



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

## November 2016 Newsletter

### Pastor's Column

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Our bonfire took on a new twist this year. Last year we gathered at the burn pile behind the parsonage on Sept. 23 and had a great evening. There were 30 of us and plenty to eat. It was a beautiful evening and all went well.

This year we had a new burn pit and all was set to have a bonfire cookout on Oct. 19 until two things changed our minds. First, we noticed items in the burn area that would not be good to roast hotdogs over. So, we burned those materials earlier in the day with Jack Mielke doing the honors. Thanks Jack!!

Then the wind came up and the threat of rain was in the air. So, the cookout changed gears and Dennis Thompson brought his contained firepit to church and we set up the gazebo in case of rain. With the weather we had a smaller turnout. There were ten of us and we had a great time. Roasting hotdogs and marshmallows and again there was plenty to eat. There was lightning to the north and west with a little bit of thunder but no rain! The firepit set up by the garage worked well and the gazebo was a great place to eat. We just sat and visited until almost 8:30. It was a great time.

Since this has become a longer article I have decided to make it my column. There are actually some spiritual things we can conclude from the two cookouts.

First, no two spiritual experiences are exactly the same. Each event has its own value. Second, you cannot repeat a spiritual experience with the same feeling.

The first "mountain top cookout" was filled with a lot of activity, a beautiful sunset, more souls (30) with a great sense of unity as we gathered.

The second "mountain top cookout" had a different tone. It was more intimate due to fewer souls (10) yet lively conversation with the sharing of food. Which was the greater "mountain top experience"?—BOTH!! Each in their own way was a great experience.

So, what have we learned? Spiritual experiences happen in a variety of ways. Each time we have an event God is there and His Spirit is with us to make it a meaningful moment. It is what I call a "mountain top experience" with God. Thanks be to God!!

## God's Blessing, Pastor Jack

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# Scriptures for the Month of November



Sunday, Nov. 6: Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, Nov. 13: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, Nov. 20: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-4

Sunday, Nov. 27: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



## Thanksgiving Dinner

How about a Thanksgiving Dinner at Noon on Thanksgiving Day?? Pastor Jack is in charge as Peg works most of that day. So, there will be a sign up sheet for what you want to bring to share. The Welcome Center gives us that home dining room feeling so we will use that area. If you have a commitment to family and friends we totally understand. If you are available please sign up!!



## United Methodist Student Day

### USO Call Home Free Card



Our donation to the USO will allow two "call home cards" to be delivered to a USO Center so active soldiers can call home for the Holidays.

Please donate during the first two Sundays in November (Nov. 6 & 13)! Our donation not only helps with these two cards but provides other much needed services to active service people.

November 27 is UMSD but we can give to it all month long. The enclosed envelope is there for your use. The gift you make helps support scholarships and the UM Student Loan Fund. It is not only a financial but supportive network for young people to realize the church is behind them in their education. Encouraging students not only to get an education but to be involved with the church to nurture and grow in their faith in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is truly a way to help the next generation!

## Heifer International



Another mission project during Christmas is Heifer International. Jan Henslek will make a presentation during the holidays about what we might do. There are a number of animals we can purchase like a goat for \$20.00, Flock of ducks for \$20.00, Flock of chicks for \$20.00, trio of rabbits for \$60.00 just to name a few. They go to help families in foreign countries.



# Garage Sale

## Nov. 3-4-5

The Garage Sale is Thursday November 3, Friday November 4 and Saturday November 5. Please come out and help with this great fund raiser. It is a huge job and a lot of work but if you let it, it can be a lot of fun also. Remember work as for the Lord not unto men.

Wed., Nov. 2 we will be setting up outdoor tables and move items from the garage. We need men and women workers and will have a potluck at noon. Thurs. & Fri. Nov. 3 & 4 workers are needed at 7:30, with garage sale starting at 8. Sat., Nov. 5 will be the Sack Sale. We will close at 11:30 and need workers to help with sale and clean up!!

If you are bringing baked goods please do NOT wrap them individually. It will be set up like last year so people can choose a variety of items how few or how many they would like.

There will be a snack bar downstairs also. So come on out and help with this great event!!

Thanks in advance to Beverly Gunther for heading this up and to everyone for your help!!



## Prayer Time

Saturday, Nov. 12 (changes due to Garage Sale) at 8:30 with continental breakfast served by Pastor Jack. Please consider attending. There is power in corporate prayer time. Thanks!!

# Cookout



There were only 10 of us at the cookout but we sure had a great time. Great food but most important great fellowship. We need times like these to come together and relax and enjoy each other's company. I hope next time we plan something like this many more will join us.

# Christmas



# Movie Night



December is a busy month and we have lots to do. We will do all of our programs in one day so that we can get it all in and free up other days for you to do your things outside of church.

Sunday, Dec. 11 is the day- mark your calendars. The Choir will have their presentation and then we will have the Christmas play. This is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Let's come ready to celebrate with our choir and the "not ready for prime time players"!!

In the evening will be the Christmas party at the parsonage. Put it on you calendar. More details in the Dec. newsletter.

We will start with a Christmas movie this month since there are so many to choose from we want to get an early start. Tuesday Nov. 15 the movie will be "A Christmas Snow". It is a great movie which was a play in Branson a few years ago. We are almost to an end with the Love Comes Softly series. This month's movie will be "Love's Everlasting Courage". It will be on Thursday, November 17 both movies will be at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!!



## Hanging of the Greens

We will be decorating our church, which is called "Hanging of the Greens", on Nov. 20 this year. The decorations will be down from the attic and ready to put up. We will have potluck first then decorate so please come and be ready to help. The more the merrier and the faster it will get done.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!** First Sunday of Advent is November 27.



## GREETERS WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Nov. 6: Dennis Thompson  
Pat Bangert

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Mielke

Nov. 13: Jan Henslek  
Vivian Jensen

Nov. 13: Helen Feuz  
Pat Bangert

Nov. 20: Barbara Curbow  
Charles Julian

Nov. 20: Debra Tompkins

Nov. 27: J.D. Settles  
Helen Feuz

Nov. 27: Barbara Curbow  
Deloris Bryant



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.

# November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <b>Office Hours</b> 9-5	4	5
			Office Hours 9-5 Play Practice 5:00 Choir 6:30	<b>Garage Sale</b> 8:00	<b>Garage Sale</b> 8:00	<b>Sack Sale</b> 8:00
6 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 <b>COMMUNION</b>  Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministires 12:30	8	9 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Play Practice 5:00 Choir 6:30	10 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00  Movie Night 7:00 "Love's Everlasting Courage"	11	12 <b>Continental Breakfast/Prayer Time</b> 8:30
13 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 <b>BLUE SUNDAY</b>	14 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministires 12:30	15 <b>Movie Night</b> 7:00 <b>"A Christmas Snow"</b>	16 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Play Practice 5:00 Choir 6:30	17 <b>Office Hours 9-5</b>	18	19
20 <b>HANGING OF THE GREENS</b> Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Potluck 11:45	21 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministires 12:30	22	23 <b>Office Hours 9-5</b>	24  <b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b> 12:00	25	26
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Happy  
Birthday

November 2016

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Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Debbie Lyon	3	4	5 Jack Jensen
6	7 Janice Settles	8	9 David Pratt Dwane & Beverly Smith	10	11	12
13	14 Marcia Siefkes	15	16	17 Randy Darden	18 Megan Riggs	19 Angie Gallion
20	21	22	23 Dave Gilliam	24 June Johnson	25 J.D. Settles	26
27	28 Barbara Curbow Helen Feuz	29	30			