



New Horizons News

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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

WORSHIP DURING MARCH

During March sermons will be offered by Pastor Heather and also by Revs. Adam Hamilton and Scott Chrostek from Church of the Resurrection.

On March 5th and 12th, Pastor Heather will finish up the last two messages from a three-part series begun on February 26th called, “Let Love Break Through.”

On March 19th and 26th, we will resume hearing messages from Adam and Scott with the first two of a five-sermon series called, “In the Garden.”

Throughout the Bible there are stories of events that happened in gardens. Information shared by Church of the Resurrection staff note that, “John tells us he (Christ) was crucified in a garden, buried in a garden, resurrected in a garden and appears as the gardener at his resurrection.” Through these messages, we’ll begin to learn about the theological significance of each of these places. Here are the sermon dates and titles for the remainder of March:

- March 19—The Garden of Eden
- March 26th—The Promised Land

Hope to see you in worship each Sunday!

MORE ABOUT BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

The sermon series Pastor Heather will be finishing in March is based on the concept of, “Breakthrough Prayer,” as described by Sue Nilson Kibbey in her book, *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*.

As we go through our daily routine, our prayers may sometimes become “routine” as well. Perhaps we repeat the same words every day with little thought that we are speaking to the Creator of the universe, or that God is even listening. Breakthrough prayer offers us different ways of praying that may help us connect with God.

Pastor Heather began using one of the tools of breakthrough prayer in January by introducing us to the first, “word of the month,” on which to focus. In January, the word we were encouraged to use in our prayer time was “joy.” In February, the word was “faith.” During March the word on which to focus will be “mercy.”

During the coming weeks please plan on being in worship as we are introduced to other tools to help us in our relationship with our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter.

ASH WEDNESDAY OBSERVANCE

Ash Wednesday is on March 1st this year. However our congregation will observe this solemn occasion during worship on March 5th with communion and the placement of ashes on our foreheads for those who wish to participate.

According to the United Methodist website, “What We Believe,” “The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.”

LENTEN STUDY

If you have not yet signed up to receive a copy of the book for this year's Lenten study, now is the time. In this resource, *He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart*, author, Max Lucado examines each of the physical elements of the crucifixion...the wooden cross, the crown of thorns and more and then shares about the significance of each.

The study group will meet during the Sunday School hour for five Sundays beginning on March 5th.

A donation of \$5 is requested to help cover the expense of the book and video resources.

Please join us in this study as we learn in more detail about Christ's sacrifice so we can truly celebrate his resurrection!

BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER GROUP CHANGES

During the past several months, the Bible Study/Prayer Group has been viewing an excellent, "Great Courses," video on various portions of the New Testament as the Bible study portion of their time together. However during Lent they will use the resources found in *The Upper Room* to focus on prayer. After Lent, they will resume using the "Great Courses" resource, this time focusing on the Old Testament.

Anyone interested in joining the group is most welcome to come for the time of prayer or they study portion or both! Here's what you need to know:

Date & Time—Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Place—Upper Level in the Green Room

Study material—Copies of the March & April edition of *The Upper Room* are located in the church foyer.

For further information: Contact Joyce Ollendike at 443-7325, or at jollendike@gmail.com

INTERVIEW WITH A CHURCH MEMBER

If you have begun attending New Horizons in the past several years, you likely have not met **Billie Clarke**. Billie is one of our most senior members and her health has not allowed her to attend worship services for quite some time.

Born in Claremont, Texas, Billie was the oldest of 5 children. After finishing high school she attended one year at McMurry College in Abilene as her mother insisted that for at least the first year, she needed to attend a Christian college. The following year she joined friends who were attending Sul Ross College.

During one of her summer breaks, Billie worked as a cashier at a restaurant where she met Max Clarke, an electrical superintendent. Billie and Max were married and began an interesting life, moving periodically as Max oversaw the placement of electrical systems at large plants around the country. Together they raised two children. Billie worked at various jobs including at a tax assessor's office in Carlsbad, NM and she was active in the church. But the one thing she did without fail each time they moved was to find the local hospital and begin volunteering there. In Columbia, she volunteered at what was then Columbia Regional Hospital.

Max and Billie had been married nearly 50 years when Max passed away.

