



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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Pastor's Column

The Christmas Season is a very busy time around church and home. We had our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service to finish up the season of the birth of Jesus. Then we went to Iowa to have Christmas with grandkids and it was cold but we had a good time. And then back here for New Year's Eve party which we cancelled due to cold weather. And now I am trying to finish a newsletter four days late. The time flies by and it is 2018. Jesus' birthday has come and gone and it was a great experience.

But what happens now? 2018 is here and are we ready? There is still so much to do and I am not talking about just physical stuff like Ministry House or the church and relandscaping a part of the front near the gazebo. Those are projects that need to be done but the bigger question is what does God expect us to do in 2018?

We will continue with many ministries like Bible studies (Monday 10:30 a.m., Thursday 6:30 p.m. twice a month), Women's Ministries, Noon Luncheon, and prayer group (first Saturday of the month at 8:15 a.m.). But what else is God saying to us to challenge us to bring Jesus Christ to others for 2018? Ministry House is a big adventure in helping other clergy of our conference and we hope to be open by Memorial Day! But how can we reach other people for Christ? We may be called to help our families, our friends or our neighbors. Life is always changing and that in and of itself is hard but we are called to allow God to change us so as to minister to others more effectively. Jesus is always speaking to that "still small voice" inside each of us. We will need to listen more effectively. With Jesus' help we will be guided to work wonders in His name. Let's have a wonderful 2018!!

By the way, thank you so much for remembering Peg and I during the Christmas season. You all are very caring and generous people and we appreciate that monetary gift so much. It comes in quite handy as we celebrate with our children and grandchildren. Be well assured it goes to good use. Thanks!!

God's Blessing, Pastor Jack

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Scriptures for the Month of January



Sunday, Jan. 7: Genesis 1:1-5 • Psalm 29 • Acts 19:1-7 • Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, Jan. 14: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sunday, Jan. 21: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 • Psalm 62:5-12 • 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 • Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, Jan. 28: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 • Psalm 111 • 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 • Mark 1:21-28

The Un-Decoration

The Un-Decoration Day is scheduled for Sunday, January 21. The church looks so nice all decorated you really want to leave it up as long as possible. Actually we should just leave it up all year but then we couldn't have a party!! We need as many as possible to help with the Un-Decorting right after the worship service. Pastor Jack will again provide the pizza (getting to be a tradition). Many hands make light work!



5th Annual Christmas Party

Each year the party gets a little bigger than the last year. Last year we had 23 and this year we grew to 24!! We had a great time eating (which is always good), playing games (which are always fun) and just visiting with one another. We also exchanged Christmas ornaments in a fun "left, right" game and just had an all around good time (a good time was had by all). Thank you to the Hermann's for inviting us into their beautifully decorated home for the party this year.

Long Creek Retreat

We are having our winter retreat at Long Creek from Sunday, Jan. 14 at 4:00 until Friday morning Jan. 19 at 10:00. If you can stay please let us know soon so we can find accommodations in one of the 10 bedrooms we have available. If you cannot stay please feel free to drop in anytime and enjoy the fellowship and any of the activities that go on during the day and evening. The activity days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hope to see you all during that time. It is a great retreat even though we don't travel very far!!



Financial Update

We had a great year financially. Last year our total was \$84,527.46. This year our total was \$96,724.62!! Yet, our regular budget giving was down \$4,269.55. That means a lot of the giving was to extra adventures of the church (Building Fund, Memorial Fund, Parsonage use and special mission giving). The only caution here is that we need regular giving to pay –Utilities, Insurance, Office Supplies, Apportionments, Salaries and Program Expenses. The total Budget for 2018 is around \$71,000.00. Thanks to all for your giving!!



New Members

We welcome into our family Larry and Bonnie Finley. They are transferring from the Elkhorn Hills UMC in Elkhorn, Nebraska. Larry and Bonnie were active in their church and have become active within our church. We welcome the Finleys and are glad they are here.

USO

Last year we donated to the USO calling cards for Military Service men and women so they could call home during the holiday season. This year we almost doubled our donation from \$150.00 to \$280.00. Thanks for giving to this mission of making it a happier Christmas for some of our service men and women.

Christmas Giving

We were able to find a foster family with three children. The children gave us a wish list and we went to work to fulfill their wishes. Thank you all for a great response to help give these kids a great Christmas. We were able to provide for their wishes and maybe a little bit more. It is great to give during this blessed season.



L.E.O.T.A. Let's Eat Out Together Amen 2018 Schedule

L.E.O.T.A.

