



*News* on the  
**Horizon**

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**Re: *There's More Where That Came From***

Dear Friends of New Horizon,

It's amazing what we can give when we have an endless source.

When I was a boy, I found a prize in my Crispy Critters. It was a small, rubber dinosaur. I held it tight and was the envy of my siblings.

The next day, another dinosaur came out of that same box. Then another, then another. Amazingly, the box produced 17 toys in all. At that point, it became fun to share them with others.

It's fun to dish out from a bottomless supply.

Scripture says, *"Praise God, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ!"* (Ephesians 1:3). It speaks of the endless supply of God's love, grace, forgiveness, patience, and joy, that is ours when we're connected with Jesus. The cross paid for an inexhaustible supply of God's gems in our lives.

The good news is, even when we don't feel it, God's treasures are in us. And with a little practice, we can give them away. Daily. Even by the bucketful. Perhaps before the day is out you'll have opportunity to offer a dose of unconditional love, or be a source of joy to another.

*"I pray you will know the riches of His glorious inheritance."* (v.18) If Jesus is in us, so are his riches. I pray we'll discover more and more, so we can pour and pour.

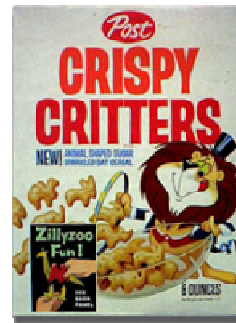
That's what we're about at New Horizon. Welcome aboard.



Peace in Jesus our Lord,



Pastor Mark Jordan



# On the Horizon



## Time Change!

"Fall back" on Sunday, November 6, 2 AM. An extra hour of sleep before church!

## Charge Conference

Monday, November 7th, 7 PM,  
New Horizon's Connections Café.

As United Methodists, the highest authority in our church is our annual "Charge Conference." Our District Superintendent presides at this meeting, and church leaders officially approve budget items and nominations. All are invited to attend, experience, and ask questions.



## Café Worship is On!

At 9:45 AM each Sunday we simulcast our Worship Service to our Connections Café. View our Worship Service while visiting with friends at nicely spaced tables on the carpeted area in the Café. Perhaps a great place to invite your friends who don't presently attend a church.

**NH Three-Minute Mission.** As our Worship Services are dismissed, won't you use the first three minutes to meet and get to know someone you've never met before? Each of us contributing to NH's *Outward Ethos!*



**Living on the Cutting Edge!** Have you seen the "Haiti House" on our parking lot? It represents an unprecedented opportunity for New Horizon to serve those in Haiti who are still without housing nearly two years after the earthquake. We are among the first to be involved with offering this *sustainable* means of *training, employing, and housing* our loved ones in Haiti. Our goal through the Holiday Season is learning about this opportunity, leading other churches in becoming involved, and generous personal giving as we ship our Haiti House and others in 2012. Learn more as we launch our initiative on Sunday, November 6.



**MyServe** Ever wonder how many people it takes to "do church" on a Sunday morning? Lots. Ever wondered if there is a place for your unique gifts and talents? There is! Ever wish there was someone you could talk to who could just answer questions and help you get started? You can. Please email Patty Altstetter, the Volunteer Coordinator at New Horizon, at [pattya1208@gmail.com](mailto:pattya1208@gmail.com) to find the perfect spot in which to serve.



**Making a Good Thing Even Better:  
*The Art of Marriage*  
 November 4-5, 2011**

Our marriages are among the most valuable and important things in our lives. Periodically, all of us can benefit from stirring and encouraging our love. Married or engaged couples are encouraged to join us for *The Art of Marriage* in the Connections Café on **November 4-5**. Using DVD presentations, we will fan our hearts and take home tools for making the

best marriages even better. Please register by Thursday morning, November 3rd, at [www.newhorizonchurch.org/art-of-marriage](http://www.newhorizonchurch.org/art-of-marriage). The cost of \$50.00 per couple includes all materials and lunch, and is due at registration. Confidential scholarships are available by contacting Barbara Tuck at 359-1904.



