

NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January/February Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA
9424 Everman Ave.
Overland, MO 63114

Important Dates for February

Transfiguration of the Lord	February 11
Ash Wednesday	February 14
Valentine's Day	February 14
Lenten Lunch (WSGB)	February 15*
Presidents' Day	February 19
Lenten Lunch (WSGB)	February 22*

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News 'n Views

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

Words from the Pastor

Dear friends:

Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held Sunday, January 28. I would like to recap some of my thoughts from my Annual Report for the benefit of those who could not attend.

I have been your Interim Pastor for one year and two months. I very much appreciate both the love and support you have given me and my new bride, the Rev. Shari Maddox. We were married on July 22 at St. John United Church of Christ in Chesterfield, MO where she is a member. We were honored that many members of New Horizons attended the wedding and reception. We are now living in Chesterfield.

Last year, I encouraged the Session to engage in conversations with all the members of the congregation about the future of your congregation. The Worship and Nurture Committee took up this task and we had three "Sundays of Assessment" held in September and October. A report was compiled and presented to the Session in November. At a joint meeting of the Session and Deacons (along with other interested members), there was a discussion of next steps held on January 21, 2018. Three questions were discussed and consensus was reached on two: 1.) We will stay open. 2.) We will seek a part time, installed pastor called by the congregation. The third question about merger or joint ministry with another church will require more thought and discussion.

Let me say a few more words about ministry with other churches and/or denominations. It is possible for congregations to share ministry with other congregations without merger. For example, congregations can yoke; this means



Faith Gillespie
Jeff Johnson
Lucille Yamnitz
Evelyn Reed
Kathryn Byrd
Edie Roberts
Marion Brewer
Lore Bailey
Tom Highfill
Peg Berger
Julianna Yamnitz
Tamara King
Michele Klous
Jennifer Einfeldt
Crystal Freeman
Matt Woods
Claudia Commons
Herman & Phyllis Jackson
Jeffrey Lee and Family
Brenda Jones
Harry and Charity Sherrington
Wray and Doris Darr
Dorothy Alexander
Katherine Groff

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

Office Hours:

Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30am—2pm

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Tues* & Thurs 1pm—4pm

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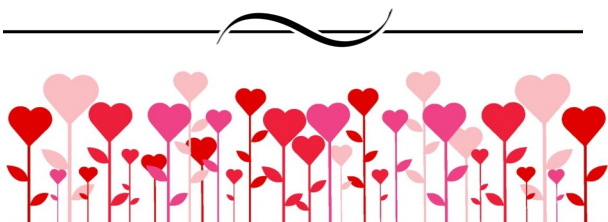
they share a pastor, but they maintain their own identity, building, and programs. This can happen across denomination boundaries, mostly easily with the United Church of Christ and Evangelical Lutherans (ELCA). (We have full communion agreements with them so that ministers from one of these denominations can serve in another.)

I am pleased that our congregation already participates with other churches in the Ritenour Ministerial Association. The Community Lenten Luncheons offer a delightful blend of blue-grass music, food, fellowship, and Bible study. The lunches were held in our Fellowship Hall every Thursday during Lent on 2017. They will continue this year at West Side General Baptist Church on Wismer Road. There was also a Community Thanksgiving Service at Overland Baptist Church in November; surely another will be held this year.. The offerings collected at these services support the Ritenour Rent and Utility Program, which is now an independent ministry of the Ministerial Association.

I am also grateful for the worship and music ministry of New Horizons, especially the dedicated choir and their director Barb McHugh. A highlight was the Christmas Cantata presented at the Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service was the first time my wife, the Rev. Shari Maddox, and I had co-celebrated communion. We thank you for the opportunity.

Shari is also assisting me in another delightful responsibility of my ministry with you: teaching Confirmation Class. Classes began on January 18 and are held on Thursday afternoons after school. We have two students, Samantha and Julia Lohnes and we are looking forward to their professions of faith on Easter, April 1.

Interim Pastor
Mark Strothmann



Courtney Loveless: Jazz Concert

Sunday, February 11th @ 4pm

Courtney Loveless and her trio present a wonderful concert of jazz, on Sunday, February 11 at 4 p.m. A native of St. Louis, Ms. Loveless comes from a gifted musical family. Loveless' rich, soulful alto voice supported by her talented trio of musicians will dazzle listeners with their technique and energy. These four musicians' delightful presentation will immerse the audience in a vibrant jazz soundscape.

Second Presbyterian Church is located at 4501 Westminster Place, Saint Louis, 63108 in the Central West End. The concert, part of the Courts Music Series, is free and open to all. For more information call 314-367-0367 or visit us at www.secondchurch.net.

