



News on the Horizon

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Re: A Prescription for a Tough Day

Dear Friends of New Horizon,

It's said that Martin Luther (namesake of the Lutheran Church) prayed 3-4 hours each day. He's also quoted as saying, "I have a hard day tomorrow. I'd better wake up an hour earlier so I can pray more."

Whaaat?! Wouldn't a more reasonable response be, "I have a hard day tomorrow. I'd better sleep in and get some more rest!" Perhaps. But, permit me to offer a prayer prescription when we're facing challenges.

1. Look back. Consider how often God has graciously escorted us through difficulties in our past. We've all had our share of "impossible situations." Yet, here we are today, on the other side of that difficulty. God was faithful in getting us through.



2. Look forward. Prayerfully visualize a day when the present challenge will be behind you. "Father, I trust You to carry me through this situation. I believe You'll be with me. I am confident You will help me get to the other side."

3. Walk with Jesus. Step into your challenge with the confidence that God is with us. He holds us. He keeps us. He steadies us. And soon we will find ourselves on the other side, looking back and recognizing God's grace and faithfulness.

It takes a knack and a bit of practice, but that's the process of exercising our prayer and faith muscles. And over time we'll find victory in navigating our daily challenges. Then we can share our discovery with others.

*"I take hardships in stride, with good cheer. I just let Christ take over."
(2 Corinthians 12:10)*

Be encouraged, friend. God goes with us. See you on the other side.



Peace in Christ,



Pastor Mark Jordan

On the Horizon

October Message Series

“Re-Late”



Relationships. Everyone has them—lots of them. From our inception, to be human is to be in relationship with others. Yet simply having relationships doesn't mean we're good at them. It takes practice. It takes finesse. It happens on purpose. Please join us for “Re-Late”, New Horizon's October Message Series, as we consider “The Art and Soul of Relationships.”

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!*



NH Launches *Café Worship!* Beginning Sunday, October 2nd, 9:45am

A new worship service? Perhaps. A new venue? Sort of. It's *Café Worship*, an expansion of New Horizon's Sunday worship opportunities. Beginning **Sunday, October 2nd**, we will be simulcasting our worship service to the Connections Café at 9:45am. Well groomed tables near a giant screen on the platform will create a new, user-friendly environment for viewing our worship service. Perhaps it's just the ticket for your friends who might not be comfortable in the worship area. Join us in prayerfully hosting *Café Worship* on Sundays at New Horizon.



More information about
Great October Days on page 8!

Charge Conference

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

Every United Methodist Church conducts a “Charge Conference” near the close of every calendar year. At the Charge Conference, budgeting and leadership nominations are approved for the following year. All are welcome to attend. Charge Conference guidelines dictate elected church leaders as the official voting delegation.



Haiti Home Construction at New Horizon October 8th, 8am-2pm

Home For Haitians (H4H) Sweet Corn Sales was a great success and learning process. A **BIG Thank You** to all who were involved in the preparing and fertilizing of the ground, weeding, harvesting and preparing the sweet corn for sales. We learned a couple of things – Raccoons are the first to tell when the sweet corn is ripe; God is in control of all! **THROUGH ALL TRIALS** we raised **\$1979.45 (396 dozen)**. This will go towards approximately 1/3 of the cost of a home in Haiti built by Haitians – **Praise God!**

During the Holiday Season, NH will be raising funds to provide a sustainable housing solution for Haitians who are still displaced following the earthquake nearly 2 years ago. On **October 8th, 8am-2pm** (lunch served at noon), we will construct a model home at NH so we can all visualize our mission. The H4H team from Indiana will be here to help us construct a home that will be going to Haiti in December to be reconstructed/built this winter!

Come one, come all - the more the merrier! There will be about 10 who will be constructing the house on our lot, but we want men, women and children to join the party and be a part of the “blessing of the house” when it is completed! There will be a sign up in the hallway outside the Connections Café. Questions? Contact Mike Mueller at 309-262-6769 or mrmueller@landolakes.com.

