



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

NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES:

“Leanin’ on Jesus”

Nov. 3 – “Surrounded by the Saints” (ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY CELEBRATION!)

Nov. 10 – “Sustained by Everlasting Arms”

Nov. 17 – “Guided by God the Good”

Nov. 24 – “Transformed by Gratitude” (THANKSGIVING FEAST!)

IMPORTANT EVENTS DURING NOVEMBER

NEWCOMERS CLASS

Sunday, November 3

12:30 p.m.

Everyone wanting more information about the United Methodist Church and our congregation is welcome!
Please bring a sack lunch if you wish.

SMALL CHURCH INITIATIVE (SCI) MEETING

Sunday, November 10

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Hallsville United Methodist Church

Meeting with Coach and Consultant, Kay Kotan.

For Leadership Board Members, Ministry Team Co-Chairs and the Pastor.

To instruct us about the process of our upcoming Self-Study/Consultation.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 17th

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wilkes Boulevard UMC with the congregations from Wilkes Boulevard, Fairview, St. Luke, Ashland and Hallsville

Everyone is invited and all members will be entitled to vote.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

Sunday November 24

Immediately following worship.

Meat & Beverages Provided

Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert.

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF NEW HORIZONS

Dear Friends,

During worship on the last Sunday of October, we focused upon what it means to be defined by generosity. We were able to see the face of generosity in Almeta Crayton, who passed away on October 21 (and whose memorial service was on Friday, November 1st at Second Missionary Baptist Church). We also witnessed the face of generosity right here at New Horizons, in the service project that Tate Dempsey accomplished for us: dedicating his Eagle Scout Project to building a beautiful "Welcome Garden." Thanks, Tate!

What a generous congregation we have! Many exciting things are happening at New Horizons these days! For example, last week we assisted three families with gifts from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. We helped them with purchasing food, purchasing diapers, overnight accommodations and utility assistance. We are being contacted by our local school counselors, at Cedar Ridge Elementary School, with names of families in need of our financial assistance. In addition, they are inviting us to begin offering tutoring and a values education program to elementary school students. The community is recognizing that New Horizons has a heart of service!

There are many ways in which the people of New Horizons are fulfilling our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are living into our vision statement: being a caring faith community that invites all people to experience the love of Jesus Christ and to grow in relationship with God and one another. Won't you join us in that fine work?

We invite you to sustain the mission and ministry of New Horizons through your financial giving. It is helpful to church leaders to know how much income we can anticipate in the coming year. At this time we are beginning our budgeting process for the calendar year of 2014. We invite you to estimate how much you plan to contribute in 2014 to fund God's work through New Horizons. Pledge cards are being mailed out to members and regular attendees; they are also being distributed through the Sunday bulletin and are available at the church office. There will be opportunities to turn in your pledge cards by placing them in the offering plate during worship on Sunday, November 3 or Sunday, November 10. However, another fine alternative is to mail them directly to the church office.

We thank you, in advance, for your gifts of time, talent and treasure! I am deeply grateful that you are allowing God to work God's will in your hearts, your minds, and your pocketbooks! Let's be intentional in our giving, so we may experience the true joy that comes from being percentage givers, tithers and "Hilarious Givers" (who give 10% of their income to God through the Church, yet then give an additional percentage above that to charity)!

Sincerely,

Pastor Heather Morgan

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to the Festival of Sharing! It was a great day! The weather was spectacular and attendance was good. Over 500 youth participated in the overnight event, Youth Fest, and then loaded thousands of pounds of beans, rice and potatoes into the waiting agency vehicles, along with all of the kits designated for use in Missouri.

To see a short video clip from the Festival, go to www.momissioncast.com and click on episode # 335.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN TO HAVE DINNER

The United Methodist Women will meet for an enjoyable evening together on Tuesday, November 12. The group will gather at the Lone Star Steak House located near Menard's at 6:00 p.m. Meals are Dutch treat and you may order from the menu. Following the meal we will have installation of officers for 2014.

Even if you are not a regular attendee of UMW, we would like for you to join us for this time of fellowship as we look forward to a new year in ministry focused on women and children around the world.

If you have questions, please contact Marie Powell at jamesandmarie@powell101.com or at 814-0425.

SMALL GROUP ADVENT STUDY

Advent is coming! It seems far away, but before you know it December 1 will arrive and we will be preparing for Christmas.

In the midst of our preparations it is good to take time and consider the real meaning of Christmas. What does it mean to have Jesus Christ come into our hearts? What do we do in response?

Advent is the four weeks before Christmas day. Beginning on December 2, Marie Powell will lead a four week study for anyone who would like to attend. The group will meet at the church on these four Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. The session will be for no longer than an hour.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please let Marie know as soon as possible so that books may be ordered. Contact her at 573-813-0425 or jamesandmarie@powell101.com.

