



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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This newsletter is a little strange. It is a week and a half late plus we need to do the first two weeks of March because I will be out of town.

So as I attempt to write my article I realize next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, already! I also realize that our vacation starts in a week and a half and I am not ready! We are also working on the "Ministry House" getting it ready for a Memorial Day opening. It seems overwhelming until I stop, take a deep breath and realize that I am not doing this all alone. First of all God, through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit are with me in all of this. The support of life and ministry come from them as they calm the windy days of life. As they help sort out what is needed and necessary to be done. I have a hard time turning things over to them at times (do you ever get that feeling you have to do it all?). I feel like I have to do it but really I don't have to do it all. In your life you don't have to do it all! You have the Lord to lean on and guide you, solutions you never thought of before. One of the greatest solutions is that God gave us community and we don't rely on each other as much as we should. We don't want to bother the people of our community (Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye) but that is exactly why God gave us this great community called the Church! We need to realize that God put us here for a particular reason. We need to work with each other to discover the greater good. One of the greater goods we can do is to help one another. Another is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, that Jesus died for our sins, was raised to eternal life and offers us salvation and grace which lead us to eternal life. When we accept that we can live and do what we can and not fret about what we can't. We are called to do what we can under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The rest we have to turn over to God. If you seem overwhelmed, step back and remember you are so blessed to be a Christian, to have community and a God who loves you so much to give His Son for you! May God's blessing be upon you always!!

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God's Blessing, Pastor Jack





Scriptures for the Month of February/March



Sunday, February 4: Isaiah 40:21-31 • Psalm 147:1-11, 20c • 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 • Mark 1:29-39
 Sunday, February 11: 2 Kings 2:1-12 • Psalm 50:1-6 • 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 • Mark 9:2-9
 Sunday, February 18: Genesis 9:8-17 • Psalm 25:1-10 • 1 Peter 3:18-22 • Mark 1:9-15
 Sunday, February 25: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 • Psalm 22:23-31 • Romans 4:13-25 • Mark 8:31-38
 Sunday, March 4: Exodus 20:1-17 • Psalm 19 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 • John 2:13-22
 Sunday, March 11: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10 • John 3:14-21



Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is actually on Valentine's Day this year. Even though that is a strange combination you can celebrate both. The service is at 7:00 p.m. and deals with a renewal commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the beginning of the Lenten Season that will take us on a journey of Jesus' last days of ministry to Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter. Each of the Sunday Services will have a special meaning. So, I invite all of you to come to the Ash Wednesday Service to begin the road to the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Even though we do this every year it seems to require something special from us each year. It is a time of remembrance of what Jesus and His Father God did for us; the hope that it gives us for this life and the life to come. Remember that Jesus brought grace and salvation into the world.

Come join us on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7p.m. to begin the journey. You will be glad you did!

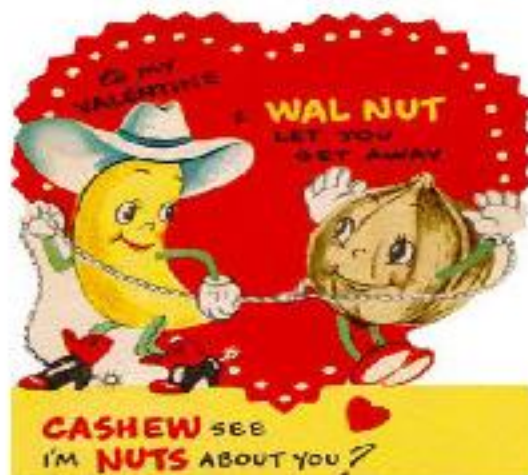
Prayer Breakfast

Prayer Breakfast for March will be on a Special Saturday due to Pastor Jack and Peg being gone. The prayer breakfast will be Sat. March 17 at 8:15. It will be a full breakfast and a time for sharing concerns and joys of our congregation and community. Hope to see you there.



