



# 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

## MAY SERMON SERIES

In April, worshippers began viewing a sermon series by Rev. Adam Hamilton called, "The Birds & The Bees—Biblical Perspectives on Love, Intimacy and Modern Families." This series will continue through the end of May. Sermon dates and titles are as follows:

- May 7 Loving Yourself: Single, Widowed or Divorced
- May 14 Modern Family: Developing Healthy Families
- May 21 Intimate Love: The Bible, Sexuality and Gender
- May 28 Committed Love: Making Marriage Work

Please join us each Sunday as we explore how we can love and respect one another and ourselves using the principles of our faith!

## CELEBRATING MOZAMBIQUE MAY!

New Horizons is a covenant partner with Alfatiilio Sevenhane Batela Huo(Alfa), the District Superintendent of the Cabo Delgado district in Mozambique. NH has been in a covenant partnership since before 2003. But what do we know about our partner and our covenant responsibilities, about Mozambique, and about the work of the Methodist church in Mozambique and the Missouri Methodist Conference's Mozambique Initiative? In the month of May we will celebrate our partnership through sharing the foods of Mozambique, by hearing the experiences of those who have been there, learning of the culture, and with (hopefully) a conversation with Alfa. Donations for the Birthday and Blessings Box will fund a project identified by the DS. When Cyclone Dineo devastated Mozambique in February, New Horizons raised \$227 for the relief efforts.

The mission statement of the Mozambique Initiative is, "Partnering to transform people and their communities toward the image of Christ." Through this program, individuals, groups and churches in Missouri and Mozambique are partnered for mutual ministry. "Partners on both sides are simultaneously transformed toward the image of Christ because we are learning more about who God is through each other."

The Mozambique Initiative focuses on three main areas:

- Community—with emphasis on microfinancing
- The Body—through health and wellness with emphasis on safe water
- The Heart and Mind—with emphasis on education and leadership.

Associate Director for this project in Missouri is Craig Stevenson. Mozambique Conference Representative is Ezequiel Marcos Nhantumbo.

For more information about the Mozambique Initiative, go to: <http://www.mzinitiative.com/>.

### INTERVIEW WITH A CHURCH MEMBER

Connie Morgan grew up on her parents farm near Cameron, Missouri. Though both of her maternal grandparents were deceased, she was blessed to have paternal grandparents on a farm just a mile or two away.

During her school years, she played piano and clarinet. Her mom insisted that she use her skills so she played clarinet in the City Band! She declined involvement with livestock but learned cooking and sewing skills in 4-H.

As a teenager, Connie and her sister, Linda, ran the “Snack Shack” at the Cameron Pool. She also became better acquainted with the life guard, future husband, Greg Morgan! Interestingly, their mom’s had grown up on the same street so there was some family history even before Connie and Greg started dating in 1977. They were married in 1979.

Connie came to Columbia to attend Mizzou where she earned a degree in elementary and special education. Though they lived in Columbia, Connie commuted to Mexico and from 1980—1995, she taught special education students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. She notes that one of the highlights of working there was serving as the coordinator and chaperoning students who were participating in the Special Olympics.

Health issues forced Connie’s decision to retire from teaching but she remained busy with her own children, Christopher who was born in 1984 and Chelsey in 1988.

When asked what she likes to do, Connie stated, “Cleaning and organizing.” (What a blessing for the New Horizons!) She and Greg also enjoy spending time with their families and watching TV from the 1970’s.

Things you may not know about Connie are:

- The Jaycees named her as one of the top ten in Missouri in the area of education,
- She first came to New Horizons when the pastor at her home church in Cameron, Larry Linville contacted her mom to tell her about the new UMC Rev. Ray Province was starting in Columbia. (Connie and Greg are one of the families that attended the very first meetings when the church was beginning to organize).

Connie also tells the very sweet story of her grandmother who graduated from Stephens in 1920 but gave up a potentially luxurious life she might have had to marry the man she loved, a farmer from Cameron.

Those of us who have been at New Horizons for awhile know the church would not function nearly as well without Connie. She is the quiet presence who serves, organizes, and serves as a wealth of information.