Men’s Steak-Out! A gathering of men at New Horizon on **Friday, October 14**. Bring your own cut of meat (beef, chicken, pork, fish, or vegetable, etc.) and grill it along with other men on open charcoal. Our guest speaker will be Roger Lipe, FCA Director, and author of several sports devotional books. **6 PM**—Man Games in the worship area (washers, bean bags, ladder ball, bocce ball). **7 PM**—Grilling and eats. **8 PM**—Keynote presentation. A great event for sons and friends!



Fall Pastor’s Study: “The Gospel of Mark: Exposed!”

Join Pastor Mark for this gripping exposé of the Gospel of Mark. This unique presentation will demonstrate the powerful depth and horsepower of what many have considered an “incomplete” and “second-rate” Gospel. You may never look at Scripture the same again. A five-part series, **Thursdays, October 20 thru November 17**. Choose between 6:45 AM, 10 AM, or 6:30 PM weekly.

NH Church Picture Directory ~ October 18-24

What a great way to get to know others at New Horizon! It's free, it's painless, and any pictures you order will be available before Christmas! Olan Mills will do our photography and produce our directory. You will schedule a sitting on our website, and order pictures on site. There is no obligation to buy, and for your sitting you will receive a free Church Directory and \$25 Portrait Gift Certificate. *Open to all who consider NH their church home!*



“The Art of Marriage”


November 4th and 5th at New Horizon

On November 4-5, New Horizon will host *The Art of Marriage*, a two-day conference designed to strengthen our marriages. Grow more deeply in love and appreciation for your spouse, and gain tools and expertise for communication and expression. Fun, joy-filled, Biblical and encouraging. The conference will be held November 4th from 6:30pm-9pm and November 5th from 9am-4pm. Register in the Connections Café beginning October 2nd, or on our website, www.newhorizonchurch.org.

It's Coming! “The Rice & Beans Pipeline!” In conjunction with Restoration Urban Ministries, folk from NH will be providing for the needs of many families in Champaign. As we bring rice and beans to NH, Restoration will use its relationships and expertise to effectively distribute our gifts. Stay tuned for our November launch of “The Rice & Beans Pipeline!”

Interested in Leading a Small Group?

Become an official Small Group Leader at NH by participating in our next **Small Group Leaders Training** on **Sunday, October 23**, from 1pm to 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Teresa Pratt, Small Groups Coordinator, at dapratt@cawi.org.

 **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 subscription link on our website: www.newhorizonchurch.org/e-updates.



Calling all Women:
Let's join together to...
Get Healthy
with Body & Soul
Fitness Ministries

Morning Workouts
9-10am M & W

Evening Workouts
7-8pm M & Th

All classes meet at New Horizon
no need to pre-register! You can
find out more from Sara Easter
(easters97@sbcglobal.net)



Community Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 20th, 5pm

Each year we have the honor of hosting our friends from Restoration Urban Ministries, TIMES Center and Jesus is the Way, for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. This year's Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Sunday, November 20th. Dinner will start at 5 pm followed by an awesome time of worship.

If you would like to help with this special evening, we have many serving opportunities. Within the next few weeks, please watch for sign-up sheets in the Connections Café, as well as on the website at www.newhorizonchurch.org. If you would like to make a financial donation, or have questions regarding the event, please contact Jeanette Keller at ejkeller1@gmail.com or 586-3813.

365 Days of Prayer ~ Many have signed up to pray for New Horizon *one day* during this year. If you're interested, check out the calendar on pages 6 & 7 to see which dates are still available. A prayer guide can be made available to you! To sign up or get information, contact Karen Leonard at leonard@pdnt.com.



