



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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## 2019 Pastor's Column

Well, it is 2019 and what are we going to do this year? It would be sad to say "same as we did last year"! But reality says we will do many events we have done every year for the last 5-7 years. So, we really need to get creative here and leap out in faith that God has more in store for us than just "the same old, same old"!

One new item already is that Susan Winston is leading a class on Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. It will start February 18 and I am excited about it.

Another new item is we need an event to call attention to Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye for our neighbors around us. We need to create the event and invite our neighbors through multi-media sources. It would be a time for our neighbors to get to know us and us them.

We need to look at our planning session material and see what else might be in store for us in 2019. I think it could be a great year in service to our Lord and God, always asking God to lead us in the right direction.

Therefore, prayer groups and Bible Studies will have a priority in the coming year. Serving people through Ministry House will be another priority. Our men's group needs to finish what we started in the Ministry House basement. First we need to overcome a new obstacle of a backed up sewer at the house. As of this writing we are in the process of cleaning up the mess. The septic tank was pumped out and was found to be in good condition but the mess was caused by a blocked sewer line. The clean up after the sewer lines are open will put us back to where we ended last September. Then we will be in good shape!!

To close, we had another great year of ministry! Not only are we spiritually grounded in faith but we didn't do too bad financially as well. We paid all our bills for 2018 and start January 1, 2019 only \$800.00 short of what we started January 1, 2018. That's not too bad! Thanks to you all for being Christian stewards in faith and practice. Lets keep up the good work for the Lord. AMEN!

*God's Blessing,  
Pastor Jack*

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# Scriptures for the Month of January



**Sunday, January 6: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12**

**Sunday, January 13: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**Sunday, January 20: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11**

**Sunday, January 27: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21**

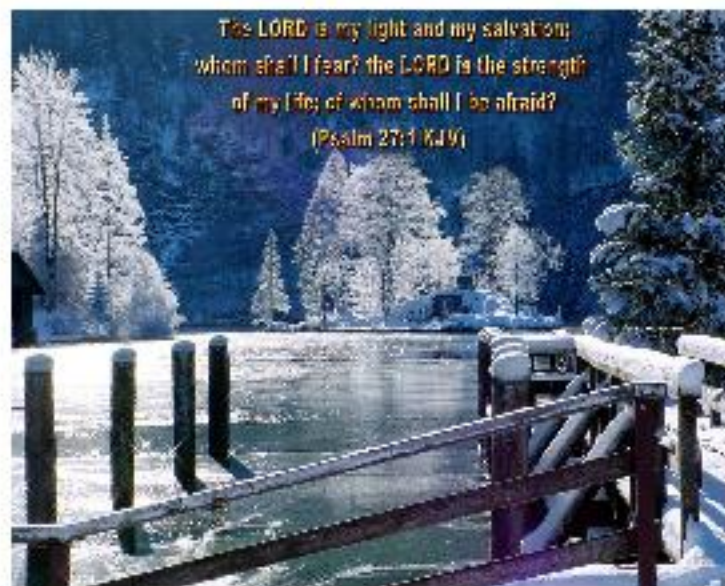
## The Un-Decoration

This year the Un-Decoration is a little different! (Surprise!) We are going to kill two birds with one stone. First, the Un-Decoration Party is scheduled on the last Sunday, Dec. 27. Secondly, since this is traditionally potluck Sunday it will be predominantly pizza plus whatever you all bring. Pastor Jack provides the pizza and this year you provide the rest (chips, salads, fruit and of course desserts). The church is so pretty and it takes a while to get it that way so let's enjoy it for January!!



## The Cliffs at Long Creek Retreat

Our winter retreat this year is a little shorter than other years. We will be at the Cliffs from Monday, Jan. 14, 4 p.m. to Thurs., Jan. 17, 10 a.m. We have two 5 bedroom units to fill. Please let Peg or JD know if you are staying over. If you can't stay over please come whenever you can. There are fun things happening during the day and night. If you have a good DVD movie bring it as we have two theaters. As usual we all bring food to share. So, bring your favorite food and we will all enjoy eating together (noon and around 5:30 p.m.). Breakfast is kind of as you get up which is a different time for everyone!! It is a great retreat even though we are only 3 miles from church!



