



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye



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## Pastor's Column

As we approach summer we will begin some new ministries. The first ministry has already started but will expand as of June 1. Janice's Ministry House, with the lower level done, opens to a whole new era of ministry. It will also be a retreat center for small groups. We will be able to accommodate 1-24 people for youth retreats, women's gatherings, men's retreats as well as the family type retreat or vacation it has always been. This is exciting because our outreach will be expanded especially to the Tri-State area (Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas). We still can use some help finishing the house. Volunteers are welcome just let me know what you would be interested in doing: painting, staining, ceiling, flooring or putting things together. We are close to staying within the money given for the project but could use future donations. One area of donaton is the mattresses for the bunk beds. We have six bunk beds so 12 mattresses are needed. So, the church council started an "adopt a mattress" campaign. Each mattress is \$95.00. We have 2 donated already so we need funds for 10 more. We can also use funds for finishing work at the house. There will be a need for \$500-\$700 for those projects. If you would like to help just mark your check or offering envelope "mattress fund" or "house fund". Thanks for helping finish Janice's Ministry House!

The second ministry will be our gazebo ministry. Starting in June twice a month, on a Wednesday evening we will invite the community and church to a "Get-to-gether" with food, drinks, visiting and some sort of live entertainment. If you would like to help organize and be a part of the ministry let me know as I can sure use the help! We especially would like to have some live music groups come in for the evening. This ministry will continue until October or even November depending on the weather and then start up in March of next year. Most of the funding for that ministry is already there but to help with furniture for the gazebo and to bring live entertainment we could use some financial help. So, if you would like to help with that just mark your check or offering envelope "gazebo fund". This ministry is designed to be an outreach to the community for fun and fellowship.

There are some people I would like to thank for making all this possible. JD Settles and Dave Gilliam have been the construction guys from the beginning. Bob Lyon has joined that group and we are thankful for his participation. We are thankful for painters- Neva Mielke & Susie Bouchey. We are grateful for those who have helped along the way- Jack Mielke, Larry Finley, Randy Darden & his nephew Jason, Heather Wagner, Art & Sue Cella, Charles Julian, Debra Tompkins, Dave Thomas & Dave Schroeder. Now a special "Thank You" to Dave Schroeder who built all 6 bunk beds and donated them to the church!! I am still trying to get more people involved so don't be surprised to get a call!!

I am thankful for our Lord opening doors to new adventures in ministry. I am also thankful for this congregation for responding to the call to help in ministry.

May God's Blessing Be With Us All!

Pastor  
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# Scriptures for the Month of February

**Sunday, Feb. 2: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12**

**Sunday, Feb. 9: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10);  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20**

**Sunday, Feb. 16: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37**

**Sunday, Feb. 23: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99;  
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9**



## Christmas Throughout the Year!

We will celebrate the Christmas event one Sunday a month throughout the year. January was the un-decoration party on Jan. 26!! Feb. 23 was scheduled to be the Christmas play we had intended to do in 2018 and again in 2019, but due to Pastor's schedule with Ministry House and other events, the play has not reunited as of yet. Fear not for those "not ready for prime time players" are eager to put this play back together and present it to our congregation. When this will happen is still a mystery. Stay tuned it could happen anytime!!

So, what are we going to do for February Christmas? Well...here is the suggestion and we will see if it pleases. On Sunday Feb. 23 we have a potluck as usual but lets make it different at least after we have eaten. The suggestion is let's make "Christmas Cookies" to be used Monday at Bible Study and financial management course, and Wednesday for brunch, and of course choir and play rehearsals!! The cookies will be provided with some decorating items but people can bring all kinds of decorating materials and items. The main thing will be we can't eat all the cookies!! Let's have fun creating cookies and singing our favorite Christmas carols.



## Prayer Breakfast

By the time you read this, Prayer Breakfast may have already happened. It is on Sat. Feb. 1 at 8:15 a.m. The prayer breakfast is an important ministry of our church. We raise joys and concerns that you see in the bulletin but more over we pray for these joys and concerns and hopefully you join us to do the same thing during the month. Prayer is the backbone of commitment to Jesus Christ. Without prayer we are just going through the motion, but due to prayer we are alive and well in our faith. What drives our ministry?—Prayer—l



# Spring Garage Sale

Our spring garage sale will be in May. The actual date has not been set by the Church Council but they will do so at the February meeting.

