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Our Mission: Connecting people to God and to one another

Our Vision: Helping all experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we serve our neighbors

Our Core Practices:

Invite—Reaching out and welcoming all to experience God’s word

Grow—Learning God’s word to guide our daily lives

Serve—Using our God-given gifts and talents to help others

SERMONS DURING APRIL

The sermon series titled, “In The Garden,” begun by Rev. Adam Hamilton in March will continue through the first three Sundays in April. In these messages we are reminded that the garden is where the human story began, and where brokenness entered the world. But it is also the place where redemption and the defeat of death occurred. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the remarkable gifts of grace, mercy and eternal life given to us through Jesus Christ!

Here are the dates and sermon titles for the remainder of this series:

- April 2—Gethsemane: Not My Will But Thy Will Be Done
- April 9— (Palm Sunday) In the Place He Was Crucified There Was A Garden
- April 16— (Easter Sunday) In the Garden: Paradise Restored

Beginning on April 23rd, Adam will begin a new series on love and relationships. Here are the dates and sermon titles for the last two Sundays of the month:

- April 23—God Made Them In His Image
- April 30—Single, Single Again, Divorced

Hope to see you in worship each Sunday!

EASTER SEASON OPPORTUNITIES

On-going During Lent—The New Horizons congregation is continuing the campaign of praying for our church at 7:40 a.m. and/or 7:40 p.m., seven days each week during the 40 days of Lent. Specifically, we are praying that God will make known God’s plans for us as we seek to more nearly become the people and the church God wants us to be. As cell phones and watches and alarms ring at 7:40, we stop where we are and what we are doing to lift our prayers to God as one voice. Imagine what God can do as we ask for courage to trust and listen! Copies of the prayer are available in the church foyer, or you may receive one by e-mailing Diana Baldwin at diana.baldwin@mchsi.com. Check the church Facebook page for selfies of church members stopping to pray.

Each Sunday during Lent—The ABC Sunday School class invites you to participate in the Lenten study based on the book, *He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win your Heart*, by Max Lucado. The group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the upper level classroom.

Maundy Thursday Observance (April 13th) - at 6:00 p.m.—Feasting With Jesus—In remembrance of the final supper Jesus celebrated with his disciples, the congregation is invited to share a meal together in the Fellowship Hall. We will be neither celebrating a Seder, nor re-enacting the Last Supper, but instead, sharing with our risen Lord a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

The term “last supper” suggests that it was only one of many meals shared by Jesus and his disciples.

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However, the “Last Supper” is rooted not only in Jesus’ last meal with his disciples, but also in Jesus’ eating with sinners and feeding the crowd with loaves and fishes. It also foreshadows the meals Jesus shared with others after his resurrection. All together they constitute the multiple meanings of the “Last Supper.”

Easter Story and Egg Hunt, 2:30 p.m.—Bring your family and friends on April 9th for this fun annual neighborhood outreach event. Volunteers are needed to prepare for and assist with the activity. Please contact the Invite Team Ministry Chair, Connie Morgan at 819-7472 if you can help.

Easter Breakfast—Celebrate the Risen Savior! Invite your friends and family to breakfast and a time of fellowship at 9:30, and attend the worship service at 10:45.

Please join us for as many of these events as you can!

INTERVIEW WITH A CHURCH MEMBER

The newest member at New Horizons is Susan Oncken. Susan joined New Horizons just a few weeks ago and attends church services regularly with her husband, Bill.

Susan was born in Long Island, New York and lived there until she was a junior in high school. At that time her brother, who was married and had twins, began school in Columbia, so her family moved here to help provide support. After her graduation from Hickman High School Susan and Bill were married.

Susan was employed as a cook for the Columbia School District for 15 years, and then moved to a para-professional position, working with special needs children.

In 2004 the Onckens moved to Kansas City to be near their daughter who had a disabled son. Susan continued her work as a para-professional in the Raytown School District for 7 years. Health issues forced her to quit working, something she very much regretted as she greatly enjoyed the work.

Susan and Bill then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska to be with their son and his children and remained there for two years but then decided to return to Columbia where their youngest son lives here along with his children.

Susan said another reason for the move was she is now close to her very good friend, church member, Georgiana Pitts. When Susan and Bill first lived in Columbia, Susan and Georgiana had children the same age and their families camped and traveled together creating lots of great memories!

Susan enjoys putting puzzles together, reading, swimming, crafts, cooking and scrapbooking.

We’re so glad to have Susan as our newest church member and look forward to serving with her in ministry!