Jack & Peg on Vacation

Jack and Peg will be going out east for a 3 week vacation to Myrtle Beach, Williamsburg, VA and Gatlinburg TN! They will be gone Feb. 18 (after church) to March 11. The three Sundays, Kevin Green will be the guest pastor. Also, if you need a pastor for any emergency during Pastor Jack's time away call the church office (Wed. & Thurs.) or JD Settles and they will put you in touch with a pastor.





Newsletter is Different

The newsletter is late coming out due to things beyond our control. So, we are doing a Feb. 7 to March 14 newsletter and a March 15 and all of April newsletter. This newsletter will contain all of Feb. & March Calendar events and birthdays and anniversaries. Please keep them until both months are done. Hope this doesn't sound too confusing but we consider this a better option than not doing a February newsletter and since Pastor Jack will be gone over the time to do the March one we will wait until he gets back.



Audio-Visual Booth

For some time now we have been using the audio part of the booth. Four people from our congregation have graciously volunteered to operate the sound system. Our new sound system has been great and we are thankful for the volunteers. They are doing great too!

Now we are in the process of putting up the visual part of the system. This will require another set of volunteers to run that system. We will have two 70" TV's up front for announcements, hymns & praise songs, liturgy, mission moments and sermon helps. At first we will use power point to put all of our slides on, and RightNow Media for video. The visual system will put so much variety right in front of us. Thanks for donations to this and the sound system

Ministry House is coming along quite well. We are making a "gathering" area family room space along with a recreational space. These two areas will be done by the time we open on Memorial Day. This will allow pastor families to use the basement area as well as the upstairs if they wish. If you would like to help with the new areas please contact Pastor Jack, Dave Gilliam or JD Settles.



Spring Garage Sale

We will be having a spring garage sale so now is the time to look around and see if there are items you would like to donate to the sale. Also, if you hear of anyone who has items they would like to donate have them give the church a call or Beverly Gunther at 417-779-4104. We have been blessed over the years that many great items have come in for our sales.

Please keep this event in your prayers. Prayers are needed for good weather, good crowd, good selection of sale items and enough workers!! Our two sales each year greatly benefit the workings and ministry of our church





Movie Night

One of our movie nights got cancelled but we will have one on Thursday Feb. 15 at 7:00. It's a great movie starring Betty White called "The Lost Valentine". Please come out I know you will enjoy it.

For March we will have one on Tuesday, March 13 and Thursday March 22. Not sure of the titles yet but we will let you know.

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Feb. 4: Bob & Debbie Lyon

Feb. 11: Randy & Laura Darden

Feb. 18: Helen Feuz

Feb. 25: Pat Bangert
Jan Hensiek

March 4: Debra Tompkins

March 11: Randy & Laura Darden

GREETERS

Feb. 4: Barbara Curbow
Helen Feuz

Feb. 11: Gary & Debbie Hermann

Feb. 18: Larry & Bonnie Finley

Feb. 25: Sybil Mitchell
Sharon Gilliam

March 4: Jack & Neva Mielke

March 11: Jack & Vivian Jensen



Weather



The weather has not cooperated very well this new year. First, our New Year's Eve party got cancelled because it was so cold. Then our adventure at The Cliffs got off to an icy start. We finished up well but some of us could not get there at the beginning. Then we were going to have a Souper Bowl Party for Super Bowl 52 and that got cancelled due to ice and finally movie night got cancelled due to ...you're right, ice. We are very blessed that it has not been worse. Some places especially the Northeast of our country have taken a big winter hit along with countries surrounding us.

Therefore, we do need to affirm our policy. If there is no school, Noon Luncheon and most other activities of the church will be cancelled. If there is snow and ice (especially ice) on Saturday night there is a very good chance there will be no church activities on Sunday. Let's be safe and stay home when the winter turns bad.



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.

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March

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February 2018



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<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 				1	2	3
4	5	6 Jean Swan	7	8	9 Alex Johnson	10
11 Hunter Riggs	12 Danny Mielke	13	14	15 Phyllis Kutzner	16 Jane Thomas	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Karen Pizzurro	27	28			

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				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Bob & Merry Jo Bell	10 Mike Sowers
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 
18	19	20 Gloria Jones	21 Shelly Fransen	22	23	24
25 Bob Lyon	26	27	28	29	30	31