



Pastor's Column

In our newsletter last June we were coming off the drive-in worships to being back inside with certain restrictions. Some of those restrictions are still in place. We still are not able to "Pass the Peace" nor are we able to take an offering during worship. We have kept the contact to a minimum. As Christians this is hard to do for we like to give hugs and shake hands. That is one way we have of showing our love and concern for one another. The offering has always been a way of sharing with one another the responsibility of the church. Also, we have not been able to use the microphone to share joys and concerns. Writing out a joy or concern and giving it to me has not worked all that well. Communion has also been different during this time and the wafer/juice container isn't quite like taking communion as we usually do. So, what does this all mean? We have had to find an alternate way of doing things.

As we begin to come to a more normal worship atmosphere we need to remember what we went through and how we got through it. God has been with us the whole time reminding us that it is not so much how we do worship but that we do it. The Spirit needs us together to worship so we can be the church. In all of this we have continued to be the church!!!

So, when we go back to doing the things in church we used to do what will we feel? Hopefully, we will feel renewed and inspired and not just "well we are back to the old stuff"! Hopefully, there will be a new feeling of joy to "Pass the Peace", new feelings of joy to be able to say our joys and concerns through a microphone and not be afraid of spreading germs. To be able to pass the offering plate and not feel contaminated. To come to Communion in celebration of what Christ did for us and not worry about the physical but feel the spirit of God's love.

Hopefully, we will find newer meaning for the things we do in worship, Bible study, women's group, men's group, eating out together or potlucks in the church. Maybe all this happened so that we can appreciate what we were able to do as the church. The usual became the unusual and now maybe the usual will not be the usual but a renewed feeling, attitude, and commitment to be the Church of Jesus Christ. To "Pass the Peace" because Jesus gives us the peace. To take the offering as our corporate response to be the church. To take communion because we come together in Christ as one body. To be able to share the joys and concerns so all can hear what we need to be praying for and do that through our corporate prayer.

We are not celebrating the end of a long ordeal, but we are celebrating a new era of renewed faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is LOVE!!!

Pastor Jack



Scriptures for the Month of **JUNE**

Sunday June 6 - 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Sunday June 13 - 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

Sunday June 20 - 1 Samuel 17:32-49; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Sunday June 27 - 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Bible Study

Our Monday morning Bible Study is using Pete Briscoe's series on "Better"! If you don't have Mondays open from 10:30-12:15 you can still keep up by logging in to Right Now Media and search for Pete Briscoe study on "Better". We will study the following sessions with Pete:

June 7 - Session 4 - Why is There Persecution?

July 12 - Session 8 - The Promise of Rest

June 14 - Session 5 - Was Jesus Afraid to Die?

July 19 - Session 9 - Hiding Your Sin

June 21 - Session 6 - Free Access to Jesus

July 26 - Session 10 - Saints Who Sin

June 28 - Session 7 - A Warning to the Religious

If you are not signed up for Right Now Media, call Susan so she can sign you up. We subscribe to this program so it is free to sign up and use it. There are over 2,000 titles to choose from.

PRAYER BREAKFAST



Prayer Breakfast is at 8:15 am Saturday, June 5 in the Welcome Center. Please plan to attend from 8:15 to 10:30 am the first Saturday of the month. You will be glad you did!

Movie Night
Wednesday
June 23 at 6 p.m.
Join us in fellowship!
Movie - The Magic of Ordinary Days
Touching love story that unfolds during World War II.



40th Anniversary

Our church is celebrating 40 years of ministry this year (1981-2021)! The Church Council has chosen to celebrate on Oct 24 our 40th Anniversary. We are just in the planning stage but we want everyone to SAVE-THE-DATE! Our hope is to make it a very special day in the life of Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye. We need to celebrate the past, present, and future ministry that God has so graciously allowed us to continue in this beautiful spot in the Ozarks. We have been involved in many outreach programs and ministries over the years. Over 350 people have been a part of this church at one time or another. There is a lot to be thankful for and to celebrate!!!

SAVE-THE-DATE - OCTOBER 24, 2021

Thrift Store

Our Thrift Store is back open with many new items from the Garage Sale. Please help spread the word that the 2nd Thursday and Saturday of the month we are open. Thursdays 1-5 pm; Saturdays 8 AM - Noon

June 10 & 12

July 8 & 10

August 12 & 14

Sept 8 & 11

October 14 & 16

We are also needing volunteers to help with the Thrift Store on Thursdays. If you are available, please let Neva Mielke, Debbie Lyon or Pastor Jack know.