**Community Thanksgiving Dinner  
 Sunday, November 20th, 5pm**

Our annual Community Thanksgiving dinner will be Sunday, November 20th. We will be hosting our friends from Restoration Urban Ministries, the TIMES Center, and Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry. Dinner begins at 5pm followed by an awesome time of worship with guest speaker Rev. Ervin Williams. Please bring food items (see our website for a list) to help stock Restoration's Food Pantry for the Holiday Season. A free-will offering for Restoration will also be received.

Please help! We need volunteers for: set-up, carving turkeys and ham, safety, serving, greeting and clean-up. We also need volunteers to bring side dishes: macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes and desserts. (Please use disposable containers for fast clean-up. They are available at the sign-up table in the Connections Café.)

You may also make monetary contributions towards our meal. And for those who will not have time to bake, you may provide unprepared boxes of Stove Top Stuffing (Turkey flavor) and cans of whole berry cranberry sauce. Please provide your contributions no later than November 13th.

Volunteers, please sign-up at the tables in the Connections Café or the church website. For more information, contact Jeanette Keller at [ejkeller1@gmail.com](mailto:ejkeller1@gmail.com) or 586-3813.

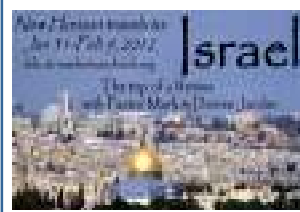


**Fall Pastor's Study:  
 "The Gospel of Mark: Exposed!"**

Pastor Mark will continue his overview study of the Gospel of Mark on Thursdays, November 3-17. The same material will be offered at 6:45 AM, 10:00 AM, and 6:30 PM, each week. Miss a week? Find the podcast on our website under "Podcast Archive."



**Care to Be Baptized?** Following Jesus in baptism is a celebration and a joy! NH will offer one more opportunity for baptism this year on **Sunday, November 20**, during our Worship Services. If you care to be baptized, either by sprinkling or immersion, or if you would like to reaffirm a previous baptism, you're invited. Please indicate your intentions by attending Pastor Mark's *All About Baptism* class on **Wednesday, November 16**, 6:30 PM.



**Israel Tour Update.** *There's still time to register for our Israel Tour, January 31-February 9.* For those who have registered, we will be meeting for a *Pre-Tour Orientation* on Sunday, November 13, 12:45 PM, in the back room of Biaggi's. Details and registration on the church website, [www.newhorizonchurch.org](http://www.newhorizonchurch.org).

### Christmas Gift Donations

Every year New Horizon provides a Christmas present to men at the TIMES Center and Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry. This year we are collecting men's winter hats and gloves. We would like them collected by Nov. 30th. Our goal is 100 sets. There is a collection box in the breezeway of the main entrance for donations. We will distribute the gifts at the Christmas party at the TIMES Center in December. Questions? Contact Lia Mueller at [liamueller@frontier.com](mailto:liamueller@frontier.com).



### Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child brings joy to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Additional information is available at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ). **Boxes are due by noon on November 20th.** Thank you for your generous hearts!

### Christmas Festival Weekend December 2-4, 2011

Friday 1-4pm | Saturday 9-1pm Deck the Halls  
Sunday: 1pm Caroling | 3pm Parkland Concert



### Adopt a Family for Christmas

God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. What better time of year than now to share God's love. New Horizon families and small groups adopt families annually from Restoration Urban Ministries and try to make their Christmas a little brighter. If you are interested in adopting a family, contact Restoration Urban Ministries directly at 355-2662 and ask for Linda Cramer.

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**Placing Your Membership at New Horizon.** Care to become an official member of New Horizon Church? We'd love to have you. At NH, "joining the church" is understood as becoming a member of our Ministry Team. In doing so, a person is committing to growing as a follower of Christ by participating and serving in the ministries of New Horizon. Our Ministry Team Training (MTT) class permits you to learn about membership, and is a prerequisite to membership.