YOU HEARD WHAT? OVERCOMING UNHEALTHY COMMUNICATION HABITS

Congregational trainer and consultant Rev. Karen A. McClintock is presenting a seminar on ways to create congregational health by learning ways to manage information that are positive, transparent, protective, and joyful. The seminar will be on Friday, November 15th from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. in Columbia, (specific location to be announced later). The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. The seminar will address unhealthy disclosure patterns and how to stop them, handling information with care, technology benefits and pitfalls, overcoming resistance to change, and handling old secrets in the congregation. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.moumethodist.org/events/detail/2816>.

SERVE MINISTRY TEAM NOTES

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL—Thank you to all who brought quarters for the quarter tube for Heifer! By the evening of Monday, October 28 the tube was filled to the top and there was talk of others who still had quarters! Heifer International is a catalyst that helps others help themselves. With just a few resources... training (provided by Heifer staff) and livestock, (provided by people like us) and with the incredibly hard work of the receiving families, they are able to lift themselves from lives of poverty to lives of self-sufficiency. Through "passing on the gift," those blessings are multiplied as receiving families pass on the training and the first female offspring from their animal to another struggling family. To learn more to go to www.heifer.org.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND—Pastor Heather uses this fund to help those who are in need of money for utilities, etc. This is a service started by Pastor Carol Millspaugh and carries on today. Many times the fuel funding by government agencies has run out due to the demand. Or there is just not enough money to pay for everything. In November we will be collecting for this important ministry.

CEDAR RIDGE ELEMENTARY UPDATES—We plan to collect HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES in

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December and will use them to decorate a Christmas tree. (Look for this tree is either the church narthex or in the Fellowship Hall). After the collection period is over we will take these items to the school where the teachers can distribute them to the children to come to school without these things that help keep them warm on cold winter days.

New Horizons has been asked by school officials to participate in a CHARACTER EDUCATION BUILDING program for children who are in the 2nd/3rd grade group. It will be held 5 times before the end of the school year. It starts at 2:30 and runs for 30 minutes. Volunteers are given a book to read to the age group and a lesson plan with activities to discuss with the children. The dates are November 21, January 9, February 20, April 3 and May 15. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in, please contact Lenora Miller or Luella Adams. The counselor, Elizabeth Ryberg, will provide a training session for volunteers.

One or two TUTORS are needed at the school for 1—2 hours at a time with children in grades K-5. If you are interested, please contact Lenora Miller at 886-0288.

A JOY– SHARING HOW GOD HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE

You can have the joy of introducing a person to Jesus Christ. Watching people awaken to their faith in Christ because of your personal evangelism work is one of the greatest joys you can experience as a Christian.

There are some common reasons that challenge each of us in our reaching out.

- Busy with urgent life matters.
- Not really involved in the community.
- Compartmentalized faith to a “Sunday activity” or simply a private matter.
- Not taking time to develop relationships with people who don’t know the Lord.

There are two simple steps to sharing God.

1. Make a prayer list of friends and commit to praying daily for each friend.

Make a prayer list of friends whom you’d like to see following Jesus. Once you make a prayer list of friends, then start praying daily for each of them. Not sure who said this, but the point is right on: *Talk with God about men before you talk to men about God.*

2. Each day answer the question: How has God made a difference in my life today? Talk about what God is doing in your life.

Knowing our story of faith begins at home and in our personal relationships with each other. Answering “How goes it with your soul?” and knowing where God’s presence was in their life daily and sharing their answers is the way our early Methodists practiced their faith. This is the path to finding our own faith story.

This information is gathered from the Evangelism Coach website, evangelismcoach.org and *Get Their Name* by Bob Farr, Doug Anderson, Kay Kotan.

Please contact Diana Baldwin at 442-2817 if you have questions or want to know more!

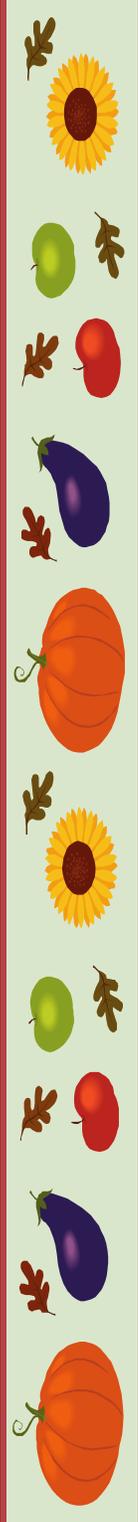
“WELCOME GARDEN” CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 27th was a cool but sunny day....perfect for ending the worship service outside for a blessing of the “Welcome Garden,” an Eagle Scout project for Tate Dempsey. The new garden, located near the entrance ramp into the church is truly a lovely addition to our yard. Thank you Tate!

In addition to the blessing, Joyce Ollendike provided a history of other improvements the Scouts have made over the years. We greatly appreciate the many ways they have helped make our church a welcoming place!