After her husband's death, Billie and her mother and two sisters began traveling. One of her brothers had worked previously in Singapore and because he had connections there, the four women toured the country comfortably. Billie's other brother founded an airline which made flying inexpensive so in addition to Singapore, they visited Paris, Amsterdam and cities on both of the Canadian coasts. Billie reports they had a grand time!

Billie moved to Columbia to be near her daughter in 2000 when she began experiencing some health problems. A granddaughter and two great grandchildren live in Columbia as well, providing the opportunity for lots of beautiful family time together.

In the assisted care living facility where Billie is currently a resident, she has found a new ministry. Billie noted

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at meal time, the residents ate their meals in silence and then promptly went back to their rooms. In addition, it seemed many never smiled. Billie began visiting at each of the tables, helping the residents to get to know each other so that now many of them enjoy mealtime conversation. And some of them now smile as they walk down the halls!

At almost 88 years of age, Billie stated she has lived longer than any of her family members in the past 100 years. She noted she is grateful to have lived this long.

When asked if there is anything others would be surprised to know about her, Billie couldn't think of anything initially. But then she pointed to a lovely painting of a rural snow scene hanging on the wall and said, "I painted that." It was beautiful with exquisite shading in the sky! She pointed to a second, equally beautiful scene of a bayou which she said was near where she and Max lived in Monroe, Louisiana. Billie said it was around 1975 when she went to a senior center with her mother and saw someone there who was painting. She went home and purchased art supplies but never did take lessons. When asked about a painting of a lovely mountain scene, Billie stated her mother had painted that one. Clearly, there is an artistic gene that runs in the family! Billie had questions about New Horizons members and reports that she prays for our church every day. And while she may not attend worship with us any longer, there is no doubt she is with us in spirit every single Sunday!

New Horizons has surely been blessed to have shared part of the journey with this beautiful lady!

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone for the generous Christmas gift that you gave me! It continues to be a wonderful experience to attend New Horizons and work for you all as well. I appreciate all of your support and thoughtfulness over these many years! You have additionally demonstrated your love as Heather and I were married. I was also honored to be awarded the Dorothy Kespohl award at our church anniversary dinner!

Love,
Christopher

***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***

CYCLONE HITS MOZAMBIQUE

On Wednesday, February 15th, Cyclone Dineo made landfall with the worst of the storm hitting the historic and heart of strong United Methodist areas in Mozambique. The area sustained winds of 70 MPH, gusts of more than 100 MPH and 36 hour rain totals of more than 10 inches.

Initial reports include 7 deaths from the storm, 4 of them with United Methodist connections. There were 55 people injured, 14 of whom are United Methodist. The Red Cross is estimating 120,000 Mozambicans' homes were destroyed.

The location of the worst damage includes the epicenter of Methodism in Mozambique including the areas of Cambine Mission Station, (orphanage, seminary, agriculture areas, etc), Chicuque Rural Hospital, and Hanhane's Women Shelter. Our presence here dates back to the original missionaries of 1890, and includes some of our largest Methodist presence in Mozambique.

Our congregation was invited to contribute to help our brothers and sisters in Mozambique through the Birthdays and Blessings Box during worship on February 26th. But if you missed this opportunity, you can still help. To learn how, please contact Gloria Pifer at 881-4646.

Please also pray diligently for these families as they struggle with the losses of family and friends, shelter and other property and their churches as well as these invaluable missional sites.

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9th LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Eleven Board members were present. The meeting was opened with scripture reading and prayer by offered by Pastor Heather, and with thoughts about the importance of moving forward based on Philippians 3:12-16 offered by Carol Oliver.

Feedback—Discussion was held about how to best distribute offering attendance pads during worship, and about several who will be joining our congregation. Regrets were shared from Debi Nixon from Church of the Resurrection. Debi needed to cancel the Skype visit that was planned earlier in the month with our Leadership Board due to a family health emergency.

Visioning—Possible dates for rescheduling the Skype visit with Debi were determined. Pastor Heather will be in touch with her to see which will work best.

Goals and strategies established during the December, 2016 Board meeting were reviewed. The church calendar of events prepared by Diana Baldwin and Ministry Team Leaders was reviewed and edited and will be complete once the proposed changes and additions are included. The deadline for meeting other strategies were adjusted. Work needed to accomplish other strategies is on-going.

