



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

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERIES

Please join us on each Sunday morning in October for the sermon series based on the book, "Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity" written by Adam Hamilton.

October 6	"When Dreams Become Nightmares"
October 13	"Wisdom and Finances"
October 20	"Cultivating Contentment"
October 27	"Defined by Generosity"

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Our church has been the site of a couple of very important events in the past few weeks.

On Saturday, September 21, our church was filled to capacity with young families, there to witness and celebrate the marriage of Brittany Selby and Cameron Steinwand. It was a beautiful service!

On Thursday, September 26, the students and staff from Cedar Ridge Elementary School arrived at our church as they practiced an "Active Shooter Drill." New Horizons is the designated evacuation site for the school should they ever need to leave their building for any reason. The principal, Angie Chandler and teachers were pleased with the drill. Staff from the sheriff's department were present to safely escort the children. What a blessing to be involved in the life of our community in such important ways!

CROP WALK

The CROP Walk & 5K Run will be held Sunday, October 6th. The registration fee is \$10 payable at Missouri United Methodist Church at 9th & Elm at 1:00 p.m. The Walk & run both begin at 2:00 p.m.

How can You help? CROP Hunger Walk is a nation-wide, annual event that combines fun and fundraising to raise money for hungry people locally and throughout the world. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this effort through the Birthdays & Blessings Box! But if you missed that opportunity, you can still help by sponsoring Pastor Heather and Rex Morgan as they walk for this event.

Why walk? Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as 10 kilometers (over 6 miles) each day to get food, water and fuel and to take their goods to market. CROP Hunger walks provides an opportunity to "WALK with the World." Walk to be in solidarity with their struggles for existence. Walk to make a difference. Proceeds for this event will be divided between the international agency, Church World Service and four local agencies that feed hungry people.

CROP is an acronym for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.

YOU ARE INVITED....

Brittany Keith and Dalin Stufflebean
Request the honor of your presence
At the marriage of their mothers.

Friday, the eighteenth of October
Two Thousand Thirteen
Two o'clock in the afternoon
The Wildflower Hall
Ames, Iowa
Reception to follow

On October 20th, we will dedicate our Fellowship Hour after worship to celebrating this special event in the lives of Raina Linville and Dawn Stufflebean with cake, punch, cards, gifts and our best wishes!

SERVE 2013

On Saturday, September 7th, members of our congregation were joined by scouts from Troop 7 and their parents and also by members of Community UMC to clean up the grounds at Cedar Ridge Elementary School. Existing flower and vegetable garden raised beds behind the school were cleared of very tall weeds and mulched. Mulch was also added to the area around the raised beds and trees. In front of the school, dead bushes were removed from each side of the school sign and new bushes and mums were planted.

On Sunday, September 8th, members from New Horizons joined folks from the congregation at Community UMC to work at the Central Missouri Food Bank.

On each day, participants experienced not only the satisfaction of a very productive day but the fellowship that occurs when we reach out to serve our brothers and sisters in need.

UMW HONORS PAT AND ELECTS OFFICERS

On Saturday, September 21, Pat Fleischer was honored as one of the seven women from the Mid-State District who were nominated as "District United Methodist Woman of the Year." She was recognized for the work she does in setting up the New Horizons UMW reading program and encouraging the reading of books that inform persons about 5 important areas of our faith: Spiritual Growth; Social Action; Education for Mission; and Leadership Development. These books are available to anyone in the church and may be found in Fellowship Hall on the shelves at the south end of the building.

On Monday evening, September 24, the New Horizons unit of UMW met and elected officers for 2014. These women will take office in January. We are appreciative of those who have accepted this responsibility. They are: President, Cindy Harper; Vice-President, Diana Maggine; Treasurer, Lenora Miller, Chair of Nominations, Luella Adams. The office of Secretary is to be determined at the October meeting.

The next meeting of UMW will be October 22. Our special speaker for that meeting will be Phil Steinhaus, the Administrator of the Columbia Housing Authority. YOU are welcome to join us for that event.

For our November meeting, we want to invite all of the women of the church to join us as we go out to dinner.