9th Annual "Blues for Lovers"

Saturday, February 17th @ 2pm

You are cordially invited to attend the ninth annual "Blues for Lovers" concert at Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m., in the Educational Building. The concert features local artist, Ms. Denise Atty and Friends, specializing in Blues, Rhythm and Gospel music. You will definitely leave on a high note as they celebrate "Heart Awareness" month with healthy snacks and information on how to be healthy. This concert supports their Outreach and Media Ministry.

Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church, is located at 4673 Labadie Ave., St. Louis, MO 63115. Tickets are \$10 per person (either at the door or in advance). For further information or to purchase advance tickets please contact Elder Milton Robinson, 314-222-1747.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Lenten Lunches 2018

February 15th—March 22nd @ 11:30am

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You are welcome and invited to join the Ritenour Ministerial Alliance for food and fellowship at our annual Lenten Lunches held every Thursday from February 15th-March 22nd at 11:30am. This year the Lenten Lunches will be at West Side General Baptist Church, located at 3545 Wismer Rd.

Scripture for a New Year

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- Jeremiah 29:11

"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
- Isaiah 40: 30-31

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."
- Isaiah 43: 19

"I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh."
- Ezekiel 11:19

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."
- 1 Peter 1:3

"There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."
- Proverbs 23:18

Prayer for a New Year

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

New Year Quotes

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."
- Helen Keller

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
- C.S. Lewis

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'It will be happier.'"
- Alfred Lord Tennyson

Celebration of Life & Memory

Our sincerest prayers go out to the family and friends of Marcia Shrum, who passed away on December 19, 2017, and Donald Fetzer, who passed away on November 28, 2017.



2018 Annual Budget

SALARIES/PERSONNEL

PASTORS SALARY	\$15,500
HOUSING	\$12,000
ANNUITY AND HEALTH	\$14,300
CAR ALLOWANCE	\$1,000
CONTINUING EDUCATION/PROF EXPENSES	\$1,000
SECRETARY	\$13,566
CHOIR DIRECTOR	\$15,227
CUSTODIAN	\$12,199
CHILD CARE ATTENDANT	\$1,294
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$500
F.I.C.A.	\$3,200
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	<u>\$100</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$89,886

PROPERTY

IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE	\$15,000
ORGAN/PIANO MAINTENANCE	\$600
UTILITIES	\$26,000
PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE	\$13,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$2,500
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$57,100

WORSHIP/NURTURE

VOCAL MUSIC SUPPLIES	\$750
WORSHIP SUPPLIES/DECORATION	\$650
SANCTUARY FLOWERS	\$125
PULPIT SUPPLY	\$900
MUSICIAN SUPPLY	\$750
CURRICULUM AND OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500
LEADERSHIP/COMMUNICANTS	<u>\$100</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$3,775

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

OFFERING ENVELOPES	\$150
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	<u>\$250</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$400

MISSION

DESIGNATED BENEVOLENCES	<u>\$2,000</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$2,000

BENEVOLENCES

PRESBYTERIAN APPORTIONMENT	\$1,736
REGULAR BENEVOLENCES	<u>\$6,000</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$7,736

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND	\$500
COMMUNICATIONS	\$400
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$500</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$1,400

DIACONATE

SUPPLIES	<u>\$250</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$250

GRAND TOTAL **\$162,547**

January/February Birthdays

Art Lohnes	01/01
Genevieve Rottnek	01/03
Bill Lohnes	01/07
Bill Rhinesmith	01/07
Dolores Weekly	01/19
Alva Yamnitz	01/27
Candy Parson	01/28
Hattie Knoblock	01/29
Andrew Lohnes	02/02
Betty Richter	02/02
Jean Winterowd	02/04
Karen Lohnes	02/05
Dustin Shrum	02/15
Loretta Smith	02/19
Lexi Lohnes	02/24
Kaylee Lohnes	02/25
Edward Albin	02/28

HAPPY
Birthday

January/February Anniversaries

Bill & Peggy Lohnes 01/29



February 2018 - 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 Al-Anon (JH)	30 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	31 8:30am Mission Sewing	1 3:00pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	2 10:00am Freedom Al-Anon (JH)	3 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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18 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Deacon Mtg 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	19 10:00am Free to be Me Al-Anon (JH)	20 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	21 8:30am Mission Sewing 6:30pm Session Meeting	22 11:30am Lenten Lunch (WSGB) 3:00pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	23 10:00am Freedom Al-Anon (JH)	24 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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