



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

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

In January, Rev. Adam Hamilton began a 6-week sermon series called, “Unafraid—Living with Courage and Hope.” We will complete that series during February with a one-week interruption to celebrate Scout Sunday. Pastor Heather McCain will then begin a two-sermon series on “Break Through Prayer.” Here is the schedule for the month:

- February 5—“Fear of Change,” with emphasis on the fear of where our country is headed and about finances—by Adam Hamilton
- February 12—Boy Scout Sunday—Sermon by Pastor Heather
- February 19—“Fear of Growing Old, Getting Sick and Dying,” culminating in “Fear of the Lord” - by Adam Hamilton
- February 26—“Feasting on Prayer” - by Pastor Heather

We look forward to seeing you in worship each Sunday as together we hear God’s message to us!

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY—FEBRUARY 5th

Each year, United Methodists celebrate six, “Special Sundays,” which provide opportunity to recognize particular ministries, and to support them by taking a special offering. Human Relations Day is one of those Special Sundays. It calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God’s children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another.

Human Relations Day usually occurs in January on the weekend of the Martin Luther King birthday celebration. However due to inclement weather that forced the cancellation of the church service on January 15th, New Horizons is recognizing this special day on February 5th.

Offerings received will benefit neighborhood ministries through community developers, community advocacy, United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of town and you will find what Jesus called “the least of these.” Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas’ poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration and looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that’s what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church.

In addition to Human Relations Day, we will also be recognizing Black History Month .

A SCOUT IS REVERENT—SCOUT SUNDAY OBSERVANCE – FEBRUARY 12th

In recognition of the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting, Boy Scout Troop 7 and Cub Scout Pack 7 will lead the worship service on Sunday, February 12, in observance of Scout Sunday. Scouts will greet and usher for the congregation, serve as acolytes, worship and prayer leaders, read scripture, offer the children's sermon and lead the congregation in the presentation of the colors and oaths. Pastor Heather McCain will offer a sermon reflecting on youth. The offering received through the Birthday and Blessings Box on this day will support the activities of the troop and pack. Please join in this joyful worship, surrounded by our youth, the leaders of tomorrow.

You are also invited to stay for a luncheon provided by the Scouts and their families for the congregation as a thank you. A Court of Honor will be presented at the end of the luncheon. There will be an opportunity for New Horizons to show appreciation for the many and essential contributions of the troop and pack to the church.

The New Horizons United Methodist Men sponsor this ministry.

LOAVES & FISHES

New Horizons is providing the evening meal for Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen on Saturday, February 4th and volunteers are needed. Preparation begins at 4:00 p.m. with serving at 5:00. Clean-up is typically completed by around 7:00. On-site volunteers can work for a shift, or for the entire evening.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the church narthex if you can provide food, help prepare food, set-up, serve or clean-up. You can sign-up for a shift or for the entire evening.

For more information, please contact Gloria Pifer by text or phone 881-4646.

Please join in this ministry of serving, "the least of these!"

FEASTING ON PRAYER

What is this new talk about prayer? It is inviting God into our Church through prayer, asking God to illuminate God's plan for our church for us as individuals and to make known how God wants us to expand God's kingdom in BOLD WAYS! It is a petition to God to do new things, beyond our imagining, bigger than we could possibly do on our own – without boundaries, without limits, without anticipated outcome. That's what this Breakthrough Prayer Initiative is all about.

What's different? As a congregation we will pray continually together in many ways ~ at the same time each day, walking together in prayer, targeted praying.

Pastor Heather will offer sermons on, "feasting on prayer" on February 26 and March 1.

DOROTHY AWARDS

On January 22nd, we presented two members of our church with the Dorothy Kespohl Memorial Award. This award is presented to those who show qualities of true servitude just as Dorothy did. Our Dorothy was a leader in how to be the hands and feet of our Lord by continually reaching out to those in need and by doing what was needed.