Please join us for our final MTT of 2011 on **Sunday, November 13**, from **12:30-5:00 PM** in the Café. Lunch will be served. Please register for MTT on our website, [www.newhorizonchurch.org](http://www.newhorizonchurch.org). Already participated in MTT and ready to join? You may place your membership at NH during worship on **Sunday, November 13**, or on our final membership placement date in 2011 of **December 18**. Please contact the office and let us know of your intentions.



***Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!***  
**2 Corinthians 9:15 (ESV)**

Every November for the past several years Axis takes one of our Wednesday nights to fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We do this to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. It's also our opportunity to be thankful. Thankful you say? Absolutely!




In this season of Thanksgiving, considering the many ways in which God has blessed us, I believe thankfulness is a natural response. Yet, how often do we think about being thankful for the opportunity to give a gift to others? This doesn't mean that we need to possess a lot to give. God is a giving and good God, and we give out of the abundance of whatever He has blessed us with. As we share, we are thankful for the blessings of God and the privilege to use those blessings as a gift to others.


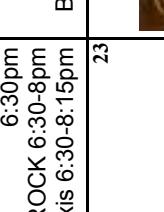
I'm reminded of how much our students enjoy giving during events such as last spring's *Operation: Serve* or our annual mission trip. This past summer we had a record number of students head down to East St. Louis to serve and give of their resources and time. I really believe that they were thankful for the opportunity to give and to serve. Not only is this pleasing to God, but it perpetuates a spirit of thankfulness.

This Thanksgiving season may we all look for an opportunity to be thankful by giving in whatever way God leads. Axis, Adventureland, and many of our small groups will take part in Operation Christmas Child. How is God calling you to be thankful in giving?

By fantastic grace,  
Dave Plemons, Director of Student Ministries



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2011</h1>						
<p>For the complete calendar of all events at New Horizon, please visit <a href="http://www.newhorizonchurch.org/calendar">www.newhorizonchurch.org/calendar</a></p>						
<p>6</p> <p>Time change! "Fall back" one hour (2AM)! Worship 8:30, 9:45 &amp; 11:10am Café Worship 9:45am</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Body &amp; Soul 9-10am Power of Prayer (POP) 5:30-6:30pm Charge Conference 7pm Scout Troop 314 7-8pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Body &amp; Soul 9-10am Dinner 5:45-6:15pm ROCK 6:30-8pm Axis 6:30-8:15pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>"The Gospel of Mark: Exposed!" 6:45am, 10am, and 6:30pm John's Friends 6:30-8pm Body &amp; Soul 7-8pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Time Out 4 Mom 9am The Art of Marriage 6:30-9pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Women in Prayer 7:30am The Art of Marriage 9am-4pm</p>
						

<p>13</p> <p>Join the Church Worship 8:30, 9:45 &amp; 11:10am Café Worship 9:45am <b>Health &amp; Wellness</b> Ministry Team Training 12:30-5pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Body &amp; Soul 9-10am</p> <p>POP 5:30-6:30pm Body &amp; Soul 7-8pm Scout Troop 314 7-8pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Body &amp; Soul 9-10am</p> <p>Dinner 5:45-6:15pm All About Baptism 6:30pm ROCK 6:30-8pm Axis 6:30-8:15pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>"The Gospel of Mark: Exposed!" 6:45am, 10am, and 6:30pm</p> <p>John's Friends 6:30-8pm Body &amp; Soul 7-8pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Time Out 4 Mom 9am</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Women in Prayer 7:30am</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Looking Ahead:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Festival Weekend ~ December 2nd - 4th Join the Church ~ December 18th Eve Before You Leave ~ December 21st Christmas Eve Services ~ December 24th at 3pm, 5pm, 7pm and 11pm</p>						



## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children around the world in desperate situations through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Many individuals, families and small groups participate in this project as they focus on the true meaning of Christmas- Jesus Christ.

Consider participating by purchasing small toys, hard candy, school supplies or other child-friendly gift items and packing them into a standard size shoe box or similar sized plastic container with a lid. Determining the gender and age range for your gift box will help: ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14.



What is our goal as a church? 225 boxes representing the 225 children and youth who attend New Horizon during any given week.