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM MARCH LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Eight Board members and three church members were in attendance at the March 9th meeting. Pastor Heather opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

Minutes from the March meeting were corrected and approved.

Feedback—Most of those present reported they are engaged in being a “7:40 Church,” offering prayers for God’s guidance for our congregation at 7:40 a.m. and/or p.m. each day.

Discussion was held about the previous weeks Skype visit shared between the Leadership Board and Debi Nixon from Church of the Resurrection (COR). Debi has hired a consultant to help COR decide whether or not they should accept requests to become a campus from communities that are far from their current campus sites. Debi also suggested that our congregation work now to achieve the things we would like to see at our church. Carol Oliver will be in touch with Debi by mid-April to let her know whether or not New Horizons is interested in learning more about what becoming a COR campus would entail.

Visioning—Discussion was held about the meeting between the Leadership Board and our District Superintendent, Rev. Sherry Habben. The Board approved moving to a half-time clergy appointment, and willingness to be part of a two- or three-point charge. The Board decided to wait until after we are informed about the clergy salary before making decisions about possibly hiring for other positions.

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Mission and Ministry—Information was provided about numerous plans for activities during Lent and in the months ahead.

Administration—Plans are being made for painting the sanctuary. The church clean-up day is scheduled for April 22nd. The Finance report was reviewed. Pastor Heather has completed staff evaluations.

Other—An impromptu brainstorming session was held and many good ideas were shared that might help provide vitality to the church.

The position of Ministry Team Chair was added as a voting position to the Leadership Board.

There are several vacant positions on the Leadership Board that need to be filled.

Pastor Heather, Ellen Haynes and Carol Oliver will find a time to view the video, "Simplified Structure," made by Bishop Bob Farr last year about leadership board structure.

Pastor Heather commented on the energy and enthusiasm she observed during our conversation, and then closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5th instead of the usual second-Thursday meeting date.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

The annual Spring Clean-up at New Horizons will be on April 22 starting around 8 AM. Please bring rakes, trimmers, or yard tools. Lets make our Church look Great ! (Thanks in advance to our Scouts and their family members who work with them and do a tremendous amount of the outside work!)

Please contact Lyndell Gallatin at lyndellgallatin@yahoo.com for questions about outdoor projects and Connie Morgan at 819-8272 about indoor cleaning projects.

In keeping with the "clean-up" theme, Trustee Chair, Lyndell Gallatin has scheduled the sanctuary to be painted during the week of April 3rd!

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

CHURCH-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Each year New Horizons has only one fundraising activity that supports the church budget...the Church-Wide Garage Sale. This year it will be on Saturday, April 29th from 7:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You can help by:

- ◇ Bringing items to sell—"treasures" of all kinds, small furniture pieces, small appliances in good working condition, jeans, gently used clothes on hangers, books, children's items, etc.
- ◇ Not bringing TV's, monitors or heavy appliances or furniture pieces,
- ◇ Notifying us by Monday, April 17th if you have an item that is particularly marketable. We will list those items in our newspaper ads.
- ◇ Bringing items that can be easily stored in the middle classroom off the Fellowship Hall on or after April 10th and all other items on April 27th or 28th between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. (Please call Joyce Ollendike at 443-7325 or Carol Oliver at 446-6833 to schedule a different time delivery time).
- ◇ Signing up to help set up! We are so blessed to have various Scout groups using our building. But that also means there are only **2 days** when the Fellowship Hall will be available to set up for this event!
- ◇ Signing up to work at the sale,
- ◇ Shopping! We always have some really great stuff!
- ◇ Signing up to help clean-up,
- ◇ Plan on having a good time! This really is a fun event!

Again, this is the only church fundraiser we hold all year so we hope you'll do what you can to help.

MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

On-going During Lent—Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture—As announced in the previous newsletter, New Horizons has designated the Birthdays and Blessings Box offering during Lent for the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA) programs. CCUA has gardens at several sites in Columbia where fresh, healthy food is raised and then given to local food pantries. CCUA also supports low income individuals by providing training and resources so they can care for their own garden. Our contributions will be used to sponsor a portion of a row at one of the community garden locations.

In twelve months, one full row can provide 758 servings of tomatoes, 338 servings of kale, 638 servings of collards, 177 servings of carrots and 625 servings of green onions/scallions! So far, we are half-way to our goal of 1/4 row, (\$300), but maybe we can raise enough for 1/2 row, (\$600) by Easter!

In addition to cash contributions, we are invited to donate vegetable seeds. Please look for the basket in the church foyer and place the seed packets there.