The first recipient was Luella Adams. Luella came to our church as the wife of our then minister, Rev. Tom Adams, but she was more than a minister's wife. She was his partner in all things, and she has continued to serve since Tom's retirement. Her lovely voice was a welcome addition to our choir and she still treats us with a song now and then. She uses her talents in teaching Sunday School and helping in Vacation Bible School and United Methodist Women. The Elijah Prayer Program was started by Luella and she now serves as the leader of our Prayer Team, always calling to check on folks and to see what they need. She has worked with

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Loaves & Fishes, and is still leading our congregation in volunteering at the Wardrobe. Her willingness to fix food for the sick or bake cookies when needed is amazing. Luella is truly serving and doing God's will as she continues to care for her family at home and at church.

The second recipient this year was Christopher Morgan. Chris came to the church with his family as a fifth grader. Throughout the years, he has participated in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Youth Group and travelled on a mission trip to Chillicothe, MO. As a youth, he was always willing to lend a hand whenever help was needed. As he grew older, Chris helped with the Cardinal Coaching Program, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and helped with Children's Church and in the church nursery. He has served on many committees and teams; Worship, Fellowship; Trustees and Nominations and Leadership. When serving on the Long-Term Planning Committee, Chris was the youngest member and Dorothy was the oldest. They made a good team.

Chris's gift of working with computers and enjoying being around older adults has been a blessing for many of us who need help with our computers. He has also readily gone to visit church members in long-term care facilities.

Each year, Chris willingly gets out the many boxes of Christmas decorations and then puts them all away again after the holidays. He organizes the storage room and shed so that things can be easily found. He has set up and put away tables and chairs for innumerable parties, dinners, garage sales and other events held in the Fellowship Hall.

Chris has always been willing to help, and now he brings along his lovely wife, Heather, to help.

What a blessing to have Luella and Chris among us!

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

From Luella Adams—Thank You for the award given to me at the Sunday Celebration of the congregation's organization and the celebration of the thankful devotion that Dorothy Kesphol's life continues to give to the church. God has a very important gift that displays itself in a continuing way. I feel humbled by sharing what gifts God has given me. By sharing them we let others know how God gives his love to each of us. And He wants us to pass it on. I believe it is what God wants each of us to do. When we are able to do this God seems to multiply it in very tremendous ways.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

When putting together the January newsletter, the minutes from the December 8th meeting were not available in their entirety. The information that was shared was in regard to the development of new mission and vision statements, goals and strategies which took the vast majority of the time. Here is some additional information from that meeting, and a summary of the minutes from the January 12th meeting:

December 8th meeting—Fifteen Board and church members were in attendance. The meeting was opened with a devotion, scripture and prayer. Minutes from the November meeting were approved. Discussion was held about hiring someone to work on the technical portions of worship, (i.e. developing slides) and keeping the church website current. Financial reports were approved.

January 12th meeting—Thirteen Board and church members were in attendance. The meeting was opened with a reminder to be hopeful, (Jeremiah 29:11) keep focused on God, commit to our mission statement and to remember the ground rules of trust, transparency, accountability and respect. Pastor Heather shared scripture, asked that we focus on the word, "joy" for the month of January and offered a prayer.

Minutes from the December 8th meeting were approved as corrected.

Discussion was held about snow removal and about the process for cancelling church if traveling is treacherous.

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Several in attendance shared information about a workshop they attended on “Break Through Prayer.” Information from the workshop will be shared with church members in the coming months.

We continue to gather the information needed to discern how to maximize our relationship with the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection.

Everyone who has used the new Vox Hearing System has spoken highly of it.

The budget for 2017 was presented and approved.

Pastor Heather was asked to convene a meeting of the Nominating Committee to find a secretary for the Leadership Board.

It was decided that the Ministry Team Chair be added to the Leadership Board.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

For more detailed information about Leadership Board meetings, please see copies of the full minutes from each meeting located in the Church Office or contact Board Chair, Carol Oliver.

IMPORTANT DATES!

Perhaps the days of warmer weather that have been scattered throughout our winter have prompted thoughts of spring. Here are the dates for a couple of events that will help you to think along those lines:

Saturday, April 22—Spring Clean-Up Day This is the time for the annual clean-up of our church property.

Thankfully we have the support of our Scout Troop and their parents who turn out in force to do far more than we could ever accomplish on our own! The church yard always looks spectacular at the end of the day.

Saturday, April 29—Church Yard Sale So far, everyone sounds excited when they hear about this event.