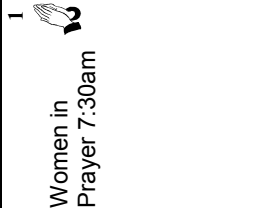

***"Is any pleasure on earth as great as a circle of
Christian friends by a good fire?" -C.S. Lewis***















Fall is in the air! I love this time of year... the changing of the leaves, the smell of bonfire in the air...seriously good stuff. And speaking of seasons, for the past several weeks Axis has been seeking God in new ways with extended worship and times of prayer. It's been a rich time and I'm so incredibly blown away by the ways God has been moving in and through our students and volunteers.

However, on October 19th, we are going to take some time to simply sit by the fire and reflect on all that God has been doing in Axis. S'mores, hot dogs... the entire fall bonfire experience. There really are few things better than sitting by a fire with your closest friends. This being said, we want to invite all students to the annual "Bonfire at the Nixa's." Jim and Marianne Nixa have graciously agreed to host Axis for one of my favorite events of the fall season. A night of relaxing by the fire and enjoying the nature that God has so richly blessed us with. If you're currently attending Axis, make it a point to bring a couple of friends. And if you haven't been to Axis in a while, this will be a night of meeting and reconnecting with friends, all for the purpose of enjoying the community that God has allowed us to be a part of. Hope to see you there!

By fantastic grace,
Dave Plemons, Director of Student Ministries



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<h1>October 2011</h1>					
<p>2</p> <p>Worship 8:30, 9:45 & 11:10am Café Worship Launch 9:45am</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Body & Soul 9-10am</p> <p>Power of Prayer (POP) 5:30-6:30pm Body & Soul 7-8pm Scout Troop 314 7-8pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p></p> <p>Body & Soul 9-10am</p> <p>Dinner 5:45-6:15pm ROCK 6:30-8pm Axis 6:30-8:15pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Body & Soul 9-10am</p> <p>Dinner 5:45-6:15pm ROCK 6:30-8pm Axis 6:30-8:15pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>John's Friends 6:30-8pm Body & Soul 7-8pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Time Out 4 Mom 9am</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Women in Prayer 7:30am</p> <p>Haiti Home Construction 8am-2pm</p>
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<p>Key: (see page 5 for details)  This day is covered in prayer!  This day is available for prayer!</p>						<p>For the complete calendar of all events at New Horizon, visit www.newhorizonchurch.org/calendar</p>
<p>Looking Ahead: The Art of Marriage ~ Nov. 4 and 5 Charge Conference ~ Nov. 7 Join the Church ~ Nov. 13 Community Thanksgiving Dinner ~ Nov. 20</p>						



Noah's Ark Project ~ Sunday, October 2nd

On Sunday October 2nd our lesson will focus on Noah's ark and God being right. Our Elementary Adventureland kids will build an ark and bring some animals along for the ride. We will

have the boat building supplies (cardboard, duct tape) and some help from Axis students but we need your help with the animals. Please bring a stuffed animal for the ark. Afterward, we will donate the animals to Restoration Urban Ministries as Christmas gifts!



The Great Big Bible Giveaway/Teacher Appreciation ~ Sunday, October 16th

We'll be presenting NIV Adventure Bibles to third grade students at the 9:45 a.m. service on October 16th. Please email your child's name as you would like it to appear on the dedication page to Jennifer@newhorizonchurch.org. We will also be honoring teachers and helpers who serve in Children's ministry! We appreciate you!



R.O.C.K.'s Dinner and a Movie ~ Wednesday, October 26th

This semester at R.O.C.K. we are untangling the fear knots we all have from fear of the dark to the fear of scary movies. We'll celebrate and laugh at our fears at Dinner and a Movie as we watch *Monsters Inc.* during R.O.C.K. Invite a friend, bring your pillow and join us for a pizza dinner (begins at 5:45) for \$2 followed by the movie beginning at 6:15pm in the Worship Area.

