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Pastor's Column

It is the new year and along with new adventures comes the reflections on the year 2013. We have been a very active congregation.

One area we have been active in is our ladies ministry. This year lap quilts have been the project and to date 22 are finished with 4 or 5 in the making and a lot more squares to put together. The quilts have been given to Culpepper Place in Branson so far.

Another area is Bible Study. We have been active with a weekly Bible Study and one on Sunday morning. My hope is that more people will feel the nudge to come and be a part of the Bible Studies.

Our Worship Services have continued to be active with choir, lay liturgists and people sharing with one another God's love and peace. Sharing of joys and concerns still an active part of Worship. We have been using the Psalter instead of the new testament lesson on Sunday. Yet all the scriptures can be found in the newsletter that tie together each Sunday mornings expression of God's word.

This year we did not have a Christmas Play but we did get together at the parsonage for a Christmas Party. There were expressions that led me to believe that this was the First Annual Christmas Party. I take it people enjoyed themselves. This may become a tradition like the "Undecorating Party" and the "Potluck Game Day"!

The Trustees and Building Committee have been busy as well this year. Trustees in keeping up with things in the church- new door out of basement Fellowship Hall, new dishwasher at church, new stove at parsonage and new mower and equipment shed to name just a few of the major projects. The Building Committee was hard at work this year trying to put together a building plan with more information which they did and late in the year we passed the plan to add on to the church.

So, what is ahead of us this year? The main emphasis will be as always, helping people take their beliefs and put them into action. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to use all our gifts and graces to the glory of God our Father. I believe the church truly tries to put their faith into action and to also grow each year into a deeper faith. Let's keep up God's work folks. You are certainly on the right track!! May God's Blessing and Peace be with you all.

Pastor Jack



Scriptures For The Month of January

Sunday, January 5: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-9), 10-18

Sunday, January 12: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 19: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Sunday, January 26: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23



Lets Keep Christmas Year
Round This Year!

Take down the Christmas Tree,
Put away the stockings,
Say goodbye to Santa Claus,
But don't forget the best part,
Can live year round in your Heart.
JESUS!!

Gideons

The Gideons are very active in our area and it is always good to get an update on their ministry. A member of the Gideons will be in our church on Sunday, January 19 at the worship service. They will give a short update of Gideon work and take a free will Bible offering at the back of the sanctuary after worship is over. This church has responded well to helping the Gideons with their work.

Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge will be with us on Sunday, Jan. 26. Last year it was the boys that were with us and they gave testimonials to how God and Teen Challenge has changed their lives. This year we will have the girls with us. It is our potluck Sunday so please plan on having a few more mouths to feed. They will have a love offering either during or after the worship service to help them in their ministry.

First Annual Christmas Party

The first annual church Christmas Party, hosted by Pastor Jack and Peg Smith, was held at the parsonage on Sunday afternoon, December 15. Everyone enjoyed the homey atmosphere with a fire in the fireplace. We played games- won by Susie Bouchey and Jack Mielke- and enjoyed lots of Christmas goodies. We sang carols some familiar some not! The finale was the exchange of Christmas ornaments.



Third Annuals

We have two events in January that are becoming a tradition in the church. It is the Third Annual De-Decorating Party and the Third Annual Potluck and Game Day.

Sunday, Jan. 12 we will gather after church to undecorate the church. Pastor Jack will provide the usual—Pizza! Everyone can bring drinks and desserts! The more people we have the easier it is to undecorate.

Sunday, Jan. 26 we will gather after church to eat and play games. Everyone can bring a dish to pass (salad, main dish and desserts) and games to play. (Usually games that 3-6 people can play)! We will play a game for 1/2 hour then switch and play with a whole new group. This gathering is scheduled to start at noon and go until 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 19 is NOT a third annual event. But it is the ongoing event of "Blue Sunday" (wear logo shirts or something blue). And it is Church Council at 11:45!! We will be looking at a new outreach program to reach areas around our church!!

They will ask if the person/persons have a church home. If so then thank them and bless their ministry. If not then the groups will have an introduction package to give to that family explaining the church and inviting them to come. The groups will come back to the church and show results. Further follow up will be made with those families who have no church home. You will be working in two's so you are not alone and the group will be working in the same area. So, please sign up to help in this program to reach the unchurched!!



The secret of a happy life is giving God the first part of your day, the first priority to every decision and the first place in your heart.