Mission and Ministry—Discussion was shared about the upcoming sermon series to be offered by Pastor Heather and by clergy from Church of the Resurrection. Lenten Study plans are being finalized.

The Serve Team and Pastor Heather have made special efforts to help support a little girl named Elizabeth who has cancer and who attends the neighboring elementary school. Elizabeth is a friend of one of the children who attends our Sunday School and worships with us. Elizabeth's story came to our attention when the child attending our Sunday School initiated a bake sale to help her friend, (mirroring the story about Jesus helping those in need that was taught in the child's Sunday School class that day!)

Discussion was held about the possibility of partnering with St. Luke UMC in a study called, "Holding Up Your Corner" by F. Willis Johnson. It was agreed that Pastor Heather will explore this possibility with the pastor at St. Luke.

Administration—A small error, (expenses greater than projected income), was found in the 2017 budget that was approved last month. The decision to adjust the budget by increasing projected income was approved.

Discussion was held about filling vacant positions on the Leadership Board.

Communication—Pastor Heather asked that we continue our focus on Breakthrough Prayer, remembering to use "faith" as the "word of the month," and especially that we use it to help us "be the church" as we proceed with the discernment process. She also asked that we continue to hold Debi Nixon and her family in our prayers.

Prayer and Adjournment—Pastor Heather led the Board in a benediction.

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY DURING LENT

During Lent, New Horizons will raise funds for two Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA) programs. One is "Opportunities Gardens" which empowers low income people to grow nutritious food for themselves. The Serve Team will be collecting funds to purchase seeds, (and also collecting packets of vegetable seeds), to support this project.

The second program called, "Planting for the Pantry," invites donors to sponsor all or portions of rows of food grown at the Urban Farm. The food harvested from those rows will be donated to our local Food Pantry. Our goal is to sponsor 1/4 of a row, (60 square feet), for \$300 or even more!

According to their website, "CCUA envisions a community transformed by good food for all and the skills to grow it." Their mission statement reads, "CCUA works to enhance our community's health by connecting people to agriculture and the land through hands-on learning opportunities from seed to plate."

If you are interested in learning about composting, chickens and worms, classes are available!

To learn more about CCUA, go to: <http://columbiaurbanag.org/>. Tours are also available.

UMCOR SUNDAY (FORMERLY “ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING”) - MARCH 26th

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti’s 2010 earthquake, Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in 2013, or flooding in Louisiana in 2016—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

But don’t be fooled by the word, “committee.” The response of UMCOR isn’t something “they” do. It’s something “we” do.

Since 1940, when UMCOR’s forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we’ve continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

When You Give You Equip Christ’s Body to Serve in His Name

That’s because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ’s church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church’s compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus’ name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday, (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing). In fact, it’s your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not “they.”

We.

The above information was taken from the UMCOR website. To learn more, go to:
<http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing>).

STONE SOUP—A POTLUCK LUNCH—SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

Lent is a time to reflect and to pray, but it is also important to come together to talk, to share a meal and to worship. On Sunday, March 12th, we will join in a meal after the worship service, gathering around the table in the tradition of the folk story, “Stone Soup.”

In this story, hungry strangers enter a village and convince the local residents that if each of them contributes something to the stones with which they plan to make a pot of soup, they will have a delicious meal for everyone to share. Though stones are the only thing the hungry strangers have to share, they are able to convince others of this plan. The villagers contribute the pot, water, onions, carrots and more and eventually they do have a tasty pot of soup which everyone shares.

Through this folk tale we learn about the blessings of welcoming strangers, building community and sharing our food.

The Invite Team invites you to contact Connie Morgan at 819-8272 if you are willing to share soup or side dishes!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Friday, March 31st—Luella Adams wrote in an e-mail , “**THE WARDROBE** NEEDS HELP! IT’S A GREAT PLACE TO VOLUNTEER! “ New Horizons is largely responsible for operating this volunteer-run, not-for-profit thrift store on March 31st. Responsibilities are to assist the customers, cashier and sort through and hang items that have been donated. The Wardrobe is open 11 a.m.—4 p.m. If you can help all day or any part of the day, please contact Luella soon so she can put together the schedule to ensure the shop is adequately staffed throughout business hours.

