



New Horizons News

A Newsletter from New Horizons United Methodist Church

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Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision: New Horizons United Methodist Church is a caring faith community that invites everyone to experience the love of Jesus Christ and grow in relationship with God and one another.

Our Priorities: Invite
Grow
Serve

WELCOME, CAROLINE! - We welcome a new Administrative Assistant to our church staff this week. Caroline Sechler is a sophomore at MU who is majoring in Accounting. She maintains a GPA of 3.82 out of 4.00. She is a member of the Cornell Leadership Program in the College of Business. Previously, she graduated with an International Baccalaureate Diploma from Antwerp International School in Belgium. She speaks various levels of Dutch, French and Spanish, and has lived in three countries. She has played 4 major sports, being elected Captain of volleyball and basketball, as well as Most Valuable Player in softball. Caroline's faith plays a central role in her life; her parents are both United Methodists, and she is now attending The Crossing. She has participated in mission trips to Reynosa, Mexico to build houses and to Mumbai, India to work at local orphanages. We give Caroline a very warm welcome and wish her every success among us!

CREATIVE MEANS OF CONVEYING GOD'S GRACE—This summer we will focus on ways Christians may draw closer to God by “Letting Go and Letting God” move in their lives. In our families, in our workplaces, and also here at church, conflict arises from time to time. Our souls need cleansing from wounds and hurts of the past. Thus we will enter into a sermon series that focuses us on confession, repentance, forgiveness, healing, reconciliation and restoration.

Included in this will be a special service of Holy Communion that will allow us to take a good, thorough look at the details of what we experience every month on the first Sunday of the month: an intimate time of communion with our Savior, who gave his body and blood to save us. There are several people who have been working on planning this service: Raina Linville along with three retired pastors: Elma Certain, Tom Adams and James Powell. These four accompanied our pastor to the Conference offices to meet with the Rev. Sherry Habben, who is the Director of Connectional Ministries. Together, they sat down and discussed the best way for New Horizons to enter into a service of prayer and repentance. They have decided upon a creative ritual of unburdening and cleansing, in which you will be offered the chance to write down things you would like to turn over to God and let go of. You will immerse your dissolvable paper into hot water and watch it disappear; then you will be able to wash your hands and have them lovingly dried. Then right after communion, you will have the opportunity to come up for Holy Unction, a prayer of healing which uses anointing oil and the laying on of hands. Both of these rituals will be entirely optional, with no pressure to participate if one does not desire to do so. However, for those who so choose, they will be extremely meaningful ways to receive God's grace! The sermon series for the next few weeks will be as follows:

July 14 – A Call to Confession & Repentance

July 21 – Forgiveness & Healing through Holy Communion

July 28 – Reconciliation & Restoration

August 4 – A Call to Unity

TRANSITION TO A NEW MODEL OF GOVERNANCE—Tuesday, July 30th at 7:00 p.m. all members of New Horizons are invited to come to church for a Church Conference, to vote on whether to undertake a transition to a new model of governance for New Horizons. The idea of a single Leadership Board is to streamline our decision-making by allowing the various groups to communicate directly with one another at the same meeting. It will prevent burn-out by allowing people to attend fewer meetings, thus freeing them for their true mission and ministry to God. We trust this will give our leaders more time to participate in spiritually nourishing activities such as Bible study, prayer, and service. The new Leadership Board will be comprehensive of the Trustees, the SPPR (Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations) Committee and the Stewardship/Finance Committee. Each of these three groups will have 3 representatives on the board, along with three other leaders: the Chairperson, the Lay Leader and the Lay Member to Annual Conference. These 12 leaders will serve in a rotation of leadership which will be designated by “classes” (i.e. the Class of 2014, Class of 2015 and Class of 2016); eventually all the leaders will serve 3-year terms. The Secretary will be elected from within the group of 12. If the congregation votes affirmatively for this change, the Nominations Committee will have a slate ready to present. Then a second vote will be taken on the same evening, to decide upon the new leaders for both the Leadership Board and the new Nominations Committee. The first meeting of the new Leadership Board will be Thursday, August 8th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR LEADERS—The members of our potential new Leadership Board will be invited to experience a retreat for prayer, rest and spiritual renewal as they begin their new ministry among us. We have reserved the Shalom Spiritual Life Center for Friday, August 16th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 17th from 8:30 – 2:00 p.m. This center is a place where the stress and distractions of the world can be left behind. It is located on 30 acres at 2235 S. Highway O, just west of Columbia, MO with easy access from I-70. While there is no charge for use of the Center, donations are gratefully accepted and completely voluntary. The center contains a meeting space that can hold up to 20 people, a library/chapel, and kitchen facilities. While it does have a couple of bedrooms, our group will not be staying overnight there.