Great October Days ~ Friday, October 28th, 6-8PM

Great October Days (G.O.D.) will be held on Friday, October 28th from 6-8PM. G.O.D. is a great night to invite your friends and your kids' friends to New Horizon. We will have carnival-style games, candy, a bounce house, face painting and popcorn! Costumes are expressions of imagination and are welcome, as long as it won't scare a young child. "Admission" is a bag of candy or other small toys for kids.



To help with set-up, greeting, operating a game, snacks or clean-up, contact Julie McClure at jules1977@sbcglobal.net.

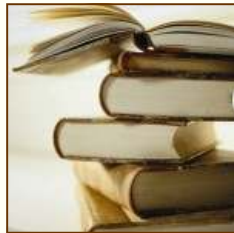
Operation Christmas Child ~ Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. During October, consider picking up small toys, hard candy, school supplies or other child-friendly gift items that would fit into a standard size shoe box or small plastic container. Final collection day at NH will be November 20th! Information about packing a box is available at www.samaritanspurse.org.

Jennifer Metenyi, Director of Children's Ministries



MyServe ~ Submitted by Patty Altstetter

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 some questions and help you get started? You can. My name is Patty Altstetter and I'm the Volunteer Coordinator at New Horizon. Feel free to email me at pattya1208@gmail.com. We can arrange a time to talk on the phone or schedule a meeting on a Wednesday evening or Sunday morning. Let me know how I can help you find the perfect spot to serve.

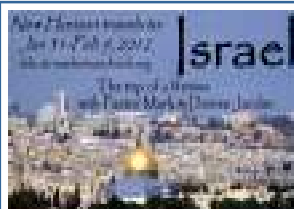


Visit the New Horizon Library!

Have you been upstairs in the Green Room to check out the *new* New Horizon Library? It is located by the prayer room. It is a work in process as we are accepting donations and cataloguing books and placing them on our new shelves. Please make it a habit to stop in as our library will grow. We hope you will enjoy this lending library.

Along with asking for book donations would you consider lending a memento to be displayed on the shelves? We are looking for ethnic items from your travels, if possible with a Christian theme, no taller than 12" in height to be displayed on top shelf of our new shelves. Examples: Plates, Pottery, Artwork from Israel, Italy or a Mission trip that you served on.

Please direct questions to the library team, led by Deb Norris, at debnorris6@gmail.com.



New Horizon to Israel January 31 to February 9, 2012 We're beginning to set our faces towards Jerusalem (Luke 9:51)! Only four months until departure! Still time for you to register and join our "Trip of a Lifetime" as Pastor Mark and Denise host our professionally guided tour in the Holy Land. Please see our website for details.

Men of New Horizon! Please place some upcoming men's events on your 2012 calendar!

- **Men's Winter Retreat—January 20-21, 2012.** The dates have been set for our inaugural, annual, church-wide, all-in, off-site, NH Men's Retreat! Huge fellowship, eats, and encouragement for men of all ages. Details to follow.
- **Iron Sharpens Iron—Regional Men's Event at NH.** NH is a host site for *ISI* on **Saturday, April 21, 2012**. This regional event seeks to draw 400+ men from our area. *The men of NH will serve our brothers in various ways throughout the day.* Watch for registration details.

Czech Corner ~ Submitted by Sue Root

Below, Ray Wilck reviews his thoughts about July's English camp in Sedlčany. Please continue to pray for results from camp and especially for those who came to Christ.

Most every night at Sedlčany English camps, we have a special event. One on night we have "American Night". Another evening we have "Czech Night". These nights are usually highlighting the American and Czech cultures. On American Night the highlight was to be charcoal grilled homestyle hamburgers. Not the McDonald's variety. We thought we'd introduce our Czech friends to genuine American burgers. One of the grocery chains, Lidl (Aldi's in the USA) was having American week, so many of the hard to find items were readily available. After a problem with the outdoor grill, an electric indoor grill was rustled up, and the burgers were cooked in the church kitchen. They were excellent. On Czech night the Czechs had a rock band perform at the church. The young people thought the band was great. The "over 30 crowd" thought it was extremely loud. The end of the concert was one of the most dramatic events of the camp. There was an altar call and eight people came to Christ. This is truly what the Sedlčany English Camp is all about.

