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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



PASTOR PONDERINGS FOR JULY, 2017

"I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers.' So he got up and started back to his father.

'He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran, threw his arms around his son, and kissed him. 'Father,' the son said, 'I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.' But the father called to his servants. 'Hurry!' he said. 'Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Then go and get the prize calf and kill it, and let us celebrate with a feast! For this son of mine was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.'

And so the feasting began." Luke 15: 19-24

As we write our first pastoral letter to you all... my husband Eugene and I are in a house of chaos! There are boxes stacked high in the garage, living room, basement, and bedrooms. There are also empty boxes waiting to be filled before loading onto the moving van on June 27th. Our lives are also somewhat chaotic as we pack and say final good-byes to the people we have grown to love... while at the same time we look ahead with anxious anticipation in meeting our new church families, (Eugene at California UMC and me here at New Horizons UMC). We are both eager to be home in California, MO.

It may seem strange to you to hear me speak of coming home to a place that I have never lived before. I have come to acknowledge that no matter where I am, if I am worshipping God... then I am at home. Within all the sanctuaries in all the places I have worshipped, I have felt warmly welcomed by God! Over the years I have experienced that comin' home feeling in brand new places as well as places of fond familiarity. The gospel lesson at the beginning of this article is a portion of what has become known as the Prodigal Son story. Jesus shared this story so we might better understand the nature of God. For many people in Jesus' time, (and our time as well), God was known only as a judgmental God. In the telling of this story, Jesus revealed for us the true nature of God. God is the loving father forever on the watch... longing for our repentance and return to God's kingdom. Whether we have strayed away from God for one hour or for many years, God is anxiously awaiting our return! God will always forgive our confessed sins and wholeheartedly welcome us home.

Comin' home to Jesus is a feeling like no other...a feeling of peace, joy, laughter, tears, and exhilaration all rolled up into one. I look forward to our first time of worship together on Sunday, July 2. I know for some it will be an extended July 4 holiday... Either way, I look forward to our new faith journey together! See you soon!

Pastor Marilyn

SERMON TOPICS FOR JULY 2 to 23

What a joy to welcome Rev. Marilyn Moeller as our new pastor! Pastor Marilyn will be preaching on July 2. For the following three Sundays she has chosen to use messages from Church of the Resurrection. Here is what you can expect:

- July 2 Rev. Moeller—"Comin' Home" - The scripture for July 2nd testifies that even before we speak, God, as loving parent, waits for the wandering child; God as provider, gives manna even while we wander. God waits on us, listens for us, plans for us and reaches out to us most compellingly through Jesus Christ.
- July 9 Rev. Adam Hamilton—"Christianity and Suicide"
- July 16 Rev. Hamilton—"Gospel in Film" - *Star Wars: Rogue One*
- July 23 Rev. Hamilton—"Gospel in Film" - *Beauty and The Beast*

Please plan on joining us on July 2nd to welcome Rev. Moeller and on each Sunday to hear what God has to say to us!

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR REV. MOELLER

A special reception will be held after worship on Rev. Moeller's first Sunday, July 2nd. But in addition, we are planning to have a potluck meal sometime during the month when her husband, Rev. Eugene Moeller can attend with her. Please watch the electronic newsletter, *On the Horizon* for further information.

LICENSED TO WORD, SACREMENT, AND SERVICE

As Pastor Marilyn arrives at New Horizons, and as her husband, Pastor Eugene, begins his service at California, MO UMC, you may hear that they are "local pastors," and not "ordained elders." For those us who may be confused by the terms, here are some excerpts from the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry that might help to explain the difference:

"A local pastor answers God's call to serve the mission of Jesus Christ through serving a local congregation in The United Methodist Church. When appointed, the local pastor performs the usual duties of a pastor, including preaching and teaching; leading in worship and liturgy; receiving new members; performing the sacraments of baptism and The Lord's Supper; and performing the services of marriage (where state laws allow), burial, and confirmation. The local pastor's authority is only within the appointed setting and does not extend beyond it..."

Instead of attending seminary to become ordained elders, local pastors pursue "The Course of Study" (COS) which includes License School and the Basic Five-Year Course of Study.

According to an excellent article, "Licensed to Pastor," found in the August, 2015 issue of *The Missouri Methodists*, local pastors serve about 40 percent of the churches in our conference. In the same article, Bishop Robert Schnase stated, "People become full-time local pastors mostly because their family or work situation does not allow them to relocate for three years or more of on-site seminary education."

