



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

CHURCH CONFERENCE PLANNED TO VOTE ON GOVERNANCE

All church members are invited to a Church Conference scheduled for July 30th at 7:00 p.m. where we will vote on whether or not to approve a new structure for New Horizon's governance. The intent of the new structure is to help simplify administration and decision making so that we may continue our outreach ministries more efficiently. This process started about two years ago when several from our congregation attended Lay Leadership Development (LLD), and has continued with Rev. Morgan attending Pastor Leadership Development (PLD). She continues to attend these classes. Church members were then invited to participate in a visioning day with consultant, David Hyatt. As a result, the Administrative Council approved a new vision statement for New Horizons (printed at the top of this page). An additional consultant, (hired at Conference expense) spoke with church members about our mission and how we are proceeding to reach our mission and goals. Input from these events as well as information gleaned from those attending the Small Church Initiative (SCI) program has helped confirm our direction.

The time line for implementing the new structure is as follows:

- Thursday, July 11 Administrative Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 11— Thursday, July 25 Two weeks to nominate leadership board
- Sunday, July 21 Service on Holy Communion (tentative date)
- Sunday, July 21—Tuesday, July 30 SABBATH REST: Congregation-wide rest from leadership roles and responsibilities. The sole focus will be in mission, (preparing to serve at Loaves & Fishes, etc.)
- Thursday, July 25 Report nominees for leadership board to District Superintendent
- Tuesday, July 30 Church Conference, 7:00 p.m. - approval of new structure and nominations
- Sunday, August 4 Service of Unity, 10:45 a.m.
- Thursday, August 8 First meeting of new leadership board.
- Friday, August 16-Saturday, August 17 RETREAT for new leadership board.

For questions about any of the above, please contact Pastor Heather Morgan or Lee Walz.

VACATION FOR PASTOR HEATHER MORGAN

Our pastor will be taking a much deserved vacation beginning on July 2nd and ending July 10th. She will be back on July 11th. Lay speaker, Adrienne Edmondson will be preaching on Sunday, July 7th. For pastoral emergencies while Pastor Heather is away, please contact Pastor Meg Hegemann at 573-449-4363 (work) or at 573-673-6928 (cell).

EXPERIENCE HOLY COMMUNION AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME—(Date to be announced)

The first Sunday of each month New Horizons UMC celebrates Holy Communion. Since it is done at least 12 times a year, some commentators have noticed that worshippers often move through this ritual without giving it much thought or without much realization of what is happening within that worship.

In an effort to help worshippers to experience the full force of this ancient rite, the New Horizons community of faith will be sharing in a special communion service during the regular worship hour on Sunday. This service will be designed to present a step-by-step commentary of the Eucharist.

James Powell, who will be delivering this commentary, says, “The sermon will be the communion service, itself. The service delivers a powerful message of confession, forgiveness and healing to us in our daily living.”

Pastor Heather Morgan and retired pastors, Tom Adams and Elma Certain will join James in leading this service.

MEGA SPORTS CAMP~BREAKING FREE

Mega Sports Camp~Breaking Free 2013 is scheduled for Thursday and Friday evenings, July 18th and 19th from 5:30—8:30 p.m., and on Saturday, July 20th from 9:30 to noon. We welcome all children who are at least four years of age through those who have completed the 6th grade to join us for a GREAT program in which kids learn through sports to live out their faith both on and off the field.

At each session the children select a sport—soccer, basketball or cheerleading/dance. In addition to learning the fundamentals that make athletes great, the children enjoy upbeat rallies filled with exciting music, biographies of famous sport figures, and inspirational Bible stories. These experiences help them discover the character traits necessary to excel in sports and life.

After the Saturday morning session, all children along with their families will enjoy a “ballpark” style lunch with an opportunity to demonstrate their newly acquired skills.

Mega Sports Camp offers **many opportunities** for us to get better acquainted with children of neighbors and our neighborhood and share time together in a truly meaningful way as we plan and carry out these Bible School activities. You certainly won't want to miss the opportunity to be a part of the action! Contact the church office to VOLUNTEER to tell Bible stories, coach, be a group leader, prepare food or serve as registrar. Contact the church at office@newhorizons-umc.org or call and leave a message at 443-7058.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY AT LOAVES & FISHES

On Saturday, June 1st it was New Horizons UMC's turn to provide the meal at Loaves and Fishes, and we did though only a few members of our church family participated. LaShonda, Kendyl and Kendra Boone and Pastor Heather were there along with one of Kendra's friends, Lauren and ten members from LaShonda's sorority, Delta Sigma Theta. A portion of the food was secured from the Food Pantry and the remainder was purchased using funds designated for that use from the Birthdays and Blessings Box.