“I’ve been saving up items for it!” If you haven’t already started, now is the perfect time to start some early spring cleaning and gathering up items that you no longer need, but will make someone else very happy!

Please watch *On the Horizon* and this newsletter in the coming months for further information about both of these events.

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Eight women were in attendance to hear Rocky Alden, the speaker for the January meeting of New Horizons United Methodist Women. Rocky is a Board Member for Room at the Inn (RATI), the local overnight shelter that provides a place for homeless adults to sleep during the months of December thru February.

RATI was started 8 years ago by Rev. Jim Bryan, then senior pastor at Missouri United Methodist Church during a particularly cold and snowy December. This year RATI is being hosted by Unitarian Universalist, Fairview UMC, Broadway Christian Church, Missouri UMC, First Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church. Open from 7:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m., the shelter is now run by a limited staff and a large number of volunteers.

During the business meeting, the officers were initiated for 2017. Discussion was held about meeting more frequently.

The UMW wishes to express thanks to all who purchased pecans for their fundraiser! The money raised will be used for various mission projects chosen by the membership.

INTERVIEW WITH A CHURCH MEMBER

Long-time church member, **Leeann Johnson** grew up as the oldest of six children on a farm near Edina in northeast Missouri. Like most farm kids, she had chores such as helping with gardening, canning, and butch-

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ering chickens. After attending Hurdland Elementary School, she went to Knox County High School where she played softball and basketball and ran track. She also worked at South Side Sundries as a soda jerk where she made, "the best ice cream sodas and sundaes around." Leeann noted that most of her pay, (75 cents/hour) went in the juke box!

Leeann received an Emergency Medical Technician and Associate Degree in Nursing from North Central Missouri College, (formerly Trenton Junior College). She completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at the University of Missouri.

Leeann noted her passion for caring for trauma patients began early in her career. Her first job as a staff nurse was in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at University of Missouri Health Care. She completed certification as a Critical Care Registered Nurse and then began working at the University of Missouri Health Care, Frank L. Mitchell, Jr. MD, (Level 1) Trauma Center where she cared for the most critically injured patients. Eventually she joined the Trauma Center Staff for Life Helicopter Service where she served first as a flight nurse and then as Chief Flight Nurse. Given her expertise in this area, she also began providing surveys/inspections for The Commission of Medical Transport Systems, which accredits helicopter/transport programs around the country. Leeann describes her 28 years with the Staff for Life Helicopter Services as, "challenging, yet gratifying." She shared high praise for her on-the-job training. "Dr. Frank Mitchell served as a teacher and mentor. He was very influential on a daily basis with providing feedback and training for the most optimal care of trauma patients..."

In 2013, Leeann became Trauma Program Manager. "It was a perfect fit! It allows me to focus on every aspect of the injured patient. The entire spectrum of trauma care from pre-hospital to rehabilitation and everything in-between is emphasized."

Leeann and Scott Johnson have been married for "11 wonderful years," and she has, "two beautiful, caring, intelligent daughters, Callie and Jules!" (Many church members watched Callie and Jules grow up in the church and totally agree with their mom's assessment!)

Leeann enjoys hiking, traveling, bird watching, cooking and eating. "We are foodies!"

When asked if there is anything else she would like to share, Leeann's reply was, "I believe a positive attitude can move mountains! I am thankful every day for the many blessings God bestows upon me and New Horizons United Methodist Church."

Over the years, Leeann has served in various children's ministries and most recently on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee. We are very thankful to Leeann for her many years of service through these areas, and for her positive attitude!

TEN WAYS TO LOVE

Valentine's Day may prompt thoughts of romantic love for some. However these, "Ten Ways to Love," sent in by a church member and adapted from Crosswalk.com are something to which all of us can aspire:

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18:13)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 212:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 15:1)
6. Love without pretending. (Romans 12:9)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
9. Prove without punishing (Colossians 3:16)
10. Promise without forgetting. (James 1:23—25)

SERVE WITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TEAMS

If you've always wanted to go on a mission trip, but don't feel ready (or don't have enough time) to travel internationally, you now can serve right here in the United States in 2017.

The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection (COR) has serve trips scheduled for Dallas, Denver, New York City, Columbus and Omaha and additional trips may be added.