First and foremost, the retreat will be a time to connect with God through prayer, worship and quiet time alone for Bible reading, reflection, journaling or observing nature. Walking paths are available on the 20 wooded acres of the site. Secondly, the retreat will be a time to nurture our shared community of believers; it will be a time for our leaders to get to know one another better, through a study of their various personality types. Thirdly, the retreat will be a time of learning in which we will draw upon the wisdom of author Andy Stanley, who has written a book called *Deep and Wide*, as well as author Patrick Lencioni, who has written a book called *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*. Finally, it will be a chance for our leaders to set forth action steps to guide the congregation through the academic year of 2013/2014. The team will find ways to coordinate goal-setting with our 3 “Invite, Grow and Serve” Ministry Teams.

LOAVES & FISHES—Our next opportunity to feed the hungry at Loaves & Fishes will be on Saturday, August 3rd. Clint Darr is leading this effort but help is needed from all of us...really! The United Methodist Men have agreed to provide support but we will be circulating a sign-up sheet at church during the next several weeks to secure the man/woman/child power required. About twelve people are needed to be there the entire time (between about 4:00—7:30 p.m.) but we will break this time down into two shifts so we will need more than twelve individuals. There will also be an option to sign up to bring food. The menu is to be determined. More information will be available later this month. During the next several weeks, we will be receiving Birthdays & Blessings Box offerings to help with expenses. For questions or to sign up to help, contact Clint at cdarr44@hotmail.com or at 999-4350.

POVERTY SIMULATION—Everyone is invited to participate in a Poverty Simulation on Sunday, August 11th at 2:00 p.m. at Missouri United Methodist Church. This event will be sponsored by the Office of Creative Ministries of the Missouri Annual Conference. The cost is \$10.00 and you may register online at mumcpovsim.eventbrite.com. As a participant, you will be assigned a role to play, which will allow you to experience for about 90 minutes what it is like to be living at or below the poverty line. Participants practice working or going to school, raising children, managing money, accessing social services, maintaining a home and dealing with life's unexpected surprises. During the 2013 Annual Conference in June, both Kathy Dempsey and Heather Morgan participated in a Poverty Simulation; they found it to be a highly educational and profoundly moving experience. We encourage all of you to try it!

BIRTHDAYS & BLESSINGS BOX OFFERINGS—New Horizons has two ongoing mission commitments which require our financial support. One of them is Loaves & Fishes. We serve there as the hands and feet of Jesus...preparing food and serving it to the guests, some 60—80 men women and children. We are able to get some food from the Food Pantry while other parts of the meal may be prepared by church members. However the rest is purchased using funds from the Birthdays & Blessing Box offering. Our second commitment is to our covenant partner in Mozambique, Rev. Julia Lampião Seneta. As people from one of the wealthiest countries in the world, our faith requires that we do what we can to support Pastor Julia's ministry in one of the poorest countries in the world. Again, we support her through our Birthdays & Blessings Box offerings. Our annual commitment is about \$330. This year we will be pay a total of about \$500 to make up for money not sent previously. So that we can fulfill both of these commitments, you may be seeing these two ministries listed more frequently than usual for our Birthdays & Blessings offering. Please give as you are able to these second-mile giving mission efforts. Many thanks for your care for "the least of these!"

BACK PACK SUNDAY—The first day of public school is Tuesday, August 20th. To help students prepare, our congregation will celebrate, "Back Pack Sunday" during worship on August 18th. All students are invited to bring their back packs so that Pastor Heather may offer a special blessing for the students and their back packs.

In addition to providing support for our children, we will be supporting the children of our neighborhood school, Cedar Ridge Elementary by providing school supplies for those who can't afford them. (Pastor Heather will be blessing those items too). We have assisted the school in this way during past years. However this year school administrators have asked that instead of providing back packs with all of the items required for individual students that we purchase items that are used up and that they frequently run out of during the school year.

If you would like to participate in this project, please bring one or more of the following items to church on Back Pack Sunday:

Glue sticks	# 2 pencils
Boxes of crayons (24 or more)	Notebook paper (wide-rule)
Boxes of tissues	Pencil-top erasers
Markers (packages of 8 washable <u>or</u> boxes of wide or fine-tip, <u>or</u> 4 dry erase marks	

In addition, please don't hesitate to bring items you may have lying around the house that you are not using. Items needed by the students include 1-inch binders, (3-ring notebooks) with clear view windows, or yellow, orange or pink highlighters.