Dear Friends,

Our SCI Team is scheduled to conduct a "Town Hall Meeting" regarding our participation in the Small Church Initiative (or SCI); the meeting will take place on Sunday, September 29th immediately following an abbreviated worship service. The plan for the morning is as follows:

10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Break (With Coffee & Cookies!)
11:45 – 12:30 a.m. Meeting

Here's the reason this "Town Hall Meeting" has been requested by our Leadership Board: On October 10th our Leadership Board will vote upon whether or not our congregation wishes to enter into the consultation phase of SCI. The consultation phase is an optional extension of SCI which follows the work-shop phase. We are nearing the completion of the work-shop phase, as you know (with only one meeting in Moberly left, on October 12th). We must decide by October 12th whether we want to do the consultation portion of the program, and let David Hyatt know.

If we choose to pursue the consultation phase, we will pay \$300.00 and then complete a detailed Self-Study. The document we would use for doing this work is available to all. Our team reviewed this document at our most recent SCI meeting in September. After submitting all of our paperwork, we would be assigned a consultant, who would conduct a 1-Day Consultation sometime this spring. This would probably happen sometime between March and June. There would be many interviews, as well as a church-wide potluck and evening workshop/discussion. The next morning, the consultant(s) would present to us their findings, including 3 prescriptions for our next steps. The congregation would vote "up or down" upon the adoption of all three of the prescriptions. If we choose to adopt the prescriptions, then the consultant would continue to work with us during our implementation phase over the next several months. It is a great help!

The Conference pays over \$2,000 for every church that chooses to enter the consultation phase of SCI. This huge financial investment into each small church shows the deep level of commitment the Conference has toward us. Even more important, however, is the investment of time, effort and energy on the part of church members, the pastor and the consultant. When a church is willing to do this important, life-giving work, many wonderful changes can result!

Personally, I hear God calling New Horizons in the direction of renewed mission and ministry. I believe SCI is the road we need to take to get there. I highly encourage New Horizons to continue forward with the consultation phase. I encourage our Leadership Board to vote "Yes!" for the consultation phase and then our congregation to vote "Yes!" to adopt the prescriptions. May this process usher in a life-giving period of growth and change to bring us closer to Jesus.

Sincerely,
Heather

PREPARING TO CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS' DAY

This year we will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 3rd. On that day, we will remember our loved ones who have died. Their names will be read aloud during our worship service and printed on an insert in our bulletin. If you would like the name(s) of your loved one(s) to be read in church, please contact Caroline Sechler in the church office to give her the name(s). If it might be challenging to pronounce your loved one name, please make a notation to indicate correct pronunciation; thank you! Caroline may be reached at 443-7058 or office@newhoriozns-umc.org.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The Prayer Group is just finishing up the first week of our 6-week study, "The Workbook of Living Prayer," by Maxie Dunnam. If you would like to join us, please contact Luella Adams at 443-3709.

**“Tell Someone... Show Someone... Be Someone”
This is Our Story This is Our Song**

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Challenge:

Write down the names of three persons – neighbors, acquaintances, co-workers – who do not have a church home. **Pray for them daily and why you believe this person needs to hear about God’s love.** Pray for a time ripe to invite them to a ministry of our church.

The Prayer:

Give me the courage, Lord to offer your invitation and welcome.

Give me the spirit, the grace, the right timing, the right tone, the right words.

Give me the voice to fulfill the task you give me among the people with whom I live and work.

The Questions:

Think about your answers to these questions.

Why Jesus? Why church? Why my church, New Horizons?

Each week our congregation will be challenged in the worship service to tasks for our path to inviting as we come to know that inviting is about relationships with one another and with God.

This call to action from our Invite Ministry Team was motivated by “Cultivating Fruitfulness – Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations” by Bishop Robert Schnase.

LOAVES & FISHES

It is our turn to serve at Loaves & Fishes on Saturday, October 5th. LaShonda Boone and other members of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta will be serving the food which will be purchased with funds from our church. Many thanks to LaShonda and her sorority sisters for helping in this way!