Here are a couple of memorable quotes from this year's English camp:

"We know each others' minds. This week we will get to know each others' hearts."

Brandon Hill, University of Tennessee student

"We come from many tribes and nations, but we all have the same God."

Pastor Daniel Hottmar, Sedlčany UMC



Small Groups Update ~ Submitted by Teresa Pratt

From the very beginning of the Christian movement 2000 years ago, the Christian community created a sense of belonging that made people feel included, loved, and cared for through welcoming outsiders. Regardless of a person's background, gender, ethnicity, and class in the Roman world, the church included everyone -age, education, wealth were all level at the foot of the cross. Christians maintained close contact with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. The church attracted outsiders through natural networks of relationships.

Today, New Horizon welcomes all people. Like 2000 years ago, all ages, occupations, backgrounds, educational levels, skeptic to mature believer, etc. are invited into Christian community. Our small groups pray over an open chair each week, asking God to bring the next new person into the group. Will that be you? The Welcome mat is out!

If you would like to know more about small group ministry at New Horizon or if you are interested in possibly leading a New Horizon small group in the next 6 months, please register on our website for the next **Small Group Leader's Workshop** scheduled for **Sunday, October 23rd from 1pm – 5pm**. Lunch will be included. Our NEW New Horizon library has a variety of small group resources to explore. All current small group leaders & coaches are invited to **SAVE THE DATE** of **Tuesday, November 1st from 6pm – 7:30pm** for an evening of eats and encouragement with Pastor Mark (childcare included). Interested in finding a small group to visit this fall? Check out our small group interactive website. Everyone is WELCOME!



Applying Bible Principles

What comes to mind when someone mentions "work"? Is your initial tendency to moan and groan, wishing you could avoid work?

It might surprise you to learn that God described His creative acts as "work" and that He brought "work" into being shortly after He created man. Adam worked in the Garden before and after his fall due to his sin. Cain worked by raising vegetables. Abel worked by tending sheep. Throughout Scripture, people worked. Even the Lord Jesus worked while He was on earth, and He described God the Father as having worked. Work has always been part of God's nature and eternal plan for mankind.

Wait a minute — If God created and owns everything, why should we His children have to work? Couldn't He just provide for us in some supernatural way that would enable us not to have to work? Surely, God could do that, but He doesn't do so. According to the admonition in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, one of the primary benefits from working and providing for our needs is to be able to lead lives marked by integrity and a healthy self respect. And God's plan is that we are best able to accomplish these worthy goals by working.

God also knows that by utilizing our talents and abilities through work, He will be able to minister to others through us in an effective way. Work, then, is one of the primary avenues by which we can demonstrate our Christian faith, particularly as we do our tasks to God's glory. Work is also the primary way through which we obtain money to give to God.

What should be the Christian's response to work? First, thank God for work and for the ability to work. As Solomon observed, this is a "gift of God." Second, view your work as a means of bringing glory to God. Third, whatever you do — no matter what your vocation or occupation — do it "with all your might," as unto the Lord. And finally, remember that by providing work for us to do, God enables us to give to Him and to His ministry at New Horizon United Methodist Church.

Financial Update

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

August		2011 Year to Date	
General Fund Receipts —	\$58,818.99	General Fund Receipts —	\$548,594.78
General Fund Disbursements—	\$58,501.44	General Fund Disbursements—	\$524,480.75
General Budget Surplus —	\$317.55	General Budget Surplus —	\$24,114.03
Principal Loan Balance on building —			\$1,122,001.38
Principal Loan Balance on new addition—			\$1,586,926.21
		Total—	\$2,708,927.59

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

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