### SUMMARY OF APRIL LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

The Leadership Board met on Wednesday, April 5th at Community United Methodist Church. A Scout group was using the Fellowship Hall and paint fumes from the newly painted sanctuary prohibited use of the upper level foyer requiring we find a different location for this meeting. Pastor Heather, nine board members and three church members were in attendance.

Pastor Heather opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer. Minutes from the March meeting were amended and approved.

Feedback—Discussion was held about Breakthrough Prayer. The word of the month to focus on during prayer in April is the word, “Awe.”

Visioning—Board members were invited to share what they believe God’s vision is for New Horizons.

Goals were reviewed and updated. (Please see the official Leadership Board meeting minutes found in the Church Office to view this information).

Mission and Ministry—Learning opportunities offered through the Conference Office were announced. Information was shared about upcoming Holy Week events.

Administration

Finance Committee— Finance reports were reviewed.

Trustees—The sanctuary ceiling and walls are being painted.

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SPPR—Staff evaluations are in progress.

Additional Information—The Nominations Committee has a meeting scheduled for Sunday to continue to address vacant positions on the Board.

Pastor Heather, Ellen and Carol plan to review the video by Bishop Farr on the Simplified Structure (for leadership) and will meet on April 20th to discuss it.

Communication—In her report, Pastor Heather spoke about the progress we have made and offered encouragement.

After a prayer offered by Pastor Heather, the meeting was adjourned.

### WORD OF THE MONTH

Part of the Breakthrough Prayer program is to invite the congregation to unite around a common word during their prayer time, using a different word each month. During April, the word for us to be intentional in using our prayers was the word, “awe.” In May, the word to focus on is “majesty.” As we begin our prayer time and consider God’s creation, splendor and power, it is easy to use this word!

For more information on Breakthrough Prayer, please contact Joyce Ollendike at 443-7325.

***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***

### MANY THANKS TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 7

Due to the threat of stormy weather, Spring Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd was cancelled. However on the following Monday evening, Boy Scout Troop 7 members, Scout leaders and parents swarmed in with rakes, shovels, power tools and a generator. In about one and one-half hours everything was totally pruned, trimmed, weeded and mulched.

Heart-felt thanks to our Scout Troop, their leaders and family members! We couldn’t do it without you! Thanks to Joyce and Byron Ollendike, Lyndell Gallatin and Rich Oliver for the help they provided too!

### GARDENERS NEEDED!

While the Scouts, their leaders and parents did the yeoman’s work of cleaning up the church yard, it still needs some color and it will require some effort to keep it tidy during the summer! Please contact, “Garden-meister,” Joyce Ollendike at 443-7325 if you:

- Are willing to care for an area of the flower beds (or even just a flower pot) during the summer, (“Adopt-A-Spot”),
- Are willing to plant an area and want to know what would work best,
- Are willing to purchase seeds or plants,
- Have plants you have thinned out from your garden and are willing to give them to the church.

Many thanks!

### CHURCH-WIDE GARAGE SALE

By the time you read this, the church-wide garage sale will be history. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who worked setting up, taking down, cashiering and working the day of the sale!

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Cindy Harper at [harperc@missouri.edu](mailto:harperc@missouri.edu), or at 657-0293.

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The name of the group, "Church Women United," may be a familiar one to you, or perhaps you know very little about them. Nationally, the group is 76 years old and it has existed in Columbia for 72 years.

The information below is taken from a booklet provided by the Church Women United unit in Columbia:

"Mission: Church Women United is a racially, culturally and theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. Founded in 1941, Church Women United is:

- A movement representing Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women;
- Biblically based, shared Christian faith;
- Organized into more than 1,200 local and state units working for peace and justice in the United States and Puerto Rico;
- Supported by constituents in state and local units and denominational women's organizations;
- Impassioned by the Holy Spirit to act on behalf of women and children throughout the world; and
- Recognized as a non-governmental organization by the United Nations."