DEARLY LOVED CHILDREN OF GOD—by Anne F. Grizzle

As printed in the 2003 Upper Room Disciplines, p. 232

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering, and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5: 1-2

At dinner one evening, I gave my three-year-old son a piece of bread, (one of the few foods he enjoys eating). As the rest of us went about serving and beginning our meal, he was carefully breaking his bread into pieces. Then he offered a piece to one and then another of us saying, “One for you, and one for you, and one for you.” We realized he was imitating what he had experienced so many times at Communion. And he was making our family meal a Communion table.

Loved children naturally imitate their parents. We have seen a loved child welcome visitors with arms flung open wide like those that have embraced her, a woman speaking with the same kind words and tone of her mother, or a man helping out a driver with a flat tire just as his father did many years ago.

At heart God wants us to know we are dearly loved children in the kingdom with its wide communion. Christ love us enough to give his life, his body as our bread and a sacrifice for us that we would know a deep, broad parental love.

Once we have this love imprinted in our hearts through waiting on God, hoping in God’s word, feasting on Christ’s bread, God wants us to become imitators of this loving, sacrificial way of being and relating. To imitate, we must know someone well. Let us wait, eat, be embraced so that we can in turn reach out to those at table or at work or across the world who need to experience themselves as dearly loved children.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Please plan to attend the 31st annual Festival of Sharing at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia on Saturday, October 19th. Come for breakfast or lunch, and then browse the many educational booths, purchase beautiful craft items and maybe even something at the spectacular quilt auction. A spirit-filled worship service will be held at 10:00 to thank God for his blessings and to celebrate sharing our mission resources. Our congregation will be helping by providing kits.

Kits and packs are provided by churches and individuals to reduce the immediate suffering from crisis. To help, choose a kit to put together and then bring it to the church by October 11th. The most needed kits are:

Missouri Pack –Family Food Pack (Value \$25)

3 cans assorted vegetables	3 cans assorted fruits	3 pkgs. Macaroni & cheese
3 cans tuna	1 can pasta sauce	1 can Spam
1 pound pasta	1 jar peanut butter	

Items must be put in a sturdy box, taped, labeled **“FAMILY FOOD PACK”**.

Church World Service School Kit (value \$15 + \$2 shipping)

1 pair blunt child's scissors	1 box of 24 crayons
1 30 centimeter ruler (12")	11 large eraser
6 new pencils with eraser	1 pencil sharpener (hand held)

Spiral or tape bound notebooks of ruled paper 8"x10"---with 200-210 sheets. (no filler paper)
1 - 12"x14" to 14' to 17" finished size cloth bag with handles; place items inside the bag

IMA Safe Motherhood Kit (value \$10)

1 Receiving blanket	1 Newborn cap	1 jacket or tunic
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Place the 3 new layette items in a large ziplock bag.

These kits are distributed at health clinics in many countries including Haiti, DR Congo and South Sudan.

Please plan to come to the Festival to join in this time of joyous work, celebration and worship!

FROM THE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your generous gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. 100 percent of your contribution will go to Undesignated—UMCOR, Advance # 999895 through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church.

Your gift received on 08/21/13 for \$110.00 is supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced, and respond to disasters.

Because you gave, UMCOR is able to “Be There” and “Be Hope” on your behalf. UMCOR programs provide food for the hungry, help farmers grow plentiful and nutritious food, and support people left destitute by natural disasters and war. Your gifts go a long way to bring healing and hope to people in need. We give thanks for your generosity.

You can find out more about UMCOR's work by visiting our website at <http://www.umcor.org>. To receive weekly updates about UMCOR's work, sign up on our website for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR.

Please let us know if you have questions and/or concerns. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you. The Gift Processing Unit can be reached at 212-870-3611. To learn more about The Advance, please visit <http://www.advancinghope.org>.

This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer, UMCOR, General Board of Global Ministries

Shawn Bakker, Associate General Secretary, The Advance

“FAITH IN THE MIDST OF FINANCIAL CRISIS”

By Adam Hamilton

“This is a remarkable and frightening time for our economy. The current economic crisis is also a crisis of faith. When we can’t trust our financial institutions, the stock market, our banks, or our government we find ourselves afraid, and that fear often leads to either cynicism or panic. This may be the most potent enemy we’re facing today. When the nation was in the midst of the Depression in 1933, Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke these famous words in his first inaugural address:

...Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself – nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance. In every dark hour of our national life a leadership of frankness and vigor has met with that understanding and support of the people themselves which is essential to victory.