NOVEMBER



*The rolling hills in the meadow
Are green with patches of brown.
The leaves are gone now from the trees
And are lying on the ground.*

*Some say they are dead or dying
But I know that's not true,
Although the trees are bare
The leaves still have work to do.*

*They will decompose and enrich the soil
So in the spring, plants can have new birth.
The trees will don new leaves
And all creation will renew the earth.*

*The temperature is getting cooler
The wind chills to the bone,
The fireside is nice and cozy
And makes me glad for my lovely home.*

*It's just a week till Thanksgiving
And that calls for counting our blessings.
We do the best with family and friends
At a table loaded with turkey and dressing.*



Written by Elma Certain



THANKSGIVING DEVOTION

Old Testament reading: Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things. Be not afraid, O wild animals for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig tree and the vine yield their riches. Be glad, O people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God for he has given you the autumn rain in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. Joel 2: 21—27

New Testament reading: I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles. 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Devotion: The gifts of many holiday celebrations are the rituals that over time shape our life in community. Ritual provides a place for memory to be stored, retrieved, and shared with new generations. Personal and communal stories sweeten and strengthen our sense of God's holy presence with us on such days. The memories of our forebears become our memories. Freeing us from the narrow bondage of the present, a day of ritual remembrance and in-gathering can connect us to a past larger than our own and, miraculously, to a future larger than our own personal hope.

Paul calls Timothy and us to a life marked by prayer and thanksgiving for the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the ancient Eucharistic prayer of great thanksgiving, Christians claim the memory and the hope that "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." Our thanksgiving is larger than one prayer or one day. We give thanks in past, present, and future tenses.

On this (Thanksgiving) day, so often marked by looking back, hear the prophet Joel as he looks at disaster and recognizes the waste of violence. In the midst of this reckoning, Joel proclaims the certain hope that God will restore the whole creation. Feasting will follow a season of deprivation and sorrow. I take comfort in passing a young forest that was, during my childhood, an empty field. Look for signs of God's promise to provide for all creation, for you and for me in our present and future as in our past.

Message by Diane Luton Blum as printed in *The Upper Room Disciplines—2003*, p. 344

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Given the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, it can be difficult staying focused on God's greatest gift to us—our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. But we can help with that! In addition to the Advent study (as noted on p. 3 of this newsletter), you will want to join us in these meaningful celebrations:

- Children's Breakfast With Mary & Joseph—Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m.
- Christmas Program—The Story of the Birth of Christ in Christmas Music—Sunday, December 16, 10:45 a.m. (Lunch immediately following the service).
- Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service—Tuesday, December 24, 5:30 p.m.

GOD SPEAKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS! (from Carol Oliver)

Late in October I attended a meeting with Rich in Orlando. Though I had ample time to work in my Prayer Study book, I had trouble one day getting motivated to begin. I moved out on to the tiny balcony and looked at the beautiful surroundings below. Then I looked up. A sky-writer had written a message. It read, U + GO. I was puzzled but assumed it had something to do with a university sports team. But the sky-writer wasn't finished. As he flew away, the message read, U + GOD = ☺ (Let me know if you want to see a picture of it)!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 3—Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Kids Club
 10:45 a.m. Worship
 11:45 a.m. Fellowship
 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Class
 6:00 p.m. Troop 7 Committee Meeting

Monday, November 4

7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

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

Saturday, November 9

7:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
 8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men

Sunday, November 10

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Kids Club
 10:45 a.m. Worship
 11:45 a.m. Fellowship
 2:00—3:30 p.m. Self Study/Consultation
 Hallsville UMC

Monday, November 11—Veterans Day

7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Tuesday, November 12

6:00 p.m. UMW Dinner and
 Installation of Officers

Wednesday, November 13

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

Thursday, November 14

7:00 p.m. Leadership Board

Friday, November 15

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Communications
 Seminar

Sunday, November 17

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Kids Club
 10:45 a.m. Worship
 11:45 a.m. Fellowship
 2:00—4:00 p.m. Church Conference
 Wilkes Boulevard UMC

Monday, November 18

7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 24

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Kids Club
 10:45 a.m. Worship
 11:45 a.m. Thanksgiving Feast/Potluck

Monday, November 25

7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, November 27—Church Office Closed

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

Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29—Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 1

9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Kids Club
 10:45 a.m. Worship
 11:45 a.m. Light lunch followed by hanging
 of the greens
 6:00 p.m. Troop 7 Committee Meeting

Monday, December 2

6:00 p.m. Advent Study
 7:00 p.m. Scout Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

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



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CHURCH INFORMATION

Our Staff

Pastor—The Rev. Heather Morgan
Administrative Assistant—Caroline Sechler
Director of Music—Christine Jarquio
Custodian—Christopher Morgan

Sunday Services

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School & Kids Club for all ages
10:45 a.m.—Worship
11:45 a.m.—Fellowship

Pastor's Office Hours

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

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Administrative Assistant's Hours

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

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