

Horizon Highlights



Mission Statement

New Horizon Presbyterian Church
Strives to know Christ and share God's love.

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Happy New Year! Have you ever noticed that this time of the year when people are often making New Year's resolutions and looking forward to the New Year that we in the church seem to hit the doldrums? I call it "holiday hangover." Starting at Halloween, we gear up for Thanksgiving, food drives, joint worship service with other churches, that sort of thing. Then suddenly we are in Advent, decorating the church, engaging in fellowship events, and getting ready for Christmas. Then comes Christmas Eve with its Candlelight service on Saturday and this year Christmas fell on Sunday. Then comes New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and this year New Year's Monday (is that a real holiday?) with its parades and football games. Then it's all over, and we slip into business mode as we prepare for that Annual Meeting. After 2 month of frenzied activity, no wonder we are exhausted! Oh, and this year Easter comes a week earlier (April 9) than it did last year, which means Lent is right around the corner. Talk about shifting gears!



So I thought, before we get ahead of ourselves, let's ask another question, Why do we do what we do? Sometimes looking backward can give insight. About a dozen years ago, after fighting over one issue or another, the PC(USA) decided that the way forward was to abandon a one-size-fits-all approach. We decentralized power from the General Assembly and invested it locally, in presbyteries and congregations. To help make sense of this, Tod Bolsinger, who was involved at the Synod level wrote an essay that described the denomination in terms of a number of streams. He described the Northern churches as "the **Institutional Movement Stream**. In this stream, the denomination is both an Institution and a Movement. It is about Declarations to nations and corporations, and Pastoral Letters to national and ecumenical leaders." In other words, its leaders see the denomination as leading a social movement to address all manner of issues from racism, social justice and the state of the American culture. He describes the Southern Churches as "the **Presbytery Centered Stream**. In this stream, the Presbytery--NOT the denomination-- is central. ...The Presbytery is all about the relationships that have been built over the years and the friendships that have been formed, even *forged*, in the midst of ministry crisis and especially in the face of deep disagreement." We make decisions, not according to grand ideologies, but in light of how it affects the people we care for. The third stream he identified was the "Western Stream. It's what I call the **Denomination as Brand Stream**. .. the brand that proudly indicated to others that we were more educated, more socially involved, more inclusive, more open-minded and more Reformed than our other evangelical and even fundamentalist neighbors" This stream was less concerned about grand pronouncements or the old boy network than it was about the growth and discipleship of its members. Right thinking leads to right actions, for us the church serves a tool to enable individual Christians to grow and develop their own gifts for ministry.

It's been a dozen years since Tod wrote that essay. It strikes me that the streams he used to describe the PC (USA) can easily be applied to New Horizon Presbyterian Church. We support the connectional nature of the denomination because we can do more things together than alone. We participate in per capita and many of us serve on Presbytery committees. I was a commissioner to the 2018 General Assembly! Personal relationships are everything to us. We affirm the idea that it takes a church to raise a Christian; that our own discipleship is formed and shaped by the people God has given us to love and be loved by. People comment on the welcome we extend to everyone who walks through our doors. We see every one of them, young and old, as a gift given to us by the Holy Spirit. Finally, we encourage people to grow in their own faith and to be God's blessing to anyone He steers our way.

Hmmm... promoting a personal experience of the connectional nature of the denomination by encouraging involvement in presbytery and beyond; encouraging people to build personal relationships with others and consider how the decisions our leadership takes effects them; encouraging each other to grow in the faith both intellectually and spiritually and to share those insights with others... that sure sounds like a list of New Year Resolutions to me. More than that, they serve as reasons for everything we do here at New Horizon. Happy New Year! I look forward to all that 2023 will bring to us as a church, knowing that our past, present and future are squarely in God's hands.

See you in church!

Paul

CONDOLENCES

To the family of Linda Sheeran on the passing of her sister-in-law, Jeanie Lewis, last week.

To Jim Grigg & family & friends of Rojene Grigg, on her passing on Jan 2, 2023.

PLEDGE CARDS

**IS YOUR PLEDGE CARD RETURNED?
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE IF YOU NEED A PLEDGE CARD.**

**2023 Per Capita is \$41.00
Per Member**

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE January 10, 2023

**A REPORT IS REQUESTED FROM ALL
BOARDS, GROUPS OR CIRCLES OF NHPC.
THESE REPORTS ARE DISBURSED AT
THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023
AFTER THE ONE ALL CHURCH WORSHIP
SERVICE AT 9:30 AM.**

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Paster Paul & Congregation,
We are grateful for your support throughout the year. Your funds help ensure Inter Faith can continue to serve the vulnerable members of our community.

Mary & the Inter Faith Staff

Congregation,
A big thank you to everyone that donated clothes or food or both to Care & Share. The numbers of people served has been increasing every month so your donations were used immediately.

Larry & Sandy Miller

Congregation,
On behalf of the American Red Cross, thank you for your generous gift of \$500 on Oct. 24, 2022, which will be applied to Disaster Response. Support from companies like yours is truly making an impact in the lives of those we serve every day.