The experience was a positive one for the women from the sorority and they have offered to help on a regular basis in October and June of each year! Pastor Heather reported that it was a marvelous evening. LaShonda noted, “Overall it was a great mission opportunity and many people were blessed by the food that we shared with them.” Thanks so much to the Boone family, Lauren and to Lashonda's sorority sisters as well as Pastor Heather!

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Participants in the Small Church Initiative program received workbooks which contained several books that it would be good for anyone to read. They are:

- “The Healthy Small Church” by Dennis Bickers
- “Ultimately Responsible” by Sue Nilson Kibbey
- “Evangelism in the Small Church” by Royal Speidel

SUMMER OFFICE SUPPORT

Office volunteers from our congregation are doing a great job filling in while we search for a new Administrative Assistant. We appreciate the help of Nancy, Lenora, Diana, Joyce, Marie, Carol and others. For the most part these volunteers (or “church angels”) are providing office coverage on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00—noon. Many thanks to you all!

Last week we welcomed Mrs. Jessica Bach to the church office. She will provide part-time coverage, (12 hours/week) for the church office, as needed during the summer. Jessica and her husband and three daughters are long-time members of Missouri United Methodist Church. Jessica’s work schedule for the second and third weeks of June will be from 12:00—5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will work from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. during the fourth week of June. Scheduling for July will incorporate her family’s vacation dates.

Heather Morgan is continuing to interview for a permanent Administrative Assistant, because Jessica has accepted a part-time teaching job in the Ashland School District (at her daughter’s school). This job is perfect for her family’s schedule and needs, and Jessica will begin this new position in mid-August. Heather will conduct a telephone interview and an in-person interview on Thursday, June 13th, followed by an in-person interview on June 24th. Following the interviews, she will work with the SPPR Committee to issue a call to the most qualified candidate. Please include this search process in your prayers, trusting that God is blessing New Horizons with an excellent administrator who can serve on a permanent basis. Thank you!

FUN CITY NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

Children who attend Cedar Ridge Elementary School had the opportunity to enroll in the 8-week Fun City Summer Academy. However it was folks from New Horizons who served as catalyst and got them into the program. By talking about the need for summer activities, we helped make the connection between the United Way, Fun City Summer Academy, Cedar Ridge Elementary School and the Columbia Public School System. Rev. Janice Threet from For His Glory, Inc. was also instrumental in this partnership. A pilot grant from United Way addressed the problem of transportation, enabling 14 children from our neighborhood to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. Mel West were the co-founders of this program in the late 1970’s. A United Methodist couple started Fun City and now New Horizons, through our concern, has helped 14 children from El Chaparral to participate in this outstanding program.

Fun City Summer Academy is an eight-week academic program provided by the Columbia Public Schools. It is an enrichment program of art, educational games, African American culture and recreation. The program is held at Ridgeway Elementary School, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

WEDDINGS AT NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons will be the site for two weddings in the next few months. Pastor Heather will preside at both services.

Wendy Hills and Phillip Cuendet will be married on Saturday, August 24th at 4:00. You may remember church member, Wendy and her mom, Cindy Smith. The reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall. It is anticipated that seventy-five people will be in attendance.

Brittany Selby and Cameron Steinward will be married on Saturday, September 21st at 3:00 p.m. Cameron’s six-year old son, Cayden will serve as ring bearer. The reception will be held at another location. One hundred and thirty-five guests will be invited.

Let’s pray for God’s blessings on both of these couples as they work to build strong, happy marriages.

OUR GREETING TO REV. JULIA IN MOZAMBIQUE

You may remember one Sunday this spring having the opportunity to sign a greeting card that was from our church to our covenant partner, Rev. Julia Lampião Seneta in Mozambique. Since mail to that country is very expensive and may not be so reliable once it arrives, our card was being carried by Nancy Lynch, team leader for a group of four women participating in a Volunteers in Mission opportunity. After her return, Nancy sent the following message: “I passed your letter on to Rev. Jacob Jenhuro, the assistant to the Bishop in Northern Mozambique. He said that he knew Rev. Seneta. I only hope that he does not forget to send it on to her. The Northern Conference meets in July, so it may get passed on to her then.”

REPORT FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

From Kathy Dempsey—The 2013 meeting of the Missouri Annual Conference was held Friday, June 7 to Monday, June 10 in Springfield, MO. In addition to the business of the conference and reports from various committees and church related initiatives, 9 new pastors were commissioned, 10 pastors were ordained and 31 retiring pastors were recognized. Those in attendance enjoyed a variety of inspiring music and inspirational speakers centered around the theme, “Praying Hands and Dirty Fingernails.”

