers of misunderstanding, such as when a well-meaning parent sent condolences to family and friends upon the death of a relative; the parent used the acronym LOL, believing it meant lots of love, when it really means laughing out loud.

Even real-life communication has room for error, like my good-natured arguments with my wife over the lyrics of songs we both think we know pretty well. One of us has to be wrong because we’re each singing completely different words to the chorus.

When people speak different languages, the difficulties in translation reveal just how thick and contextually dependent linguistic interpretation is. Try explaining the meaning of the idiom “piece of cake” to a brand-new English speaker.

We can fail to understand one another even when we speak the same language and share the same culture.

This is because communication is a complex process involving far more than the surface understanding of the meaning of words. Cultural context, ideology, intonation, inflection, colloquialisms, pop-culture references, dialect, the depth of relationship between the speaker and the listener, and especially the dense subjectivity that comes out of identity and a lifetime of experience are just some of the factors that can inform a given act of verbal communication.

Now consider the position we’re in regarding the Bible. We don’t share a culture with the authors

of Scripture. We don’t share a language. We don’t even share a millennium. The Bible is just about as strange to us as any communication can be. Moreover, because the Bible is a library of texts, we don’t have the benefit of intonation, inflection, or body language. We can’t interrogate the authors of Scripture for clarification. All we have is this collection of thoughts and ideas probably riddled with colloquialisms, pop-culture references relevant to their own period, and insider jargon for which we lack an adequate glossary.

How strange is the Bible.

To the authors of Genesis, a wife trading conjugal rights with her husband for mandrakes made sense (Genesis 30:15).

To the author(s) of 2 Kings, having 42 boys mauled by a bear for calling a man “baldy” was something a prophet of God might do (2 Kings 2:23–24).

The author of the Gospel according to Mark obviously thought that a young man running away naked after Jesus was arrested would mean something to his audience (Mark 14:51–52).

The real problem isn’t the stuff that we recognize as strange in the Bible. The real problem is the strange stuff we mistakenly think is familiar, phrases that might function like “piece of cake.” Lacking the cultural cues to unlock their colloquial or figurative meanings, we might read them woodenly as referring to literal pieces of cake when the authors of Scripture never meant to imply baked goods.

Whenever we read the Bible, we’d be wise to remember just how strange the Bible really is to us, and how challenging the task of interpretation will therefore be. Personally, I find this realization profoundly thrilling. The Bible is like a faraway country, inviting us to wander as prodigals and explore it. We will probably get lost, but we can be sure it is always possible to come home to the love of God.

- BY ARIC CLARK

Writer, speaker, and Presbyterian minister living near Portland, Oregon. He is also the creator of LectionARIC, a YouTube channel devoted to reading the text of religion and culture with “geeky irreverence.”

Biannual Imagine Gala

The Biannual Imagine Gala, presented by The Friends of St. Luke's Hospital will be on **Saturday, September 17**. In celebration of our 150th anniversary, the Friends of St. Luke's salute those who dreamed of infinite possibilities and advanced new levels of excellence in medical care. Tickets are available, and all proceeds from the event will benefit St. Luke's Hospital. To purchase tickets, visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/Imagine-Gala-Tickets>

Please contact Sharon Mertzluft, at: (314) 576-2345 for additional information.

Let Us Pray—Mission Yearbook

O God, who was, is, and will always be, we thank you for warm memories that wrap themselves around us. Don't stop us there. Give us power to see visions and to dream dreams of what your kingdom can be. Then give us all we need—voice, breath, hands, hearts—to go out and spread your good news in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**"How precious is your steadfast love,
O God! All people may take refuge in the
shadow of your wings."**

- PSALM 36: 7

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!

September 2016 - New Horizons' Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Congregational Meeting 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	29 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	30 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	31 8:30am Mission Sewing	1 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	2 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	3 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
4 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	5 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	6 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	7 8:30am Mission Sewing	8 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH) 7:00pm Choir	9 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	10 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
11 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Mission Mtg 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	12 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	13 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	14 8:30am Mission Sewing 6:30pm Session Mtg	15 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH) 7:00pm Choir	16 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	17 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
18 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Deacon Mtg 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	19 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	20 12:00pm Presby. Women Mtg (JH) 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	21 8:30am Mission Sewing	22 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH) 7:00pm Choir	23 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	24 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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