



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye November 2019

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Two years ago we were prepared to present a Christmas play. The rehearsals were done and we had all the props we needed. We were not prepared for someone getting sick, which is what happened. In a small group we have no understudies. So, the play got canceled.

We are again putting this same play together for this Christmas. Most of the cast are still here and we will work with new people as well. We will need some rehearsal time but it should be a meaningful, fun, and appropriate Christmas event. The play will be presented on Dec. 15 during worship so put that on your calendar as a must to see. If you would like to help contact me or Debra. These plays are always fun to do.

There are some other events to think about as well. Hanging of the Greens will need to be done early this year due to Charge Conference. Our Charge Conference is on Nov. 24 at Ozark UMC. We would not be able to do both on the same day, so Hanging of the Greens will be on Nov. 17. If you can help on Saturday morning Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. we will pull all the decorations down from the attic and have them ready to put up after church. I know this is not the normal Sunday but we cannot change Charge Conference since it is a group of churches that meet.

Put Sat. Nov. 16 at 10 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 17 after church and Sunday, Nov. 24 at Ozark UMC at 2:30 p.m. on your calendars!

Thanksgiving is on Thursday, Nov. 28. Let us give thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us during this past year. We have truly been blessed as a congregation. There have been many visitors to our church for many events and Sunday morning worship as well.

We have been able to help many groups with our outreach ministry. Debra is still mentoring at the elementary school. We have developed a Thrift Store ministry after a very good May garage sale. Our Ministry House is being used by folks from all over. There is the continued ministry of Wed. lunch/brunch, Monday Bible Study and Women's group and first Sat. Prayer Breakfast. A group has volunteered at Convoy of Hope and a free will offering was given to them as well. We joined a larger Christian group by participating in Christian Night at the Springfield Cardinals game.

Our church mission is to help where we can. This year that includes: Teen Challenge, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Gideons.

Yes, we need to be thankful for God using us to minister to the greater community. Thanksgiving needs to be a year round event!! Praise God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for leading our church in making disciples for Jesus Christ!!

Pastor Jack

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Scriptures for the Month of November



- Sunday, Nov. 3:** Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 • Luke 19:1-10
- Sunday, Nov. 10:** Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 17:1-9 •
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 • Luke 20:27-38
- Sunday, Nov. 17:** Malachi 4:1-2a and Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19
- Sunday, Nov. 24:** Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20 • Luke 23:33-43

Your word
is a lamp
to guide my feet
and a light
for my path.
Psalm 119:105

Mission Giving



- 1) Convoy of Hope received \$430.00 for their work.
- 2) The Gideons took an open Bible offering that was over \$200, the largest gift we have given them to date.
- 3) The Fellowship of Christian Athletes received \$1,000 for the purchase of Bibles. This matched what was given last year.
- 4) Teen Challenge took a Free Will offering and with their sales totalled over \$400 for their work.



Thanks for being a blessing to these organizations. God loves the generous outreach of this church.



May 31!!

May 31 is projected to be a great day because we hope to have all the major projects done!! On May 31 (Sunday) we will have a dedication service of our new outreach ministries.

- 1) Janice's Ministry House (Both levels open)
- 2) Gazebo Ministry
- 3) New Outreach Ministry for both the main fellowship Hall and Welcome Center.

With all three of these areas we will attempt to reach out to the community, our ministry district, our state and beyond. These ministries will be important to help us put our love and faith in God into action. God is challenging us to put our faith into works. There is a great reason we are where we are, we have a beautiful setting in the hills of the Ozarks. We are not in the middle of a city or town. We are out in the beauty of God's creation and our task is to share what we have with others!! Amen!!

Hanging Of The Greens



I touched on this event in my article. We usually decorate the Sunday before Advent starts, but this year that will not work. We have Charge Conference on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2:30 at Ozark UMC. Please read my article to see how we will decorate for this year. Thanks for your help.

Worship At The Campgrounds

Our 5th annual worship at the RV park at the end of UU went very well. It was kind of windy but other than that the weather, fellowship and food was great. Thanks to Gary & Debbie Herrmann for hosting and decorations. Thanks to all who turned out for this very special worship service. It always is good to get away from our four walls into God's great creation. It is beautiful by the lake!!



I Love My Church

Our new T-shirts are just another way of telling people about our church. The shirts sell for \$7.00. They are located in the narthex (entry way). Find your size and just drop the money in the offering plate labeled "T-shirts". Thanks!!

Hail Damage

All roofs have been resingled along with new guttering for Ministry House, one side of the main garage resided, and new fascia that was damaged by hail. Our insurance company, Church Mutual, covered the cost minus our deductible of \$1,000. The insurance company paid \$27,302.00!!

Thrift Store

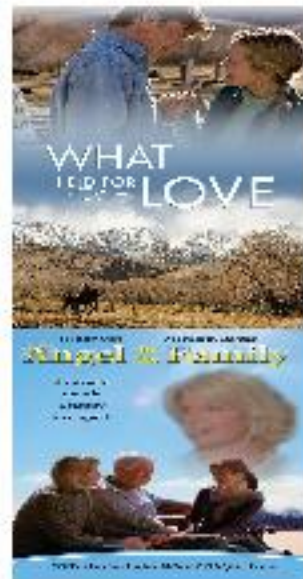


So far the thrift store has done real well and we will continue weather permitting. Thanks to all the volunteers for sorting, pricing and being there on the 2nd Thursday and Saturday of the month. This outreach ministry has not replaced the annual garage sale. We will be preparing for a May garage sale along with a food and bake sale. We will need our volunteers out in full force to make it a great sale!!



MOVIE NIGHT

We have been having a great time at our movie nights. Last month we had some really delicious homemade caramel popcorn. See what you are missing! Please join us this month for "What I Did For Love" on Tuesday, Nov. 12 and "Angel in the Family" on Thursday, Nov. 21. Both at 7:00 p.m.



Work Day

I have given up on scheduling a work day (it is always bad weather). So, now here is the plan, if you can work on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday let me know because we can use your help to finish the projects we have already started. If it is a nice day and you have time, give me a call and I will let you know what you can do
Thanks!!

Pastor Jack

Welcome Center Hosts
November 3: Clair & Beverly Gunther
November 10: Sharon Gilliam
November 17: Pat Bangert Mary Little
November 24: JD Settles Cindy Levy

Greeters
November 3: Warren & Marilyn Samuelson
November 10: Gary & Debbie Herrmann
November 17: JD Settles Cindy Levy
November 24: Sybil Mitchell Jo Chambers



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.

October

December




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>Prayer Breakfast 8:15</p> <p>L.E.O.T.A. Shirley's Kitchen 12:15</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 COMMUNION</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Hours 9-5</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>THRIFT STORE 8-12</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Movie Night 7:00 "What I Did For Love"</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30</p>	<p>14</p> <p>THRIFT STORE 12-4 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Hanging of the Greens BLUE SUNDAY</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Movie Night 7:00 "Angel in the Family" Office Hours 9-5</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Potluck 11:45 Charge Conference 2:30</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Hours 9-5</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>



NOVEMBER



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