Saturday, April 22nd—Church Clean-up Day—Please put this date on your calendar and join us as we do a church-yard, “make-over!” There is lots of work to be done outdoors but there will also be a list of tasks to do indoors if you prefer. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

Saturday, April 29th—Church-wide Garage Sale—If you haven’t yet started that spring cleaning, not to worry! There is still plenty of time. As you sort through closets, cabinets and drawers, please consider donating items you no longer use to the church garage sale. In addition, help will be needed to set up the sale, work on the day of the sale and then take it down. Please put this date on your calendar and then watch for more information in the electronic and hard copy newsletters.

Gardening Season—We have a large church lot with abundant landscaping. While we do have a mowing service, no one is hired to maintain the beds of shrubs and flowers. Would you please help? Responsibilities include everything from maintaining a pot of flowers to caring for a particular landscaping area. If you can serve in this garden ministry, please contact Joyce Ollendike at 443-7325.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

UMW officers who were installed earlier this year are:

Cindy Harper, President

Frances Deuel, Vice President

Lenora Miller, Treasurer

Cindy Harper, Secretary

Pat Fleischer, Reading Program Chair

Marilyn Bell, Elections

Future Meeting Dates:

March 21, 2017

May 16, 2017 (Julia Goodell will give a presentation about mission work in a hospital in India)

July 18, 2017

September 18, 2017

November 21, 2017

All meetings are held at New Horizons at 6:30 with refreshments at 6:15. In the event a meeting date, time or location is changed you will be notified.

Come join us and enjoy fellowship as well as exceptional programs. All United Methodist Women are invited to attend.

Submitted by Frances Deuel

CONVERSATION WITH OUR COACH

One of the benefits churches enjoy when they participate in the Partner Church Ministry offered by the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection (COR) is they are offered a coach. Coaches are lay members of the COR congregation who make themselves available to offer help and encourage the participating congregations. Our coach is Mike Price. Mike and his wife, Donna visited our church last year.

Pastor Heather and several members of the congregation visited by conference call with Mike on February 15th. We could tell Mike had been diligently reading our church newsletters by the questions, compliments and comments he shared! Good news: Mike and Donna will be joining us in worship on March 19th!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

All men interested in sharing a devotion, food and great fellowship are invited to join the United Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting at 8:00 on March 11th at the HyVee on Conley Road.

Questions? Please contact Ron Miller at 825-1200.

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Wednesday, March 1</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>3:20 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 70324 Meeting</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 7 Committee Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, March 2</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Wolf Den 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting</p> <p>Friday, March 3</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Big Brothers Big Sisters Meeting</p> <p>Saturday, March 4</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Fun City Youth Academy</p> <p>Sunday, March 5</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Kids Club/Christian Ed Classes</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Committee Meeting</p> <p>Monday, March 6</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Webelos 2, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, March 8</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Webelos 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, March 9</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting</p> <p>Saturday, March 11</p> <p>8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Fun City Youth Academy</p> <p>Sunday, March 12</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Kids Club/Christian Ed Classes</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time</p> <p>Monday, March 13</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, March 14</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Wolf 2 Den, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 15</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>3:20 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 70324 Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, March 16</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Wolf Den 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting</p> <p>Friday, March 17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>Saturday, March 18</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Fun City Youth Academy</p> <p>Sunday, March 19</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time</p> <p>Monday, March 20</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Webelos 2, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, March 21</p> <p>6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women</p> <p>Wednesday, March 22</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Webelos 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting</p> <p>Friday, March 24</p> <p>All day Rehearsal Dinner</p> <p>Saturday, March 25</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Fun City Youth Academy</p> <p>Sunday, March 26</p> <p>4th Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Spring Break Begins</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 70324 Parents Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, March 29</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Prayer Group</p> <p>Friday, March 31</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Wardrobe Work Day</p>
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No Scout meetings are scheduled during the week of Spring Break, March 26—April 1.



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CHURCH INFORMATION

Our Staff

Pastor—Rev. Heather McCain
Music Director—Bernice Dyhouse
Custodian—Christopher Morgan
Ministers—The Whole Congregation

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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