

# NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## November Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA  
9424 Everman Ave.  
Overland, MO 63114

### Important Dates for November

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All Saints' Day	November 1
World Communion Day	November 4
Election Day	November 8
Veterans' Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 24

**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*

### Poem of Zacchaeus by M. Garcia

Then Zacchaeus stood and said  
to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give  
half of my goods to the poor;  
and if I have taken anything  
from anyone by false  
accusation, I restore fourfold."  
- Luke 19:8

We know the story all too well,  
or so we think, given what we tell:  
a wealthy tax collector lives in Jericho  
and wishes to see this Jesus on the go:

Zacchaeus is his name,  
which in Hebrew means pure,  
though given his occupation  
shaming he endures;  
and to make matters worse,  
he's tiny as a pea,  
so to see above the crowd  
he climbs up into a tree.

Jesus comes along  
and tells him to come down,  
and to serve as his host  
while visiting the town;  
the crowd is appalled  
at this mingling with a sinner  
even if it's simply  
to chat and have dinner.

Zacchaeus is delighted,  
he stands proud and tall,  
and reveals how he manages  
his taxing windfall:  
it turns out he's generous  
beyond expectation  
and surpasses the zeal  
of his own generation.



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  
Laura Ringling

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

#### **Office Hours:**

Tues, Thurs, Fri

8:30am—2pm

**Pastor's phone:**

**(314) 427-0568**

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And so a question  
remains for us to ponder;  
who are the real despicable people,  
we wonder:  
the ones who honestly  
perform a hideous task,  
or the ones who hide meanness  
behind a pious mask?

Salvation indeed  
comes when we are freed  
from cheating, exploitation,  
apathy and greed;  
but shalom also comes  
when we are released  
from the prison of envy, condemnation,  
aggression and misdeed.

-MAGDALENA I. GARCIA

*Magdalena I. Garcia is a PC(USA) Minister of Word and Sacrament and a hospice chaplain for Vitas Healthcare in Chicago. She is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary and a recipient of the 2008 PC(USA) Women of Faith Award.*

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## Annual Craft Fair & Book Sale

**Saturday, November 19, 2016  
9:00am—2:00pm**

Florissant Presbyterian Church will be holding its 17th Annual Craft/Collectible Fair and Used Book Sale on Saturday, November 19th. There will be a food court with baked goods for sale as well as a quilt raffle. Florissant Presbyterian Church is located at:

**660 Charbonier Rd.  
Florissant, MO 63031  
(314) 837-8555**

## Newsletter Deadline

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

## Overland Fall Hayride

**Sunday, November 6, 2016  
2:30pm—7:30pm**

Join the North Central Hobbies and the City of Overland for the Annual Hay Ride Event this November as we say goodbye to the "fall" season for the year. Grab the family, your friends, and fellow neighbors to stop by Wild Acres Park on November 6. Admittance is open to the public, but rides fill up fast! So be sure to arrive early to secure your tickets. Ticket prices are \$5 per person, which includes the hayride, a hotdog and drink, s'mores, cider, pony rides, and live music. For more information, please call: (314) 428-0490, and we hope to see you there! Wild Acres Park is located at:

**2500 Ashby Rd.  
Overland, MO 63114**

## Election Eve Service

**Afton Presbyterian Church**

**Monday, November 7, 2016  
7pm**

Afton Presbyterian will be co-leading an ecumenical Election Eve service at 7 p.m on Monday, November 7, at: Afton Christian Church (9625 Tesson Ferry Rd, St. Louis, MO 63123).

Please join us to pray for unity in Christ to overcome all that divides us, and for the leaders we elect to serve God's people well. For more information, please contact Pastor John Harrison at: [afftonpastor@gmail.com](mailto:afftonpastor@gmail.com)

## Soprano Performance

**Saturday, December 10, 2016  
3pm—7pm**

Southampton Church welcomes you to join them for the December Holiday Craft Market. If you are a crafter or home sales representative and would like to set up a table at the Southampton Church during this event please contact Rev.

Jillian Embrey at:  
[pastor@southamptonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@southamptonchurch.org).  
Tables are \$10 each.