Adam Saunders, Coordinator for CCUA spoke during worship on March 26th, explaining what their program has accomplished, and how it is growing in Columbia.

April 1st—Loaves & Fishes—It's New Horizons' night to serve dinner at Loaves & Fishes at Wilkes Boulevard UMC. Instead of carrying in mostly prepared foods, the Serve Team is gathering with volunteers at New Horizons to make Cowboy Soup and sandwiches and then transporting the food to Loaves & Fishes. Donations of milk, desserts, etc. are needed and volunteers are needed too. Tasks include setting up at Wilkes (at 4:00 p.m.), serving and cleaning up. You may sign-up by e-mailing the church, adding you name to the list on the clipboard at church, or by contacting Serve Team member, Gloria Pifer at 881-4646.

April 29th—#FORCOLUMBIA2017DAY—New Horizons UMC is joining 47 congregations throughout Columbia for a community-wide day of serving. The Serve Ministry Team will select one or two sites where our group will work in the afternoon. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex. Over 2,000 volunteers are expected to work side-by-side at dozens of sites. "This year, we excitedly await what God will do in Columbia as He continues to bring believers together to live out His call to love and serve our neighbors." Check out the event on FACEBOOK: FORCOLUMBIA2017, or the website at www.forcolumbia.com/.

April 30th—Native American Ministries Sunday—On this date, the Birthdays and Blessings Box offering will support one of the United Methodist Church's "Special Sunday," projects which provides assistance to Native American ministries. When you support Native American Ministries, you equip seminary students who will both honor and celebrate Native American culture, and live and lead as authentic Jesus' followers as only they can.

Save the Date...May 7th—Mozambique May—The Serve Team is kicking off "Mozambique May!" on Sunday, May 7th with a special luncheon when we will enjoy food and music found in Mozambique! "Ministry Moments," will be offered during worship to help us learn more about our covenant partnership with the churches in this country. The Birthdays and Blessings offerings during this month will be used to support the United Methodist ministries in Mozambique.

VISIT WITH THE PRICES

Thanks so much to our coach from Church of the Resurrection, Mike Price and his wife, Donna, for coming to visit us in mid-March! The Prices made good use of their time, attending Sunday School, participating in the worship service, visiting with the congregation during fellowship time and then meeting over lunch with the Leadership Board. We've greatly appreciated Mike's willingness to listen, to offer advice when asked, and to share his perspective about our relationship with Church of the Resurrection. Mike and Donna are also quickly becoming our great friends!

COMMUNICATION IS VITAL, BUT....

We wonder if this newsletter is helpful. What would you like to see more, or less of? Should we discontinue it? We need to hear your thoughts. Please contact Carol Oliver at 446-6833 or at carololiver1970@gmail.com.

THE OBITUARY OF JESUS CHRIST

*Jesus Christ, 33 of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary,
also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull.
Betrayed by the apostle, Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans
by order of the Ruler, Pontius Pilate.
The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion,
severe torture and loss of blood.*

*Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David.
He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, his devoted Mother.
Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea.
He is survived by His mother, Mary, His faithful Apostles,
numerous disciples and many other followers.*

*Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher.
Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor
and it is reported that he healed many patients.
Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News,
healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry and helping the poor.*

*Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom
and performing miracles such as
feeding over 5,000 people with only 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish,
and healing a man who was born blind.*

*On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper,
celebrating the Passion Feast at which He foretold His death.
The body was quickly buried in a stone cave which was donated by
Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family.
By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb,
and Roman soldiers were put on guard.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did.
Donations may be sent to anyone in need.*

Many thanks to Elma Certain for sharing this resource.

The author is unknown.

NEW APPOINTMENT AT MISSOURI CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OFFICE

Bishop Bob Farr has announced that Jeff Baker has been named as the new Director of Next Generation Ministries effective July 1. The position relates to all Conference ministries for people from birth to about age 25, taking in camping ministries, youth mission ministries and college-age ministries.

Baker grew up in Hallsville. He became active in the church through mission work, like Habitat for Humanity, at Fairview UMC, and found a real connection to his faith through hands-on ministry. He has a degree in business administration from Columbia College with an emphasis in finance. He worked at a bank through college, and following college he attended a police academy and was employed as a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy from 1997—2004. Following his time as a deputy, he was self-employed as a home security alarm contractor and as a carpenter.

Baker started on staff with the Missouri Conference in 2008 as the Volunteers in Mission coordinator for mission work within the state of Missouri. He first became involved in international mission following the earthquake in Haiti in 2010. "That experience really brought me out of the bubble I was living in, and caused me to develop much deeper spiritual maturity."