From Pastor Heather—Annual Conference was filled with amazingly inspirational speakers and worship services. During these events, our own Lee Walz was honored for his long term of service to the people of the Missouri Conference through the camping program. The highlights of Annual Conference for me were the hands-on experiences of the theme, “Praying Hands and Dirty Fingernails.” For example, I visited a prayer room which was filled with experiential opportunities to connect with God in silence: a bowl of baptismal water filled with sparkling, smooth rocks, a table full of mandalas for coloring, a mosaic where we glued titles around the words of forgiveness and healing, a place for kneeling before a quilt that spoke the story of God’s love, etc. Then on Saturday and Sunday afternoon we participated in workshops and mission projects all around Springfield. On Saturday, I was blessed to help many other volunteers serve a meal for 300 families at a food distribution center called Crosslines. We welcomed the families to eat a hot meal of hotdogs, hamburgers, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and drinks. Following the meal, families took food boxes to their homes to provide meals for the rest of the month. The whole event was bathed in prayer led by the Rev. Andy Bryan, the son of the Rev. Jim Bryan. On Sunday afternoon, my workshop was a Poverty Simulation organized by the Office of Creative Ministries. I did a role play as the father of a family of five. This was a very moving experience, which I will describe to you in more detail during one of my upcoming sermons. All in all, the prayer and service opportunities created dynamic, inspiring experiences of God’s love throughout the conference!

“HOW IS JESUS IN YOUR LIFE”

From one of the *Small Church Initiative* sessions in Moberly attended by New Horizons SCI team members, there was a thought shared by an attendee that keeps repeating in my mind. “*How can I introduce Jesus to another if I do not know Jesus and do not have a relationship with him?*” As repeated many times personal invitations are identified as the most responsive way to bring people to church. It is in the telling of how our lives have been changed by our knowing Jesus that reaches those seeking meaning and purpose in their lives. The following is an excerpt from an article in Discipleship Journal:

“5 different ways to tell your story of God’s activity”

Author Elizabeth Turnage wrote, “Told Any Good Stories Lately?” Consider answering these questions yourself to find some of the stories of God’s work in your life.

God works in our lives in many way. Choose one of the following, then think about your story in how you’ve experienced God’s hand in an area of your life.

† **A tale of redemption:** How have you seen God bring something beautiful out of a hard situation?

† **A story of comfort:** How have you experienced God’s gentleness and shelter during a painful or difficult situation?

† **A tale of victory:** How has God helped you overcome a weakness?

† **A story of provision:** Describe a time God met a pressing need—exactly and on time—in His providential way.

† **A tale of reconciliation:** When have you witnessed God heal a relationship that seemed damaged beyond repair?

In your answer you will have found your message to share with another.

These thoughts shared by Diana Baldwin, NHUMC Radical Hospitality Team

Excerpt from an article from:

<http://www.evangelismcoach.org/2011/5-ways-to-tell-your-stories-of-gods-activity>

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

In a few weeks, we will be celebrating our nation's birthday. For most, this country is a wonderful place to live! But with the privilege of living here comes responsibility...learning about social and political issues, contacting our elected leaders about our concerns and of course, voting. The success of our democracy depends on it. In the words of famous playwright, novelist and short story writer, George Bernard Shaw, "Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 13

6:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance

7:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Saturday, June 15

United Methodist Women District Spiritual
Life Retreat

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, June 17

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7

Wednesday, June 19

6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 7

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, June 20

6:30 p.m. Webelos 1

Sunday, June 23

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, June 24

7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 7

Tuesday, June 25

6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women

Wednesday, June 26

6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, June 30

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship

Tuesday, July 2

6:30 p.m. Education Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 3

6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day

Sunday, July 7

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship

7:00 p.m. Troop 7 Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 10

6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, July 11

6:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance

7:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Saturday, July 13

8:00 a.m. United Methodist Men

10:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
Meeting

Sunday, July 14

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship

Wednesday, July 17

6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday and Friday, July 18 & 19

5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.- Mega Sports Camp

Saturday, July 20

9:30 a.m.—noon - Mega Sports Camp
followed by a picnic lunch.



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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

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Our Staff:

Pastor—Rev. Heather Morgan

Administrative Assistant - Jessica Bach

Music Director—Christine Jarquio

Custodial Care—Christopher Morgan

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Friday (as
volunteers are available) 9:00 a.m.—noon