## “Speak Out: Child’s Question”

As we made our 30-minute commute, my 10-year-old daughter Anna asked me a stunner of a question. “Do people believe in God more or less as they get older?”

Anna is prone to deep questions. She is my quietest child, usually tucked away conspiratorially with her older sister, Abby, working their way through their bookshelves, talking about what they’ll read next, or watching cat videos on her iPad mini. She, along with her two sisters, attends my Presbyterian church with our family, as well as my husband’s Catholic church, and a Catholic school. Our faith is a casserole of both of our shared beliefs, our family of five centering our faith more on how we treat others than any particular religious organization’s doctrine.

I explained to Anna that every person’s answer to this question is different. I find that I believe in God more, in some ways, now that I’m in my 40s and have children. “I see God in how you treat each other, and in the love you show and the way that you care for the world,” I explained. “But I don’t believe anymore that God is a magic sky genie. I don’t believe you pray to God for things, particularly material possessions, and are rewarded with them because you pray.”

Ok, in all fairness, I probably wasn’t that eloquent in rush-hour traffic. But, more or less, that’s what I think.

I told Anna about some friends who had experienced great loss, and how that had clouded their view of God and they weren’t quite sure there was any God any more. I told her though that some people could experience that same event and feel that the only thing that got them through was their belief in God. I explained that faith isn’t a linear progression – it waxes and wanes and waxes again, depending on what we’re experiencing in our lives, our own personalities, and many other factors.

### Taking the discussion to Facebook

This question bounced around in my consciousness for days. I mused on how to better answer her question with a wider variety of responses. My Facebook friends, in particular, are a wonderful mish-mash of atheists, Jews, agnostics, Presbyterians (lots and lots of Presbyterians), evangelical Christians, Catholics, Mormons, Buddhists and Baptists. I decided to do something crazy in our deeply divided country: I asked my Facebook friends if they believed in God, and if they believed more or

less as they got older.

I set down three rules:

- No attacking anyone else.
- No sharing the post. I don’t care what your third cousin in North Dakota thinks – I care about what YOU think.
- If you violate rules 1 or 2, you would be thrown off the thread.

The discussion was absolutely riveting, and unfurled over the course of two days. My atheist friends told me how they arrived there, one indicating she had been raised in highly religious household and had eventually run as far away in the other direction as she could get. Another atheist said God, or any sort of higher power, simply defied logic and he just could not understand how anyone could believe. A Mormon friend who was a later-in-life convert to the faith described her journey to the church. Evangelical friends didn’t really expound on whether or not their faith had ever waned, but they talked in depth about their beliefs. Jewish friends confessed that they weren’t really sure if God existed, but their culture and life were still very steeped in the faith of their family.

### Responses varied

Here’s a few of my favorite answers:

“I believe rather simply that the energy of God is the goodwill in the world,” says a journalist friend in Atlanta. “The way when you’re having a crappy day and someone smiles at you at the gas station – that’s God. That’s how miracles happen. When enough good people share good energy, we heal as communities and families. It’s really just that simple.”

My friend Matt Friedman, a Rabbi who lives in California, came through with a particularly lovely thought that resonated with me. “God is unknowable and that is good. God is beyond our comprehension. As we get older, we have more experiences and can learn from the experiences of others...In the long run, it is not whether or not we will figure out God, but the important part is that we have engaged in the thought process.”

I don’t have a concrete answer for Anna. I rarely do. She asks me all manner of questions, using me as her own personal Google, and intensely relies on me to tell her the truth. The truth about God is that yes, I

believe, but what I believe today is likely not what I'll believe tomorrow.

What I really want for my daughters is to keep asking the questions, keep thinking, keep wondering. It's the thought process that makes us human. People trained to listen and think can have a great discussion about God in a very divided world.

If that isn't a miracle, I don't know what is.