Please also note that sales on school supplies have already begun. However some stores may put only one item on sale each week so to get the best prices it would be good to watch the ads closely.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR—In addition to providing needy students at Cedar Ridge with school supplies, we have an opportunity to support the school in another way. We are tentatively planning to provide breakfast, lunch or snack foods for the teachers, ancillary staff and administrators on one of the work days just prior to the first day of school. We will keep you informed about these plans as we gather more information.

UMCmarket—Now you can donate to your church while shopping online. The United Methodist Church has established UMCmarket.org as an innovative way to support your church while shopping online with many businesses that you already buy from. Dozens of major online retailers have joined the program and donate from 0.5% up to 20% or more of your purchase depending on your selections. Most purchases will provide a 1% to 3% donation. You can shop from a computer, tablet or smartphone. Type “New Horizons” in the search box to locate our church in the organization list. Once you are registered and select New Horizons Church in Columbia, the rest is automatic. Our church will receive a check monthly or whenever donations reach \$100 total. You will receive e-mail notifications of the donations linked to your purchases. The amounts may seem small but every bit helps. To register or to get more questions answered, go to UMCmarket.org and click on “How It Works” at the top of the page. Thank you for supporting your church through UMCmarket.org.

GRADE A! TUTORING PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN FALL - New Horizons UMC is continuing to work on the partnership with *For His Glory, Inc.* (FHG, Inc) ministry to provide an after school tutoring program for children in our neighborhood. The Grade A! Academic Support program provides one-to-one tutoring for primarily middle school students. It is a collaboration of the Columbia Public Schools, the parents and FGH, Inc. The tutors are students recruited from the University of Missouri. The program is planned for Mondays and Wednesday afternoons at New Horizons during the academic year.

UMW JULY MEETING - The United Methodist Women will meet, Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a special program presented by Gail Wekenborg, District Mission Coordinator of Membership, Nurture and Outreach. She will be sharing information about our mission as United Methodist Women. There will also be a time for questions you may have for her.

Of course we will have wonderful refreshments and a good time for fellowship, in addition to our business meeting.

All women of New Horizons United Methodist Church are encouraged to be a part of this group. You will be welcomed and enjoy the spiritual inspiration as well as the warm fellowship.

I hope to see many of you on Tuesday, July 23.

Marie Powell
President

REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES - Please send or give all requests for reimbursement of expenses you may have incurred on behalf of your work with the church to the treasurer, James Powell. The Finance Committee voted that a request for reimbursement should be presented within 60 days of the occurrence. Requisition Forms are located on the left hand side of the mailbox in the office.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Sunday, July 14</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>Tuesday, July 16</p> <p>6:00 p.m. SERVE Workshop (Community UMC)</p> <p>Wednesday, July 17</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p> <p>Thursday, July 18</p> <p>5:30 p.m. VBS—Mega Sports Camp</p> <p>Friday, July 19</p> <p>5:30 p.m. VBS—Mega Sports Camp</p> <p>Saturday, July 20</p> <p>9:30 a.m.—VBS—Mega Sports Camp</p> <p>Sunday, July 21</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, July 23</p> <p>6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Wednesday, July 24</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p> <p>Thursday, July 25</p> <p>Mission U (Conference School of Missions) Central Methodist University—Fayette</p> <p>Friday, July 26</p> <p>Mission U (Conference School of Missions) Central Methodist University—Fayette</p> <p>Saturday, July 27</p> <p>Mission U (Conference School of Missions) Central Methodist University—Fayette</p> <p>Sunday, July 28</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>Mission U (Conference School of Missions) Central Methodist University—Fayette</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 30</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Church Conference</p> <p>Wednesday, July 31</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p> <p>Saturday, August 3</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Wedding Shower (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes</p> <p>Sunday, August 4</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship—Service of Unity</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Potluck Lunch</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Troop 7 Committee Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, August 7</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p> <p>Thursday, August 8</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leadership Board</p> <p>Saturday, August 10</p> <p>8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Tranikia Thompson Birthday Party</p> <p>Sunday, August 11</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Fellowship</p> <p>Wednesday, August 14</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p> <p>Friday, August 16</p> <p>Leadership Retreat (Shalom Spiritual Life Center)</p> <p>Saturday, August 17</p> <p>Leadership Retreat (Shalom Spiritual Life Center)</p> <p>Sunday, August 18</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Worship—Blessing of Back Packs</p> <p>11:45 a.m. Fellowship</p>
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CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday Services

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages
10:45 a.m. —Worship
12:00 —Fellowship

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Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 a.m.—12:00—noon

Our Staff:

Pastor—Rev. Heather Morgan

Administrative Assistant—Caroline Sechler

Director of Music—Christine Jarquio

Director of Bell Choir—Raina Linville

Custodian—Christopher Morgan

Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m.—12 (noon) depending on availability of volunteers