

NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA
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Important Dates in November

Remembrance Sunday	November 4
End of Daylight Saving	November 4
Election Day	November 6
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	November 22
Giving Tuesday	November 27

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 the Pastor

Dear friends:

This is the time when members in most churches are asked to support the church with a pledge of financial support for the next year. We call this "stewardship," which is our responsibility to manage the resources of the world that God has given us for God's will and purpose.. Usually, we focus on the monetary aspect of this responsibility. What will you give out of your financial resources for the work of the church next year?

I would also like to expand my focus to include time and talents. This is not a new idea, but let's consider it again. What do we mean by time and talents? Why do we link this to stewardship? God has not only given us money to manage. God has also given us our lives. By this we mean our abilities, talents, and relationships with each other. These are not "things," like money and property, but gifts from God that make life worth living. How do we "spend" our talents and abilities? How much time do we spend together developing our relationships? These are the most important questions of life. How do we use our talents to serve each other?

Oddly enough, the English word "talent" comes from a Greek word meaning a unit of money. (Check it out in a dictionary!) The connection is the use of the Greek word talent (meaning money) in Matthew 25: 14-30. In this passage, Jesus told a parable about a master who was going away for a long journey. He gave his servants some money (talents) and when he returned he praised the servants who had invested the money to make more money, but condemned the servant who could only give back what was originally given to him. By telling this parable, Jesus was obviously encouraging us to invest money so that it would grow and



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But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

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

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expand. Over the centuries, Christians have interpreted this parable to refer not only to money, but also to the development and expansion of human abilities. Thus, the Greek word for money, talent, evolved into the English word "talent" which means a person's natural abilities.

Needless to say, God is calling upon us to expand our "talents," whether they be financial resources or human abilities, to serve God in the world. How do we manage our natural abilities? Do we use them in service to others and God? How do we spend our time? Do we use our time to develop relationships of love with each other and God? How much time do we spend with our families? How much time do we spend in prayer? If we use our time and talents wisely, we will expand our service to God. As you consider your financial support to our congregation, also consider the use of your time and talents. Surely you have the talent to do something in the church, in the community, or with your family that serves God and gives God glory. Are you willing to be a good steward of your God-given time and talents for service to God?

-Pastor Mark

Stewardship Dinner

Sunday, November 18th

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The November Stewardship Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 18th after worship. Please bring a side dish if you are able, and stay to enjoy the wonderful company of the congregation!

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 18th @ 3pm

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This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 3pm at Overland Baptist Church (9303 Midland Blvd) on Sunday, November 18th. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Underground Railroad Tour

November 7th @ 8:30am—4pm

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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.

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 27th

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Giving Tuesday is an annual, global day of giving that follows two of the biggest shopping days of the year: Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This year Giving Tuesday falls on November 27. This day serves as an invitation to shift our focus to the central reason for Christmas: the birth of Christ and God's love for the world. To view local, national, and global charities and missions that are in need of donations, visit:

www.givingtuesday.org

Thanksgiving Prayer

O Heavenly Father:

We thank Thee for food
and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health
and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends
and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom
and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

That Thy gifts to us
may be used for others.

Amen.

Hanging of the Greens

The Hanging of the Greens is tentatively set for Saturday, December 1st at noon.

“Giving Thanks With a Joyful Heart”

Giving thanks is remembering God is the source of all good things.

The ability to give thanks with a joyful heart begins with recognizing God as the source of all good things and that God is always faithful toward his children. Remembering what God has done, made possible, or mercifully prevented doesn't just provide us with a sense of self-satisfied gratitude. We are to remember God is the one who is faithful and provides, not us. Giving thanks is an important corrective to our own egos. Giving thanks helps us remember who is in charge (hint: not us!). Giving thanks helps us remember God is the landowner and we are only stewards.

Human nature hasn't changed much since the days of ancient Israel. Human beings still feel the need to pat ourselves on the back when things go well, but blame God when they go wrong. The Bible warns us never to forget that God and God alone is the source of all that we have, all that we are, and all that is to come. Because of this, it is our spiritual duty to share God's gifts and our blessings with others.

We've all heard said, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7). But we rarely quote all of what Paul originally wrote to the Corinthian church, "Each one of you must make up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." We too are compelled to make up our minds to offer what we have with joyful heart. If we thank God out of bitterness or conceit we are not thanking God. We thank God out of the sheer joy of having received abundantly.

Our God is an abundant God offering abundant life to all. Remember how Jesus said, "I have come that you might have abundant life" (John 10:10). We need only open our eyes, our hearts to hear his invitation to receive that abundant life. When we have accepted God's gracious offer of life everlasting, we know the joy that comes from deep within and bubbles up as thanksgiving. Give thanks then with a joyful heart now and always.

- Rev. Dr. Jan Riecke

*From her sermon, "Giving Thanks with a Joyful Heart:
A Sermon for Thanksgiving"*

Monthly Scripture

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

- 2 Corinthians 9:11-12

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

- 1 Chronicles 16:34

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

- Colossians 3:15

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

- Philippians 4:6

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

- Psalm 100:4

"Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."

- Psalm 106:1

"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods."

- Psalm 95:2-3

"Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!"

- Psalm 105:1

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

- Colossians 4:2

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

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD with gladness:

come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD he is God:

it is he that hath made us,

and not we ourselves;

we are his people,

and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,

and into his courts with praise:

be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his mercy is everlasting;

and his truth endureth to all generations.

– Psalm 100

Presbyterian Giving Catalog

Black Friday is traditionally a day of incredible deals. You can't believe how far your dollar will go!

In the same way, an even small alternative gift through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog can have a big impact on the lives of others around the world in need of food, shelter and necessities.

To view the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, visit:
www.presbyteriangifts.org

Or view a physical copy of the catalog located on the table beneath the church bulletin board.

All Saints' Day—Nov. 1st

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. It is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.

- Mission Yearbook

November Birthdays

Yvonne Frazier 11/04



New Horizons' Calendar

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:30am Worship 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 Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	2 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	3 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
4 10:30am Worship & Communion 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 Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	9 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	10 PEO (JH) 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
11 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Mission Mitg 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	12 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	13 11:00am PW Meeting 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	14 8:30am Mission Sewing 6:30pm Session Mitg	15 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	16 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	17 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct. 1:00pm Set up for Stewardship Dinner
18 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Stewardship Dinner 12:15pm Deacon Mitg 12:30pm Pendo Comm. 3:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ Overland Baptist	19 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	20 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	21 8:30am Mission Sewing	22 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	23 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	24 10:00am Pendo Prayers in Sanct.
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