OR perhaps you want to serve globally. COR has serve trips scheduled for Haiti, Malawi, South Africa and Honduras.

These are the trips not yet filled:

June

June 3-10 – Honduras

June 17-21 – Columbus, Ohio

June 18-26 – Honduras

June 24 - July 1 – Haiti

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September 16-23 - Haiti

October

October 12-22 – Malawi

October 13 - 20 - Honduras - Men's Trip

October 19-29 – South Africa

October 21-28 – Honduras

July

July 13-23 – Malawi

July 14-24 – South Africa

July 20-23 – Omaha

June 19-24 – New York City – trip is full

July 25-30 – Denver

To learn more about how to be a part of these mission trip opportunities go to: <http://cor.org/leawood/serve>.

Macon United Methodist Church is sponsoring a return trip to Nicaragua on July 30 – August 5 to work with Rainbow Network. According to trip leaders, “We will have a team working construction on a housing project during the morning and then visiting the various aspects of Rainbow Network during the afternoon. We will also have a medical team working alongside Nicaraguan physicians in rural communities. We will observe a micro loan ceremony, see schools, community buildings and feeding centers, meet sponsored students, fellowship with each other, enjoy daily devotion time and much more.”

The total cost of the trip is approximately \$1,500 per person. Macon UMC is asking that each participant pay \$400 and help us fundraise the remainder. A \$50 deposit is requested to save your spot on the trip.

If you feel led to be a part of this great experience, contact :

Mandi Brown at 573-480-1732 or at mandibrown76@yahoo.com

For international travel, things to do now are to get a passport if don't have one, and to get started on the shots and immunizations you need for that particular country.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

After cancelling the January meeting due to ice, the United Methodist Men will be gathering again at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and a time of fellowship on Saturday, February 11th. The meeting site has been moved back to Hy Vee on Conley Road. Remember to bring your New Horizons mug for coffee. It provides great publicity for our church!

Please contact Ron Miller at 825-1200 or at ronmiller3101941@icloud.com for any questions, or about how you can join the group!

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Wednesday, February 1**

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group & Bible Study

3:20 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 70324

Meeting

6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 7 Committee

Meeting

Thursday, February 2

6:00 p.m. Wolf Den 1, Cub Scout Pack 7

Meeting

Saturday, February 4

11:30 a.m. Fun City Youth Academy

4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

Sunday, February 5

9:30 a.m. Kids Club/Christian Ed Classes

10:45 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

12:30 p.m. Boy Scout Merit Badge

Meeting

6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Committee

Meeting

Monday, February 6

5:15 p.m. Webelos 2 Cub Scout Pack 7

Meeting

Wednesday, February 8

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group & Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Webelos 1, Cub Scout

Pack 7 Meeting

Thursday, February 9

7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meeting

Saturday, February 11

8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men

Breakfast Meeting

11:30 a.m. Fun City Youth Academy

Sunday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Kids Club/Christian Ed Classes

10:45 a.m. Worship led by Boy Scouts

12:00 p.m. Boy Scout Lunch

12:30 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor

Monday, February 13

Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting

Tuesday, February 14

Valentine's Day

6:00 p.m. Wolf 2 Den Cub Scout Pack 7

Meeting

Wednesday, February 15

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group & Bible Study

3:20 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 70324

Meeting

Thursday, February 16

6:00 p.m. Wolf Den 1, Cub Scout Pack 7

Meeting

Saturday, February 18

Reserved for private event
(Fun City Youth Academy will
move to another locations).

Sunday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes

10:45 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, February 20

Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 22

9:30 a.m. Prayer Group & Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Webelos 1, Cub Scout

Pack 7 Meeting

Saturday, February 25

11:30 a.m. Fun City Youth Academy

Sunday, February 26

9:30 a.m. Kid's Club/Christian Ed Classes

10:45 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 70324 Parents

Meeting

Monday, February 27

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting

Tuesday, February 28

6:00 p.m. Wolf 2 Den Boy Scout Pack 7

Meeting



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CHURCH INFORMATION

Our Staff

Pastor—Rev. Heather McCain
Music Director—Bernice Dyhouse
Custodian—Christopher Morgan
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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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