



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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Pastor's Column

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As we begin a new year there are new ministries and programs happening in our church. One program is trying to keep the birth of Jesus fresh in our minds throughout the year. This will be an intentional ministry of making the Christmas message a 365 day a year event. Even during Easter we will celebrate birth. Any ideas of how we can do this, let me know.

Secondly, Susan Winston will teach a course on "EmpowerU". Look for the article in this newsletter and spread the word. We would like to see a good group for that course. Susan is excited about it and is looking forward to teaching it.

Thirdly, we are working on a Gazebo Ministry. The Gazebo area has been revitalized and a new patio is being installed that will be a place with a fire pit for cooking. We will also be outfitting it with some kind of seating arrangement. Then starting in June we will have a "Get together" of church and community for food, fun, fellowship and hopefully entertainment of some sort. Time and dates have not been set but it is hoped we can do this twice a month.

Fourthly, "Ministry House" is slated to be completed by May 31, 2020. There is outside work to be done this spring on the west side of the house. The lower level is in various stages of completion. When done it will allow us to invite small groups to stay at "Janice's Ministry House" be they youth groups, men's groups or women's groups. Also it would work for family reunions. We will be able to sleep 24 people using both levels. This will allow us to be in ministry to almost anyone who would like to come to the Branson, Table Rock Lake area. We are looking forward to serving God with these ministries.

We are thankful for the land and facilities on the land. We feel we have a great opportunity to serve God in a greater capacity than just for ourselves. To be able to reach out with God's love as we serve others and to bring them into a beautiful setting of God's country is a true blessing.

I ask that you keep our volunteers in your prayers as we finish preparation for a great ministry. It truly gives us a reason for being Open Doors United Methodist Church of Blue Eye, not only to minister to each other but to the community at large especially around the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas. What a blessing to be the church of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Jack



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Scriptures for the Month of January



Sunday, Jan. 5: Jeremiah 31:7-14 • Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14 • John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Sunday, Jan. 12: Isaiah 42:1-9 • Psalm 29 • Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 19: Isaiah 49:1-7 • Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 • John 1:29-42

Sunday, Jan. 26: Isaiah 9:1-4 • Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 • Matthew 4:12-23



The Un-Decoration

We have always left the decorations up for as long as we can and this year it will be Sunday Jan. 26. The Un-Decorating happens faster than the decorating but we need all of us to get it put away so we can find it next year. Labeling is a big part of the un-decorating. Also, the tradition has become Pastor Jack providing the pizza. He brings a variety of pizzas so one should fit your taste. Feel free to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to complete the meal.

Come, help us Un-Decorate!!

Christmas Throughout the Year!

We will celebrate the Christmas event one Sunday a month throughout the year. January event is the un-decorating party Jan. 26. The service that morning will center around Jesus' birth as we look at taking down the decorations. February 23 we will celebrate Christmas with the play we had intended on using in 2018 & 2019 but now 2020!! Stay tuned to other events during the year that will remind us of the coming of Christ!!



"Already? Didn't we just put it UP?"

Long Creek Retreat

The Long Creek Retreat is on hold for this year. The duplexes filled up quicker than we had anticipated. We will try again next year to get our reservation in earlier. It is a fun event with really good fellowship and food!!

7th Annual Christmas Party



This year's Christmas party was the biggest ever with 30 people coming to celebrate with food, games, gifts and fellowship. We actually had more things planned than we had time to do. Oh, and we finished the night with Christmas songs of all types. It was a fun night and the fellowship was great. Thanks to all those who attended this great event of our church! We even had some kids this year. Sadly we forgot to take a group picture.



USO and Gifts for Foster Kids

This year our mission for Christmas was providing USO calling cards for military personnel that cannot get home for the holidays and beyond. We chose two foster girls to provide Christmas gift cards for. These were to major department stores to buy clothing, shoes, and things of that nature for Christmas. Thanks for your generosity as we were able to send the USO \$429.00 and \$390 in gift cards for the two girls, both teenagers. Thanks again for reaching out beyond our walls to help those who need our help!

EmpowerU

Do you know anyone who would like to learn more about money management and budgeting based on Biblical principles? Open Doors UMC will be hosting Love INC's EmpowerU Money Management Course on Mondays beginning Feb. 10 from 1-2:30 p.m. facilitated by Susan Winston. EmpowerU is a free, highly-relational budgeting program for Stone and Taney county residents. It begins with a 9-week money management class, then provides up to a year of financial education, life skills, and mentoring for those who continue to develop a healthier relationship with their money.

For more information or to sign up for the class, please call love I.N.C. (In the Name of Christ) at 417-336-7058.



MOVIE NIGHT

We will have just one movie this month. It will be on Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. Since we had only one last month we will be showing a Christmas one again this month. I hope that's ok. Some of us can watch Christmas movies all year long!! It is called "Christmas in Conway". Please join us for a night of great fellowship!!



WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

January 5: JD Settles & Cindy Levy
January 12: Dave & Sharon Gilliam
January 19: Jack & Peg Smith
January 26: Randy & Laura Darden

GREETERS

January 5: Sybil Mitchell & Jo Chambers
January 12: Debra Tompkins
January 19: Merry Jo Bell
January 26: JD Settles & Cindy Levy

Bible Study & Women's Group

Mondays are the time for morning Bible study and afternoon women's group. We have been somewhat sporadic this fall due to some conflicting events happening. It is our hope that we will keep a regular schedule for the programs. Bible study is 10:30 to noon and open to anyone who would like to come. Women's group meets to put together lap quilts and other quilts as well from 1:00 p.m. to around 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. This is open to any women of the church. See you all on Mondays!

Thank You!!

Thank you all very much for your generous gift to Peg and I for Christmas. We will find a special way to use the money. Thanks again!!
Pastor Jack and Peg

I just wanted to take time and say a huge Thank You to everyone of my church family. Not just for the monetary gift you have blessed me with this Christmas but also your friendship. I cannot believe it will be 8 years in January that I have worked here at church. It has truly been a blessing. Thanks from the bottom of my heart!!
Debra Tompkins

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

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>2020 HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>			1 Happy New Year Office Closed	2 Office Hours 9-5	3	4 Prayer Breakfast 8:15
5 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Communion	6 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	7	8 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	9 THRIFT STORE 12-4 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	10	11 THRIFT STORE 8-12
12 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	13 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	14	15 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	16 Movie Night 6:00 "Christmas In Conway" Office Hours 9-5	17	18
19 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday	20 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	21	22 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	23 Office Hours 9-5	24	25
26 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Potluck 11:45	27 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	28	29 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	30 Office Hours 9-5	31	



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