Gail McGovern
President & CEO, American Red Cross

Congregation,
Your gift of \$750 on Oct 24, 2022 for Disaster Relief is perfect, a blessing from God above in a moment where it is most needed here below. It is a privilege to serve together in a church that makes such giving reliable & provides constant faithful partnership to brothers & sisters across the world & here at home shadowed by the challenges & changes brought by disaster & war.

The Rev. Dr. Laurie A Kraus
Dir., Humanitarian & Global Ecumenical Engagement

Cheryl,
Yesterday's (12/14/22) performance by the Bell Choir, coupled with your magnificent piano solo, the dulcimer ensemble, violin & piano duet & the duet with Mary Jo was perfectly beautiful & inspirational.

Joanne Becker
Programs Chair, P.E.O. Chapter LP

Cheryl & Bell Choir,
Thank you again for joining the P.E.O. Chapter LP for lunch at NHPC on December 13, 2022. We enjoyed your Christmas program performed by the Bell Choir, Folk String Ensemble & piano/violin presentations by Ruth French, Mary Jo Bailey & Cheryl Haines. NHPC should be proud of all the musical talent!

Beverly Fletcher
President, P.E.O. Chapter LP

Congregation,
As we approach the end of 2022, we want to say THANK YOU to all of you for GIVING HOPE this year. Not only did our Holiday Event serve 4,611 individuals in our city, but our shelter, food insecurity, prevention, street outreach, permanent supportive housing, and Veteran's programs have all given hope to so many of our most vulnerable neighbors. We appreciate your help!

New Visions Homeless Services

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jo Dryden	3	Dallas Clemesen	15
Mary Phillips	4	Don Larsen	17
Ruth French	6	Paul Masters	17
Jacqueline McCoy	7	Charlotte Pursell	18
Bonnie Quaas	8	Mark Shepard	20
Mindi Skokan	8	Leota McManus	21
Marcia Antworth	9	Marsha Hoffman	23
Carole Lane	10	Marsha Gawronski	26
Kathleen Pyper	11	Jo Peters	26
Jim Grigg	13	Doreen Duffy	28
Sheri Wallace	14	Rick Greer	29

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Anne Crowl	4	Robert Warner	20
Joan Campbell	5	Bud Crowl	21
John Skokan	6	Amelia Pursell	21
James Jennings	10	Linda Vander Wal	21
Joyce Mass	14	Lily Knau	24
John Woltmann	14	Mary McKeever	27
Don Fauble	16	Greg Reese	27
Ella Walker	17	Connie Rich	27
Mike Kerns	17	Mason Petersen	28
Jada Larsen	19	Rod VanNordstrand	28

Members Turning 90+

Bonnie Quaas is turning 94 on Jan. 8, 2023
Risen Son Christian Village
3000 Risen Son Blvd., Apt. 210
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Carole Lane is turning 93 on Jan. 10, 2023
19907 Northern Pine Road
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-2454

Don Larsen is turning 92 on Jan. 17, 2023
1801 E. Kanessville Blvd., Apt 134
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Mary Phillips is turning 91 on Jan. 4, 2023
252 Elliott Street
Council Bluffs, IA 51503-0263

Joyce Mass is turning 99 on Feb. 14, 2023
25 S Linden Ave. Apt. 121
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Bud Crowl is turning 90 on Feb. 21, 2023
1021 Arbor Ridge Circle
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Annual Congregational Meeting January 29 after 9:30 am Worship Service

New Horizon Presbyterian Church will hold its annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023, immediately following the 9:30 am church service.



Sunday School Class presented their Christmas banners & told the congregation their meaning.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If Church Services are cancelled due to weather,
Check our Facebook Page!
The information will be provided to the local television stations for airing and posting on their web page and apps:

Channel 7 (<https://www.ketv.com>)
www.facebook.com/New-Horizon-PC



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

The American Red Cross will be at New Horizon Presbyterian church on Monday, January 9, 2023; 11:00-5:00pm
If you need assistance making an appointment, contact Terry Bailey at terry.bailey@edcresources.com

PLEASE UPDATE THE OFFICE WITH ADDRESS CHANGES, TELEPHONE AND CELL PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ALL ADULTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE JANUARY 2023

- January 8: Traditional Service 8:00 and 11:00, Praise Service at 9:00
- January 15: Traditional Service 8:00 and 11:00, Praise Service at 9:00
- January 22: Traditional Service 8:00 and 11:00, Praise Service at 9:00
- January 29: One Service at 9:30 a.m., followed by Annual Meeting

Cub Scout Corner

The month of December had been a busy one for Pack 15. We held a lock-in here at the church, where the Cubs earned 2 NOVA Awards. NOVA focuses on STEM & is different from their normal advancement tracks. We also held our annual Holiday party, where Santa, Mrs. Claus & even the Grinch made an appearance! We also collected items for a family we adopted for Christmas.

On January 28, 8am-5pm, we will once again hold our Pinewood Derby. We cordially invite any members of the congregation to come watch the Cub Scouts race their handmade cars!



Pack 15 showing off their symmetrical lanterns they made at the NOVA lock-in last month..