[Baker] plans to focus on growth of all of the Conference's Next Generation ministries. "I really want to hear what our local churches need and want from the Conference relating to children, you and college-age ministries."

Baker has three children, ages 13, 16 and 18. He has been encouraged by positive experiences he has seen in his own family that came from Conference-level ministries relating to youth. In January one of his daughters invited two unchurched friends to WOW that year, and they loved it.

At WOW this year, 40 youth directors came together to talk to each other about their ministries. "We need to use our connectionalism to provide ways for people who are working with children and youth to be able to come together and share success, ask questions and access resources," Baker said.

Baker's wife, Laura, teaches a dozen children at children's church at Hallsville UMC. "I'd like to see more training and sharing of resources for people in that role at small churches across the Conference," Baker said.

Baker also hopes to see an improvement in college-age ministry and believes the United Methodist Church should be able to develop just as strong a presence in that demographic as the non-denominational campus ministries that do so well.

"We've got to do better [at sharing the love of Christ]. Providing kids with some playtime on Sunday morning isn't enough. We need to do a better job of growing our future leadership."

The above excerpts were taken from the March, 2017 issue of *The Missouri Methodists* magazine. Copies of this publication may be found in the church foyer, or go to: <http://www.moumethodist.org/magazine>.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

New Horizons United Methodist Women met on Tuesday, March 21st.

The program was given by Pat Fleischer, Program Resources Director. Pat presented four reading program plans to the group for 2017. She reviewed several new publications in the reading program which are available.

Luella Adams requested volunteers to help at the Wardrobe on March 31st.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16th. The program about ongoing mission work in a hospital in India will be presented by Julia Goodell.

All women are encouraged to attend, bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship and program.

Submitted by Frances Deuel

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will hold their monthly breakfast meeting at 8:00 on Saturday, April 8th at Bob Evans, at 3004 Clark Lane. All men are invited to attend! Questions? Please contact Ron Miller at 825-1200.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 1 4:00 p.m.	Loaves & Fishes	Friday, April 14	Good Friday
Sunday, April 2 9:30 a.m.	5th Sunday of Lent Kids Club/Christian Ed Classes	Saturday, April 15 11:30 a.m.	Fun City Youth Academy
10:45 a.m.	Worship	Sunday, April 16 9:30 a.m.	Easter Day Easter Breakfast
11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time	10:45 a.m.	Worship
6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 7 Committee Meeting	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Monday, April 3 5:30 p.m.	Webelos 2, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting	Monday, April 17 5:30 p.m.	Webelos 2, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting
Tuesday, April 4 6:30 p.m.	El Chaparral Neighborhood Meeting	Wednesday, April 19 9:30 a.m.	Prayer/Bible Study Group
Wednesday, April 5 9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Thursday, April 20 6:00 p.m.	Wolf Den 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Cub Pack 7 Committee Meeting	Saturday, April 22 8:00 a.m.	Spring Clean Up Day
7:00 p.m.	Leadership Board Meeting	Sunday, April 23 9:30 a.m.	Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes
Thursday, April 6 6:00 p.m.	Wolf Den 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting	10:45 a.m.	Worship
Saturday, April 8 8:00 a.m.	United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting	11:45 a.m.	Fellowship Time
11:30 a.m.	Fun City Youth Academy	Monday, April 24 7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting
Sunday, April 9 9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Kids Club/Christian Ed Classes	Tuesday, April 25 6:00 p.m.	Wolf 2 Den, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting
10:45 a.m.	Worship	Wednesday, April 26 9:30 a.m.	Prayer/Bible Study Group
11:45a.m.	Fellowship Time	3:20 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 70324 Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt	6:00 p.m.	Webelos 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting
Monday, April 10 7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.—Set Up For Garage Sale	
Tuesday, April 11 6:00 p.m.	Wolf 2 Den, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting	Saturday, April 29 7:00 a.m.	Church Wide Garage Sale
Wednesday, April 12 9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	12:00 p.m.	#forcolumbia 2017 Serve Day
3:20 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 70324 Meeting	Sunday, April 30 9:30 a.m.	Kids Club/Christian Ed Classes
6:00 p.m.	Webelos 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting	10:45 a.m.	Worship
Thursday, April 13 6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Feasting with Jesus	11:45a.m.	Fellowship Time
		2:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 70324 Parent Meeting



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CHURCH INFORMATION

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Sunday Services

9:30 a.m.—Kids Camp/Christian Education Classes
10:45 a.m.—Worship
11:45 a.m.—Fellowship

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