In regards to appointments, Bishop Schnase noted, "As for full-time licensed local pastors, we assign them and appoint them according to how their gifts for ministry match the mission field and the congregation. We do not presume that every elder is somehow more gifted than every local pastor." He went on to say many large churches have an ordained elder as the senior pastor and local pastors as the associate pastor(s). In other situations, the local pastor may move from the larger church where he/she has been assigned to start a new satellite campus.

Bishop Schnase added that, "...part-time local pastors fill a critical missional role, especially in our small churches. We have hundred of churches with fewer than 40 people in attendance and many with fewer than 20."

Bishop Schnase cited the only downside of having more local pastors is administrative. They have

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supervisory and mentoring requirements and they must have a review and be reaffirmed annually.

We are so glad Pastor Marilyn's response to "answer God's call," includes serving New Horizons!

To read the complete article from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, go to:

<http://www.gbhem.org/clergy/local-pastors>.

To read more from the article, "Licensed to Pastor," go to:

<http://www.moumethodist.org/missouri-methodists-issue/4675207>. That is the pdf for the issue. Then go to page 20 of that publication.

WORD OF THE MONTH

As we continue with our Breakthrough Prayer, we will be praying and learning about the word, "**Justice.**"

Please think about what this word means to you. How do you practice **justice**?

John Wesley believed that we must all take responsibility for exercising **justice** in the secular world as well as in our church. We must not only speak words of peace, but demonstrate true **justice** by speaking out against evil, and feed and clothe the poor without regard to personal gain or loss.

Are we aware of how charities use the money that we contribute? Does someone other than those in need profit from our gifts? Please check out the United Methodist Committee on Relief, (UMCOR) at umcor.org. It is a wonderful way to give.

Please read Exodus 23:1-9 and Psalm 101.

Submitted by Joyce Ollendike

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 8TH LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Ten Board members and three church members were in attendance. Pastor Heather opened the meeting with a reading from Psalms and in joyous reflections of her time with us.

Minutes from the May 11th meeting were corrected and approved.

There are no lay members scheduled to attend Annual Conference. Pastor Heather invited anyone who is available to go with her.

Extensive discussion was held about transitioning Pastor Heather out of the church office and preparations for transitioning Pastor Marilyn into the church office and introducing her to the community.

Ministry Team—Fairview UMC has contracted for VBS with the same group we hosted last year. They have invited us to send children from our community. The fee is \$35 for each child.

Revised goals were presented to the Leadership Board. Diana presented a draft brochure of church activities.

Administration—Several volunteered to review, "Simplified Structure" resources to see how we can use this leadership structure to our greatest advantage.

Charge conference to approve Pastor Marilyn's Pastoral Support Package is scheduled for June 14th.

Finance—All expenses are being paid in a timely manner.

PPR—A closed session was held to discuss personnel matters.

Trustees—A safety fence has been installed on the top of the retaining wall. Handrails are being replaced at the outside entrance to the church and the parking lot is being re-stripped.

Pastor Heather closed the meeting with expressions of gratitude for her time with us, followed by a prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

AWESOME SUMMER DAY CAMP AT FAIRVIEW UMC!

New Horizons is offering children an opportunity to go to Day Camp at Fairview UMC. Heartland Ministries in Parkville, MO, (the same group who ran the camp at New Horizons last year) is providing this camping experience. New Horizons is providing sponsorships (\$35/child) and assisting with transportation.

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Registration is still open. To sponsor a child, or for further information, watch the electronic newsletter, *On the Horizon* or contact Diana Baldwin.

SERVE TEAM MINISTRY

Hey! We've Bought Two Goats for Heifer International, and a Third? - It has been fun reading the "Fill the Ark Giving Calendar" each day and putting in loose change in the Ark bank; 10 cents for every vegetable; a nickel for each egg in your refrigerator, and for every tree you can see, etc. Hopefully, when everyone turns in their banks, we will have enough money to buy that third goat! We have enjoyed the life-size milking goat and learned through Heifer videos and bulletin inserts that those scrappy, survivor goats provide milk, meat, money, material and motivation for struggling families around the world.

Please return your bank to the church in the next couple of weeks so that our contributions can be sent to Heifer and put to work right away. (There are extra calendars and banks left in the church foyer. Please help yourself if you would like to help engage your grandchildren, or perhaps neighborhood children, in mission!)