Outreach to the Community

Pastor is looking for 12 people (6 groups of 2) to do an outreach program. We have different areas around our church like Twin Island Addition, Leisure Shores Addition and others we need to canvas. So, pastor needs people willing to share the ministry of our church.

The plan is that all 6 teams will go out at the same time and in the same area.



Women's Christmas Party

Several ladies met on Saturday, December 14, at noon for a Christmas Party. We enjoyed a nice potluck lunch and games. The highlight of the party was the gift exchange. Gifts were passed "right" and "left" as a Christmas story was being read. Pastor Jack was drafted in to participate in the gift exchange.

****FACEBOOK****

Be sure and check out the Blue Eye UMC Facebook page. You can get information and see the upcoming events if you don't have your calendar handy. You can "like" the page and post things about our church as well

Also be sure and check out our website:

www.blueeyeumc.com Page: 3



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If you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please give that information to the church office, church secretary or pastor.

We would like to increase the number of people who receive our publication.

Thank You!

MINISTRY IS HAPPENING!!!

We have many committees and teams working to bring a well rounded ministry to our church. Thanks to those who are willing to serve. If you would like to be on a committee or team please contact a member of those teams or committees, they would love to have you join them.

Building Progress

As you can see as you enter the building the old entry way has been removed. Once the shingles and plywood on the roof were removed it didn't take much to bring it down. It had separated from the main building more than what we thought. Once that material has been removed (winter kind of got in the way) we will be ready for the concrete work. It will depend on the weather as to when concrete will be done. We are not in a hurry for it will be mid-March or later before we start framing up the building. There may be a few Sundays we will need to worship in the basement Fellowship Hall while the concrete work is being done!!

Building Committee will meet right after noon luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 8 and then make future meeting dates as we finalize the building materials. Materials will need to be ordered around the first of March. These dates seem far off but it will come around quickly.

At times we are going to need volunteers to help with various aspects of building so please stay tuned to announcements.

Finances for Welcome Center/Office Complex

At the Dec. 15 Church Council some major motions were made and passed.

- 1) To establish a Building Fund Account
- 2) That money ear marked for New Addition would be put into that account-as of 12/8/13 \$20,178.00
- 3) That the General Budget will not include a mortgage payment- For all payments for New Addition will come from Building Fund only.

Therefore, let it be known that all payments for New Addition will only come from funds given for that project.

THANK YOU

To Jim Perkin, Dave Gilliam, J.D. Settles and Mike Fransen for helping to take our entry down. The wood will be taken and burned, siding saved and some 2x6's saved. Thank you for doing that project.

To Janice Settles for playing for our choir especially for the Christmas Cantata. To Betty Frazier for directing us again this year and keeping us ready to sing at anytime (scheduled to sing Dec. 8 but snow made it happen on Dec. 15). To the Choir for being there ready, willing and able to sing!!

To Jan Hensiek and Michael Fransen for being the first two liturgists that do more than just read scripture. It is quite helpful to have lay people helping with the service. To Shelly Fransen for always being a good leader of music on Sunday mornings whether it be hymns or praise songs. It is great to work with all these people and all of you who help greet, usher and for Vivian and Jack who set up and help with communion.

Also to Michaela Fransen who is always there with a smiling face being our Acolyte.

Save The Date

The Hospitality Committee is planning on having a Chili Cook-Off Saturday, February 15 at 12:00 p.m. So please put this date on your calendar get your chili recipes out and be ready for a fun time.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast 8:15
5 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Communion	6 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	7	8 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Building Committee 3:00 Hospitality Meeting 5:30 Choir 6:30	9 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Undecorate Party	13 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	14	15 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	16 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Gideons Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday	20 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	21	22 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	23 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Teen Challenge Potluck & Game Day	27 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	28	29 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	30 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	31	DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE CHILI COOK-OFF FEB. 15!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>2 Corinthians 13:11</i>  <small>If honesty and truth will be at work, you will see. If you are true of heart and pure in spirit, you will</small>			1	2	3	4
5 Gloria Julian Ruth Ann Finck	6	7	8	9	10 Marilyn Samuelson	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Shery West			Jim & Susan Perkin	
19	20 Warren Samuelson Jack & Neva Mielke	21	22	23	24	25 Richard Burrows
26 Jean Schwartzing	27 Valerie Sletto	28	29	30	31	