**Boxes are due to New Horizon by noon on Sunday, November 20th.** Additional info can be found at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

Jennifer Meteny  
Director of Children's Ministries

If you would like a personal CD copy of past messages, please stop by the Welcome Center and order your copy. You will receive an email when the copy is ready for pick up. Messages are also available online at [www.newhorizonchurch.org](http://www.newhorizonchurch.org).



### John's Friends ~ Submitted by Mary Ann Matthews

John's Friends is off and running this new season! We have some new participants and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who passed out brochures and told people about us. We want to keep growing!

One of the things we are considering for the future is to include some of our participants in the planning of parties and activities.

We have discovered that several of our participants are good leaders. One evening, one of our kids didn't want to leave and was really digging in, gearing up for a fight with a parent. One of our regular participants went up to the child, very gently and sweetly, and showed the passage in the Bible where it says, "Honor your father and mother" and said, "Look, it says here, God wants us to obey our parents." Very soon, there was a slightly begrudged "okay" and that was the end of the fight. What a powerful witness.

Thank you for your support of John's Friends by prayer and witness.

### Small Groups Update ~ Submitted by Teresa Pratt

**Fridays with my Friends.....**At the core of small group ministry is hands-on support, prayer, and encouragement. Here's how Jennifer Shankleton describes her small group experience....

*"I have been blessed to be a part of **Time Out for Moms (TO4M) Small Group Ministry** for the past 5 years. I joined just prior to our third child's birth and was thankful that God led me to this group when He did. Little did we know that I, and our family, would need the support of these women as much as we did. Our third child decided to join us at 28 weeks. We were new to the area and had no local family support. Braden spent eight weeks in the hospital. The other moms in TO4M prayed for us and helped with meals, etc. No one knew me when I started, but within the month, the moms were offering our family help. Many of the moms in TO4M have become my best friends. I still turn to them for support, and have been blessed to help them in times of need.*



*I have always looked forward to my Fridays with my friends. In 2009 I was asked to lead the TO4M small group ministry and after much prayer, I accepted. As the ministry leader, I have continued to feel God's presence in my life and His guidance. This fall I have passed this ministry leadership to another mom whom I am confident will do amazing things! I continue to attend TO4M because I desire, and need, that support, fellowship and prayer time. Thank you God, and thank you New Horizon, for providing TO4M."*

We are so thankful for Jennifer's small group leadership through TO4M. She is a testimony of how God works to bring His people into community, so that all may be blessed! For additional information regarding small groups, drop Teresa an email at [dapratt@cawi.org](mailto:dapratt@cawi.org) or go to [www.newhorizonchurch.org](http://www.newhorizonchurch.org) and click on "small groups."

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### **Women's Events!** Sisters, be encouraged!

- **Body & Soul!** Fitness for heart and body. Morning workouts on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10am, and evening workouts on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8pm. Find out more from Sara Easter at [easters97@sbcglobal.net](mailto:easters97@sbcglobal.net).



- **Women in Prayer.** Join other women in prayer on Saturday mornings at 7:30 at New Horizon. No need to RSVP; just stop by and join us in praying for New Horizon Church.

- **Weekly Small Groups.** Check out the church website at [www.newhorizonchurch.org](http://www.newhorizonchurch.org) for information about small groups for women!

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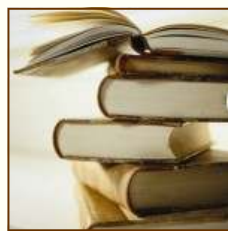
**Feel the pulse of NH!** We'd love to keep you in the loop with short, periodic emails featuring events and updates. Care to receive them? You'll find a handy subscription link on our website: [www.newhorizonchurch.org/e-updates](http://www.newhorizonchurch.org/e-updates)

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### **Men's Opportunities!** Brothers, be encouraged!