The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength  
of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
(Psalm 27:1 KJV)

## Bible Study

We will have Bible Studies on Monday mornings 10:30 to noon. Even on Monday, Jan. 14 we will have Bible Study. That afternoon we will start our retreat at or around 4:00 p.m. As far as I can tell we will have Bible Study each Monday except February 11 when Peg and I will be out of town. If you cannot make a Monday study, please pick up a work sheet so you can keep up. We will finish First, Second and Third John with Tony Evans then move on to a new study





## 6th Annual Christmas Party

We always have a blast at our Christmas parties and this year was no exception. Plenty of great food, some not so great singing and "dancing" by Pastor Jack and a little friendly combat to get the best chocolates. I'm so glad Sybil finally won a dollar. Oh and poor Laura couldn't get Randy to steal for her. If you did not get to come to the party you should really try hard to get in on the fun next year so that you can see what you have been missing!!

## Financial Peace University Class

Susan Winston will be leading this class starting Mon., Feb. 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center. There will be more about this class which is to run for 9 weeks on Monday evenings. For now save the dates and plan on joining Susan for this eye opening class on Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace. Cost and sign up sheet will be available soon.



## Christmas Eve

The Candlelight Service is always special with the lights, decorations, candles, carols and the Christmas story. This year there were 50 people who attended that night which made a good size crowd. The singing was good and thanks to Peg, Susan Winston and Neva Mielke for being readers that night. And then that special moment where we light our candles during Silent Night. Also we had a special segment with a video of the Christmas version of "Hallelujah". A special thanks to Laura and Randy Darden for the sound and video. There was a lot of work for them that night!! Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is still my favorite service of the year!!







For a few months we are going to only have one movie a month. For the month of January we will be showing "While You Were Sleeping" Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. This is a really great time to get together and enjoy a great movie and snacks together. Hope to see you there!! If you have any movies you think we can show or if you have any suggestions for movie night please let us know. Thanks



## Thank You

## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

- Jan. 6: Debra Tompkins
- Jan. 13: JD Settles  
Jan Hensiek
- Jan. 20: Sharon Gilliam
- Jan. 27: Barbara Curbow

Peg and I want to say "Thank You" for remembering us during this Christmas. I don't know quite how you do it but you get the word around and present Peg, Myself and Debra with very nice Christmas gifts. That means a lot to us because it makes us feel that as the family of God, the church, you appreciate what we try to do in ministry throughout the year. The gift is very special and is spent in a very special way. Thanks so much!! Pastor Jack

## GREETERS

- Jan. 6: JD Settles  
Jan Hensiek
- Jan. 13: Barbara Curbow
- Jan. 20: Larry & Bonnie  
Finley
- Jan. 27: Sybil Mitchell

I want to just say a huge Thank You for the very generous gift of money. This church has been so wonderful these past 7 years. Wow! I can't believe I have been here 7 years the end of January. And every year you always bless me with a gift of money just for doing my job. There are so many that do so much here without even getting anything in return. Except, of course the knowledge that you are doing for the Lord. I wish I could do more. Thanks again. With Love and Appreciation, Debra Tompkins

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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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 <b>Prayer Breakfast 8:15</b>
6 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 COMMUNION	7 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	8	9 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	10 Movie Night 7:00 "While You Were Sleeping" Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	11	12
13 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	14	15	16 Office Hours 9-5	17 Office Hours 9-5	18	19
<b>The Cliffs Resort Retreat</b>						
20 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday	21 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	22	23 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	24 Office Hours 9-5	25	26
27 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Undecorating Party-Pizza 11:45	28 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	29	30 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	31		



# January



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	26 Richard Burrows  Gary & Debbie Hermann
27	28	29	30 Beverly Smith	31		