The unit in Columbia meets monthly from September through May. Their next meeting is a special celebration meeting, "May Friendship Day" which provides an opportunity to worship together and acknowledge outstanding women in the community. Members will gather for dinner on Friday, May 5th at 5:15 at St. Luke UMC.

New Horizons member, Rosa England currently serves on the Communication and Publicity Committee for the local unit. For more information about this meeting or about Church Women United, please contact Rosa at [rengland022@msn.com](mailto:rengland022@msn.com).

### "PLANTING FOR THE PANTRY" LENTEN DONATIONS—WE REACHED OUR GOAL—\$300!

Prior to the beginning of Lent, the Serve Team set a goal of raising \$300, enough to cover expenses for 1/4 of a row in one of the gardens at the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA)...and we did it! We also collected 51 packets of vegetable seeds.

The CCUA provides produce for the local food pantry; the "community gardens" and support for lower income individuals to care for their own gardens as well as educational activities.

By supporting this cause, we will help to feed the hungry; today, tomorrow and into the future.

### SPECIAL SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE CALLED

Bishop Bruce R. Ough, President of the United Methodist Council of Bishops has recently announced there will be a special session of the General Conference to be held February 23—26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The General Conference usually meets every four years with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be in 2020.

According to the letter received at the Missouri Conference Office, this special session, "...shall be limited to receiving and acting upon a report from the Council of Bishops based on the recommendations of the Commission on a Way Forward." The "Commission on a Way Forward" was named at the 2016 General Conference. Their mission statement reads, in part, "the matters of human sexuality and unity are the presenting issues for a deeper conversation that surfaces different ways of interpreting Scripture and theological tradition. The work is meant to inform deliberation across the whole church and to help the Council of Bishops in their service to the next General Conference in finding a way forward."

The Commission held their first meeting in January of this year. Six clergy and six lay person represent the Missouri Conference at General Conference sessions. Reverends Lynn Dyke and Karen Hayden who have preached at New Horizons in the past are included in that group as well as Rev. Andy Bryan, son of Rev. Jim Bryan who has also preached at New Horizons on a number of occasions.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

The United Methodist Men will hold their monthly breakfast meeting at 8:00 on Saturday, May 13th at Bob Evans, at 3004 Clark Lane. All men are invited to attend! Questions? Please contact Ron Miller at 825-1200.

**MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Monday, May 1 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Monday, May 15 7:00 p.m. Court of Honor Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting
Wednesday, May 3 9:30 a.m. Prayer/Bible Study Group	Tuesday, May 16 6:30 p.m. UMW Meeting
Thursday, May 4 6:00 p.m. Wolf Den 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 7 Committee Meeting	Wednesday, May 17 9:30 a.m. Prayer/Bible Study Group 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting
Saturday, May 6 11:30 a.m. Fun City Youth Academy	Thursday, May 18 6:00 p.m. Wolf Den 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting
Sunday, May 7 9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes 10:45 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time 12:00 p.m. Mozambique May Luncheon 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Committee Meeting	Saturday, May 20 11:30 Fun City Youth Academy 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 70324 Ceremony
Monday, May 8 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting	Sunday, May 21 9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes 10:45 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time
Tuesday, May 9 6:00 p.m. Wolf 2 Den, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting	Monday, May 22 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting
Wednesday, May 10 9:30 a.m. Prayer/Bible Study Group 3:20 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 70324 Meeting 6:00 p.m. Webelos 1, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting	Tuesday, May 23 6:00 p.m. Wolf 2 Den, Cub Scout Pack 7 Meeting
Thursday, May 11 7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting	Wednesday, May 24 9:30 a.m. Prayer/Bible Study Group
Saturday, May 13 8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting 11:30 a.m. Fun City Youth Academy	Sunday, May 28 9:30 a.m. Kids Club/Christian Ed Classes 10:45 a.m. Worship 11:45a.m. Fellowship Time
Sunday, May 14 9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes 10:45 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time	Monday, May 29 Memorial Day
	Wednesday, May 31 9:30 a.m. Prayer/Bible Study Group



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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

#### Pastor's Contact Information

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weddings, baptisms, pastoral care, etc.

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