INTERVIEW WITH A CHURCH MEMBER

Joyce Ollendike, was born in Elkton, Maryland. Her parents were dairy farmers and they also had a big truck garden. Joyce loved it there and was happy to help with farm chores like bringing in the cows, and raking and baling hay. Occasionally she got to help with milking. They ate pork and beef every day but Sundays were special because they got to have chicken! They lived near her grandparents where Joyce spent a lot of time in their big rock garden. That was where Joyce 's love for plants first began.

After graduating from Elkton High School, Joyce began working. During those early years, she was employed as a waitress, at a pharmacy and a factory. Then she married and had three sons. She was very involved with her children's activities including scouts and the local PTA. When her marriage ended, Joyce began working as a teacher's aide at the elementary school her sons attended.

One day in 1975, Joyce went to the beach with her best friend who introduced her to a visiting cousin. Byron Ollendike was working in Missouri. but was back home in Maryland for vacation. The following year, Byron came home again for vacation, and inquired about Joyce. They were married later that year and moved to Missouri in the following spring.

Once in Missouri, Joyce began working again, first as a babysitter and later as a Title 1 aide. She again became involved in her children's activities at their school and at 4-H. When the boys were almost all out of the house, she began working at Wilson's Garden and Gift Shop, a job she loved. Going on buying trips to purchase items the store would sell was especially fun. She worked for Wilson's for 20 years and then part-time at Superior Garden Center before retiring.

When asked if there was anything about her that we would be surprised to know, Joyce responded with the following:

- She once had a pony,
- She won the Betty Crocker Home Economics Award when she was a senior in high school,
- Though not a good swimmer, she loves being on the water and at the beach. She could spend hours listening to the waves and picking up shells. She has been known to do this in the winter,
- She used to paint with oils and wants to get back to it.

Joyce has been a member of New Horizons, "almost from its beginning." She has served on numerous committees, is almost always responsible for all things beautiful in the sanctuary, is involved in almost all of the activities that include children, provides advice, supervision and woman-power for landscaping the church property, and works with others to provide an active prayer ministry. She can also be counted on to provide a listening ear, sound advice and supportive prayer.

We are so very blessed to have Joyce as a part of the New Horizons church family!

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Julia Goodell, a member of Missouri United Methodist Church, is going to be the speaker for our next meeting. Julia serves as a missionary at a hospital in India.

The meeting will be on July 18th. All women are welcome to join us for refreshments at 6:15 and with the program to follow at 6:30.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

All men are invited to the United Methodist Men's breakfast meeting at 8:00 on July 8th at Bob Evans Restaurant, 3004 Clark Lane. Please remember to bring your New Horizons' coffee mug and see if you get any curious stares as you drink from mugs that are different from that of everyone else in the establishment! Maybe they will be curious enough to come and ask about it and you will get to tell them about New Horizons!

SAVE THE DATE

In December , 2019, Bishop Bob and Susan Farr will be visiting the Holy Land .They have invited us to join them to, "the land where Jesus walked, healed and preached. Experience the scriptures in a way only possible when you place yourself in the land of the Bible."

There will be an optional extension to travel to Jordan, Petra and Eilat on December 11-14, 2019.

A brochure with detailed itinerary, pricing and registration information will be available soon.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 2	9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes	Tuesday, July 18	6:15 p.m. United Methodist Women Meeting
	10:45 a.m. Worship	Wednesday, July 19	9:30 a.m. Prayer/Bible Study Group
	11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time with Welcome Reception for Rev. Moeller	Sunday, July 23	9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes
Wednesday, July 5	9:30 a.m. Prayer/Bible Study Group		10:45 a.m. Worship
Saturday, July 8	8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting		11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
Sunday, July 9	9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes	Wednesday, July 26	9:30 a.m. Prayer/Bible Study Group
	10:45 a.m. Worship	Sunday, July 30	9:30 a.m. Kids Club/Christian Ed Classes
	11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time		10:45 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, July 12	9:30 a.m. Prayer/Bible Study Group		11:45a.m. Fellowship Time
Thursday, July 13	Leadership Board Meeting		
Sunday, July 16	9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes		
	10:45 a.m. Worship		
	11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time		



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CHURCH INFORMATION

Our Staff

Pastor—Rev. Marilyn Moeller
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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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