(For full inaugural address, go to: <http://www.bartleby.com/124/pres49.html>.)

“It’s not a question of ‘if’ but ‘when’ the stock market will recover. When we look at past market trends and identify those years when there was a significant drop, there always was a significant rise within a few years. While we wait for that rise, the economic reality is that some people may lose their jobs and others may lose their homes. Some may need to sell their cars because they can no longer afford the payments. Some may need help and support. Others will not feel the effects of the financial crisis at all. But we must not allow ourselves to be controlled by fear, because the Scriptures and our faith in God reassure us that we are going to be all right.

“At the center of the economic crisis is the extension and abuse of credit. Credit comes from the Latin word *credo*, which means, ‘I believe’ or ‘I trust.’ To extend credit to someone is to believe or trust that he or she will repay. As Christians, our *credo* or trust is in God. The Apostle’s Creed begins, ‘I believe (*credo*) in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.’ Throughout the Bible we find words of hope and promise that remind us we have no reason to fear, for God is our refuge and strength:

Isaiah 41:10
Psalm 46:1-2
Matthew 6:25, 33
Matthew 14:27
Philippians 4:6-7
1 Timothy 6:17
Romans 8:37-39

The current economic crisis is a spiritual issue stemming from at least five of the seven deadly sins: gluttony, greed, sloth, envy and pride. People are anxious all around us. We are to be beacons of hope and light. The church, the body of Christ, is to be a beacon of light inviting people to find deliverance, redemption, salvation, hope, and a new way of life.” (*Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*, by Adam Hamilton, pp. 63-65)

Halloween Trunk R’Treat

(Coming Thursday, October 31)

Volunteers Needed to help with this fun and powerful Community Outreach!

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm New Horizons UMC Parking Lot

Wash Your Car & Take Out Your Decorations!

Support this Community Outreach event with your prayers, your ideas, your time, your donations.

Volunteer jobs, donations needed, and event details will be listed in upcoming weekly

On The Horizons News.

Sign up and pair up and ask a friend to join in being involved.

WE'VE BEEN BLESSED!

Heartfelt thanks to Tate Dempsey for choosing to beautify our church property as fulfillment of his Eagle Scout Project! If you haven't seen it, look to your right as you are walking on the sidewalk toward the front door of the church. This previously rather disheveled area is now cleaned up, terraced and beautifully landscaped. Again, many thanks, Tate!

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT NEW HORIZONS

Perhaps you have noticed the wooden deck that leads to the front door of the church is looking much better. The Trustees had a couple of coats of stain applied which will also help preserve the wood. Another change is that the swing set has been removed from the play ground. This was done for liability reasons. Thanks to Jim and Jen Hamilton for their work in removing the set, and for selling it on Craig's List for \$50!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Sunday, September 29**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Kids Club
10:45 a.m. Worship
11:30 Town Hall Meeting

Monday, September 30

7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 p.m. Pack Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 6

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Kids Club
10:45 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship
6:00 p.m. Troop 7 Committee Meeting

Monday, October 7

7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

6:00 p.m. Webelos 2
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 10

7:00 p.m. Leadership Board

Saturday, October 12

8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men
9:00 a.m. Small Church Initiative
Jefferson Ave. UMC—Moberly

Sunday, October 13

9:30 a.m. Sunday School /Kids Club
10:45 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, October 14—Columbus Day

7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, October 16

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 7
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 20—Laity Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School /Kids Club
10:45 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship hour honoring Dawn and Raina

Monday, October 21

7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Tuesday, October 22

6:30 p.m. UMW

Wednesday, October 23

6:00 p.m. Webelos 2
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, October 27—Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School /Kids Club
10:45 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, October 28

7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, October 30

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 31—Halloween & Reformation Day

5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat



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CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday Services

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

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Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday
4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Our Staff:

Pastor—Rev. Heather Morgan

Administrative Assistant—Caroline Sechler

Director of Music—Christine Jarquio

Director of Bell Choir— Raina Linville

Custodian—Christopher Morgan

Administrative Assistant's Hours

Tuesday 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Wednesday 4:00—7:00 p.m.
Friday 11:30—3:30 p.m.