Since starting our Thrift Store the ladies have been keeping up with the clothing end of the sale. Also, the basement of "Janice's Ministry House" is not available for storage anymore (see more details in a separate article). So, bigger items will need to be stored in the main garage. Unless you need to get the item to church now we ask that you keep your bigger items until March. We will be asking for large and small items plus clothing the first part of March. The Thrift Store will also open for March and April and then continue for June through Nov. or Dec. (weather permitting).

Be thinking about the sale. It will be divided into 4 sections this year.

- 1) Clothing, linens, blankets, etc. will again be in the basement of the church.
- 2) Small items will be in the Ministry House garage along with some items in the Welcome Center.
- 3) Large items will be in the main garage and outside.
- 4) Food and baked goods will be in the Welcome Center.

We will not have a craft area so to speak. If someone has made something for the sale it will be in the Welcome Center. We hope to actually have a "Craft Fair" in the Fall with crafters from around the area putting items for sale both in the Welcome Center and the lower area of the church. It would be great to have 10-15 vendors at our sale which would be considered a community event and not actually a money making project but a ministry. No date has been set for that event but sometime in October or early November for Christmas shopping.



Put Ash Wednesday on your calendar. It is Wednesday, February 26. Since we do not have lenten services the Ash Wednesday becomes an important service as we begin our journey toward Easter. So, you are invited to a time of remembrance and preparation of whatever the Lord Jesus Christ did for us. It is the true hope that gives us new life now and forever.

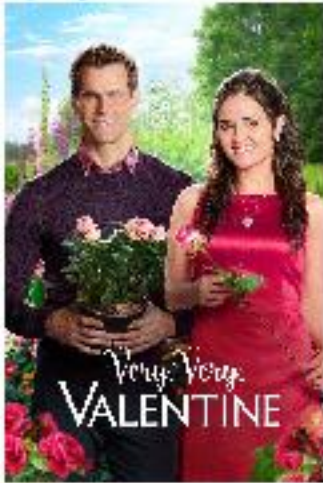


## Outreach Ministry

Susan Winston is preparing to do another outreach and community ministry. It has some similarities to last year's Financial Peace University course but it is quite different in its approach. The course is called Empower U and deals with money management issues. The course runs 9 weeks and starts Monday, Feb. 10 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Susan is excited about doing this so lets help her find people to attend. The course is free as it is linked with Love Inc. Call Susan at 417-331-0935 or the church. Please leave a message at the church and we will relay that message to Susan. Let's keep the ministry in our prayers!!

# MOVIE NIGHT

Our movie this month is "A Very, Very Valentine", just in time for Valentine's Day!! It will be on Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m. I hope you can make it.



L.E.O.T.A.  
Let's Eat Out Together Amen

Gary & Debbie Herrmann are back for another 3 years at the RV campsite. We are so glad to hear that news. They are not back until March but Debbie will be ready to get us started with L.E.O.T.A. Again we are glad they will be back and looking forward to their ministry with us.

Stay Tuned!!



## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

February 2: Barbara Curbow

February 9: Merry Jo Bell

Jan Henslek

February 16: Bob & Debbie

Lyon

February 23: Jack & Neva

Mielke

## GREETERS

February 2: Janet,

Jane & Julie

February 9: Debra Tompkins

February 16: Jo Chambers

February 23: Debra Tompkins

## The Un-Decoration Party

The Un-Decoration Party went well. We had 22 volunteers to take down the decorations and they came down quickly. They are stored away for another year. It might be the smell of pizza that kept them moving. We had enough pizza to feed the group with two left over (frozen ones, the Papa Murphy's ones went fast). Thanks again to all that helped with the Un-Decorations!!

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.

January

March

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>Prayer Breakfast 8:15</b> 1
2 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 <b>Communion</b>	3 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	4	5 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	6 Office Hours 9-5	7	8
9 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	10 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 EmpowerU 1:00-2:30	11	12 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30 Choir 5:00 Play Rehearsal 6:00	13 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	14 	
16 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday	17 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 EmpowerU 1:00-2:30	18	19 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	20 <b>Movie Night 6:00</b> <b>A Very, Very Valentine</b> Office Hours 9-5	21	22 <b>Cookie Baking Day</b>
23 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Potluck 11:45 <b>Cookie Decorating Day</b>	24 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 EmpowerU 1:00-2:30	25	26 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30 Choir 5:00 Play Rehearsal 6:00	27 Office Hours 9-5	28	29



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2	3	4	5	6 Jean Swan	7	8
9 Alex Johnson	10	11 Hunter Riggs	12 Danny Mielke	13	14	15
16 Jane Thomas	17 Chris & Susan Wilson	18	19	20	21 Leena Mitchell	22
23	24	25	26 Karen Pizzurro	27	28	29