-ROBYN DAVIS SEKULA

*Robyn Davis Sekula is a communications consultant and speaker living near the Louisville, Kentucky. She a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Membership Chair of the Society of Professional Journalists.*

## Fall Craft & Vendor Fair

**Saturday, November 19, 2016  
9am—3pm**

Do you need a special gift for someone for the holidays this year? The City of Overland will be hosting their Annual Fall Craft & Vendor Fair on Nov. 19th at the Overland Community Center. The fair will feature handmade items or items of a craft nature, including specialty novelty items and delicious baked goods! Food concessions will be available from 11:30am—2pm. Vendor applications are available at the Overland Community Center, located at:

**9225 Lackland Rd.  
Overland, MO 63114**

## Giving Tuesday Movement



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11.29.2016

### Join the #GivingTuesday Movement

On November 29, 2016, the world comes together to give. Join your fellow Presbyterians and participate in the fifth annual #GivingTuesday, supporting mission and ministry at home and around the world.

**<http://tinyurl.com/Give-Tuesday-Movement>**

## Notes from Stewardship Comm.

Summary report on giving and expenses for 2016 through the months of September and October:

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Receipts:		
General:	\$3,258.00	\$44,685.57
Rent	40.00	10,260.00
* Transfer	\$ 7,500.00	\$82,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,798.00</b>	<b>\$136,945.57</b>

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Receipts:		
General:	\$3,787.00	\$48,427.57
Rent	130.00	10,390.00
* Transfer	\$ 7,500.00	\$89,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,417.00</b>	<b>\$148,362.57</b>

\*Transfer is money transferred from our investment accounts.

## Let Us Pray

"God of Grace, we pray that we might be your hands and feet and voice to the generations of young people who are seeking you. Guide us by your Holy Spirit to create spaces of grace for those who you have claimed as your own. Amen."

## November Birthdays

	Betty Wetzel	11/02	
	Yvonne Frazier	11/04	
	Gene Richter	11/20	

## November Anniversaries

Lore & Jimmie Bailey 11/08



## “Wisdom Journey”

The more willing we are to sacrifice in life, the more sacred we make life. The more selfish we become in life, the more scarcity we bring to life. And the less sacred life becomes. Sacredness grows out of sacrifice. Scarcity grows out of selfishness.

Growing up I was enamored with the Civil Rights Movement led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and with the Indian Independence Movement led by Mahatma Gandhi. I wasn't old enough to be a part of the Civil Rights Movement, and would not be born till long after the Indian Independence Movement. Still, they had a powerful influence on me.

What captivated me was people's willingness to sacrifice themselves for the cause. Today, when we talk about people sacrificing themselves, we think of soldiers serving in the military, sacrificing themselves in times of war or conflict. I truly appreciate their sacrifice, and most of us recognize how sacred their sacrifices are when we say that Normandy, Arlington, and Gettysburg cemeteries are "sacred ground."

Still, the Civil Rights Movement and Indian independence sacrifices were different. They weren't violent sacrifices in defense of something. They were non-violent self-sacrifices leading to transformation. People were willing to be unjustly insulted, spat upon, threatened, beaten, arrested, imprisoned, and even killed to transform an oppressive culture.

Their sacrifices created a sacred transformation from Jim Crow laws to Civil Rights, and from colonial oppression to national freedom. Whether it was truly appreciated or not, they were engaging in sacramental acts that overcame division in the way that all sacraments overcome division. Their sacrifices were sacramental, and the results were transformational.

Sadly, sacred sacrifices always compete with selfish scarcity. We live in an abundant world, but so many people choose the way of self-protectiveness, self-reliance, self-centeredness, self-deception, self-delusion, self-pity, self-satisfaction, self-righteousness, and self-

promotion that it drains all the love and compassion that comes from self-awareness, self-control, and selflessness.

We are all selfish at times. We can't help it. Protectiveness is hard-wired into our nature, but that doesn't mean that we have to live out of this nature.

The Christian life calls on us to continually grow in a willingness to sacrifice time, energy, income, and effort to make life better one thought, one comment, one act, one person, one possibility at a time. It's when we each individually, and all collectively, engage in small sacrifices that we sanctify the world around us. We overcome the problem of scarcity by leading the world into abundant sacredness.