- **Men's Retreat.** Friday-Saturday, **January 20-21, 2012.** An overnight with great men, great food, and great encouragement. Our guest speaker is Charley Houston from San Antonio, TX. Men, bring your sons (use your discretion on age). Watch for more info.
- **Mardi Gras Outreach.** Pastor Mark has led scores of men to Mardi Gras to share Christ in New Orleans. We will learn loving, sensitive, and caring approaches to share our faith. God meets us in a very special way as we offer Christ to others. **February 16-22, 2012.** Watch for more info.
- **Iron Sharpens Iron Regional Men's Event.** NH will host ISI on Saturday, **April 21, 2012.** We intend to welcome between 300-500 men from central Illinois, as they gather to learn from nationally known presenters. Will you help us serve our brothers? Please contact Bill Weiss at [billandcindyweiss@comcast.net](mailto:billandcindyweiss@comcast.net). Watch for more info.
- **Weekly Small Groups.** Be sure to check out the church website, [www.newhorizonchurch.org](http://www.newhorizonchurch.org), for information about small groups for men!



**Visit the New Horizon Library!** Have you been upstairs in the Green Room to check out the New Horizon Library? It is located by the prayer room. Please make it a habit to stop in as our library will grow. We hope you enjoy this lending library.

Along with asking for book donations, we are looking for ethnic items from your travels, if possible with a Christian theme, to be displayed on our new shelves. Examples: Plates, Pottery, Artwork from Israel, Italy or a mission trip that you served on. Please direct questions to Deb Norris at [deb.norris6@gmail.com](mailto:deb.norris6@gmail.com).

#### **Our Staff is here to help you. Feel free to call on us.**

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## Applying Bible Principles

Many people — including Christians — sometimes end up in serious financial difficulty because they ignore this basic principle from God's Word: God wants us to know the state of our finances. Proverbs 27:23-24 instruct us, "Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations."

In Old Testament times, livestock were one of the primary measures of a person's wealth. Today, we might be admonished, "Be diligent to know the state of your bank accounts and your possessions." Or as Proverbs 24:3-4 says in a contemporary version, "Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts."

Why is this so important? As managers, we are responsible for what God has entrusted to us. Part of that responsibility includes monitoring the status of our possessions and making wise investments.

One of the best investments we can make is to send deposits to the "Bank of Heaven" by giving to the Lord's work here at New Horizon United Methodist Church. When we do that, we are not only exercising good stewardship, but we are also earning God's approval. There's no better return on an investment than that!

As you think about your life today, do you have a good picture of where you are financially? Are you keeping the commitments concerning giving which you have made to God?



Think about it: A dollar spent for lunch lasts about five hours. A dollar spent for a necktie lasts about five weeks. A dollar spent for an automobile lasts about five years. A dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity.

## Financial Update

*Thank you for your generous gifts! What you give makes an eternal difference.*

September		2011 Year to Date	
General Fund Receipts —	\$54,909.85	General Fund Receipts —	\$603,504.63
General Fund Disbursements—	\$81,861.62	General Fund Disbursements—	\$606,342.37
General Budget Deficit —	(\$26,951.77)	General Budget Deficit —	(\$2,837.74)
Principal Loan Balance on building —			\$1,118,508.83
Principal Loan Balance on new addition—			<u>\$1,586,926.21</u>
		Total—	\$2,705,435.04

## Electronic Funds Tithing Program

Electronic Fund Tithing (EFT) is an automatic transfer of your giving on scheduled times from your checking or savings account directly to New Horizon's account. This is a free service that reduces the number of checks you write for your offering, and it allows New Horizon to experience greater stability in contribution levels. Complete the EFT authorization form available on our website at [www.newhorizonchurch.org](http://www.newhorizonchurch.org) or stop by the church office. If you have any questions, email [offering@newhorizonchurch.org](mailto:offering@newhorizonchurch.org).

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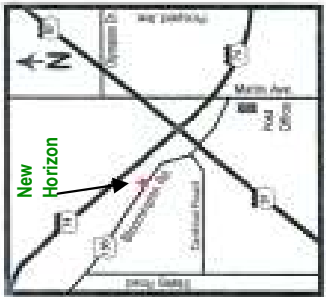
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