- Thurs. Jan. 4 12:15 Hook & Ladder Pizza @ Hollister
- Sat. Feb. 10 12:15 Keeter Center
- Thurs. Mar. 8 12:15 Fuddruckers on 76
- Thurs. Apr. 5 12:15 Flat Creek @ Cape Fair
- Thurs. May 10 12:15 Pasgetti's on 76
- Sat. June 9 5:30 Steak Inn in Shell Knob
- Thurs. July 12 12:15 Botana's Mexican on 76
- Sat. Aug. 11 12:15 Rib Crib on 76
- Thurs. Sept. 6 12:15 Red Lobster Shepherd of the Hill
- Sat. Oct. 6 12:15 Charlie's Steak/Rib on 76
- Thurs. Nov. 1 12:15 Uptown Cafe on 165
- Sat. Dec. 1 12:15 Mel's Hardluck Diner on 76

DINE TIME

- Sat. Jan. 20 12:15 Hungry Hunter on 165
- Thurs. Feb. 22 12:15 Bob Evans on 76
- Sat. Mar. 24 12:15 Shorty Smalls on 76
- Sat. Apr. 21 12:15 Ruby Tuesday on 76
- Sat. May 26 12:15 Fall Creek Catfish on 76
- Thurs. June 19 12:15 Landry's Seafood on 76
- Sat. July 28 12:15 Shogun Japanese on 165
- Thurs. Aug. 30 12:15 Downing St. Poor House
- Sat. Sept. 22 12:15 Charlie's in Omaha, AR
- Thurs. Oct. 25 12:15 Cliff House Inn Hwy 7 AR
- Sat. Nov. 17 12:15 IHOP on 76
- Thurs. Dec. 13 12:15 Cracker Barrel on 76



Movie Night

We are running out of movies but still have some Christmas ones so for the month of January we will be watching those.

Tuesday, Jan. 9 is "One Christmas and

Thursday, Jan. 25 is "Christmas Mail" both at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any movies that you would like to see at church please bring them by the



WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Jan. 7: Clair & Beverly
Gunther

Jan. 14: Susie Bouchey

Jan. 21: Barbara Curbow

Jan. 28: Sharon Gilliam

GREETERS

Jan. 7: Clair & Beverly
Gunther

Jan. 14: Jack & Neva
Mielke

Jan. 21: Dave & Sharon
Gilliam

Jan. 28: Sybil Mitchell



Ministry House

At the last Council meeting members officially adopted the name of "Ministry House" for our parsonage. The Ministry House committee made up of Laura Darden, Bob Lyon and Peg Smith has created the Mission statement for the Ministry House: "To provide a nice, clean, homey retreat with a safe relaxing atmosphere to pastors of the United Methodist Church of Missouri, their families, their church groups, and parishioners of Open Doors United Methodist Church of Blue Eye for a nominal donation." Remodeling needs were presented to the trustees and approved by the church Council. Work will begin in the basement this month.

The above statement is from the Ministry House Committee. They are working on a proposal as to how this ministry will be conducted. The upstairs part of the house is ready for use with some minor repairs. As the committee stated the basement is now in the process of being remodeled in phases. If you would like to help with the remodeling please contact Pastor Jack, Dave Gilliam or JD Settles. We can use all the help available. Thanks! Pastor Jack

This newsletter is published monthly. If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month.

Also if you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please leave that information in the church office.

We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.

December

February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		2	3 Office Hours 9-5	4 Office Hours 9-5	5	6 Prayer Breakfast 8:15	
7 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 COMMUNION	8 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	9 Movie Night 7:00 "One Christmas"	10 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 3:30	11 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	12	13	
14 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Retreat Begins 4:00	15 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	Long Creek Retreat				19 Retreat Ends 9:30	20
21 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Un-Decorating Party BLUE SUNDAY	22 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	23	24 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 3:30	25 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night "Christmas Mail"	26	27	
28 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Potluck 11:45	29 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	30	31 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 3:30				



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Marilyn Samuelson	4	5 Ruth Ann Finck	6
7 Keith Bouchey	8	9	10 Morgan Johnson	11	12	13
14 Shery West	15	16	17 Jim & Susan Perkin	18 Larry & Bonnie Finley	19	20 Warren Samuelson Jack & Neva Mielke
21	22 Larry Finley	23	24	25 Richard Burrows	26 Gary & Debbie Hermann	27 Valerie Sletto
28	29	30 Beverly Smith	31			