When we choose to make even the smallest act of sacrifice for another, we engage in sacraments of sacredness.

-Rev. N. Graham Standish

*The Rev. N. Graham Standish, Ph.D., M.S.W. is senior pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania. He is the author of seven books on spirituality and church transformation, and is an adjunct faculty member of Pittsburgh Theological and Tyndale Seminaries. He also has a background as a spiritual director, and as an individual and family therapist.*

## St. Mark's Christmas Boutique

**Tuesday, November 15th**

**10:30am—7:30pm**

**Wednesday, November 16th**

**10am—2pm**

Join us for lunch or dinner at the Angel Street Café, featuring: St. Mark's Famous Chicken Salad, homemade soups, and heavenly desserts! And come stop by the Christmas Boutique, featuring: Christmas Decorations and Ornaments, Handmade Holiday Items, Children's Items, Jewelry, Hand Painted Folk Art Items, Floral Arrangements, Personalized Items, Cookbooks & Many More Unique Gift Ideas. There will also be Wonderful Hand-made Items and Fresh Baked Delicacies by the Women in Our Church.

St. Mark Presbyterian is located at:  
**601 Claymont Drive, Ballwin, MO**

## Opportunities in PCUSA

### Office Administrator/Financial Secretary

The Presbyterian Church of Washington is seeking a Part-Time (25 hr/wk) Office Administrator/Financial Secretary. Applicants must have knowledge of accounting procedures, data entry, bank reconciliations and financial statement compilation.

To learn more about this position you can

call: [636-239-0070](tel:636-239-0070)

Or visit [www.presbywashmo.org/employment-opportunities/](http://www.presbywashmo.org/employment-opportunities/)

### Part-Time Administrative Assistant

First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The wage is \$16 per hour. This is the perfect job for a mom with kids in school, someone retired, or someone who would enjoy working in a church office environment.

Please send your resume to:

[fpcpersonnel401@gmail.com](mailto:fpcpersonnel401@gmail.com)

### Director of Children and Youth Ministries

LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church in Wood River, Illinois is seeking an enthusiastic individual for the half-time position of Director of Children and Youth Ministries who would be responsible for Christian Education programming, communication and activities for children and youth through college. Interested parties may contact the Church Administrator at **618-254-5880** to receive a copy of the Job Description.

Applicants are asked to send resumes to **LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, 2550 Rock Hill Rd., Wood River IL 62095**

or by email to: [vickie@LoveJoyupc.org](mailto:vickie@LoveJoyupc.org)

## 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

## Let Us Pray

"Loving God, thank you for providing communities in which we can learn and grow in our faith journey. Strengthen our commitment to give hope to displaced people and to build relationships across international boundaries as we work to change our world. Amen."

## New Horizons Newsletter

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!

# November 2016 - New Horizons's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	<b>31</b> 10:00am Free to be Me Al-Anon (JH)	<b>1</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	<b>2</b> 8:30am Mission Sewing 6:30pm Stewardship & Finance Mtg	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH) 7:00pm Choir	<b>4</b> 10:00am Freedom Al-Anon (JH)	<b>5</b> 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
<b>6</b> 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	<b>7</b> 10:00am Free to be Me Al-Anon (JH)	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	<b>9</b> 8:30am Mission Sewing 6:30pm Session Mtg	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	<b>11</b> 10:00am Freedom Al-Anon (JH)	<b>12</b> 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
<b>13</b> 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Mission Mtg 12:00pm Stewardship Potluck 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	<b>14</b> 10:00am Free to be Me Al-Anon (JH)	<b>15</b> 10:00am Presby. Women Mtg (JH) 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	<b>16</b> 8:30am Mission Sewing	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH) 7:00pm Choir	<b>18</b> 10:00am Freedom Al-Anon (JH)	<b>19</b> 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
<b>20</b> 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Deacon Mtg 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	<b>21</b> 10:00am Free to be Me Al-Anon (JH)	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	<b>23</b> 8:30am Mission Sewing	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH) 7:00pm Choir	<b>25</b> 10:00am Freedom Al-Anon (JH)	<b>26</b> 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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