WEDNESDAY NOON LUNCHEON AND CARDS

The Wednesday Noon Luncheon and Cards will be starting back up in June! Come and join for lunch or cards or both! Fellowship Lunch at 12:00 Noon. Play Cards or Games at 1:00.

June 9 - Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & dessert

June 16 - Loaded baked potato, pulled pork, coleslaw & dessert.

Suggested lunch donation is \$3. Debbie Herrmann is the coordinator. Please contact her if you would like to help. RSVP 281-460-2038.

Debra Tompkins Get Together

Debra is coming back to visit and is having a come and go get together at the Church Gazebo on Saturday, June 5 from 6-8 to visit. Bring a chair if you'd like.

Spring Garage Sale

Thanks to all who were able to volunteer their time at the Garage Sale. The weather did not cooperate during the sale but we still had enough people to make it worthwhile to set it up.

Below shows how the sales went by area:

Friday, May 21

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| Ministry House | \$338.15 |
| Church Basement | \$718.35 |
| Main Garage | <u>\$456.25</u> |
| | \$1,512.75 |

Saturday May 22

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| Ministry House | \$108.00 |
| Church Basement | \$245.00 |
| Main Garage | <u>\$167.00</u> |
| | \$520.00 |

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| Janice's Ministry House Total | \$446.15 |
| Church Basement Area Total | \$963.35 |
| Main Garage Area Total | <u>\$623.25</u> |
| Grand Total | \$2,032.75 |

Red Hat Ladies Group Forming

Debbie Herrmann will be hosting the Red Hat Ladies group and is inviting all ladies to join her at NOON on THURSDAY, JUNE 3, in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall of the Open Doors United Methodist Church for FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!! Wear PURPLE and a RED HAT if you have it or I will have a few hats to borrow for the day. We will learn how the Red Hat Society got started, form our group, name it, eat and have fun!

Come see what it's all about. It will be fun. Please let Debbie know by June 1 if you will be coming. 281-460-2038. Lunch will be served...but we may have our DESSERT FIRST! LOLI



L.E.O.T.A.

Let's Eat Out Together Amen

L.E.O.T.A. Let's Eat Out Together Amen - started up in March. Come join for a fun time of food and fellowship!

June 26, Saturday - Gettin Basted 2845 W Country Blvd
July 20, Tuesday - Pizza Ranch 1464 Highway 248
August 28, Saturday - Uncle Buck's Fish Bowl and Grill - Big Cedar

All lunch times will be at 11:30 a.m. PLEASE R.S.V.P. to Debbie Hermann 281-460-2038 by phone or text message by noon the day before each luncheon if you will be attending. Thanks! Hope to see you there!



Janice's Ministry House

The Ministry House has a new fiberglass roof over the back deck. The sun was very harsh on the deck plus it made it difficult to sit out on the deck. We think we have solved those problems. The new roof will allow folks to enjoy sitting out on the deck anytime. It will also keep them dry during rainy weather and offers protection from the elements. Thanks to J.D. Settles, Dave Gilliam, Bob Lyon, and Dennis Goings for putting up the roof!

Volunteers Needed

Most major projects have been completed. Yet, there are lots of small projects around the church that need our attention. The landscaping projects are done but maintenance on those projects are ongoing. So, we need outside volunteers to keep our church looking great. The mowing teams do an excellent job with keeping our lawn looking great! Secondly, there are various painting areas that need attention: 1) bedroom door at Ministry House (outside) 2) M.H. Deck Roof structure 3) Other outside trim on M.H. 4) Men's Bathroom (Church basement) 5) Back Door out of church basement 6) Odds & Ends touch up in both M.H. and Church. Thirdly, we need to do something to cover our gutters around the church and Ministry House to keep leaves and material out of the gutters. If you can help on any of these projects, please let Pastor or the church office know. Thanks!



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Gazebo Ministry

We began our Gazebo Ministry on Wednesday, May 26 with Paul Reffitt coming to bring a program of music. The format for the Gazebo Nights will be 6 pm light supper and then a program of some nature. The program will last until around 7:30 pm. Please put it on your calendar and plan to attend! The next one will be Wednesday, June 30. Watch for details on the program!

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.

May

July

June 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 Office Hours 10-5 | 3 Office Hours 10-5 Red Hat Noon | 4 | 5 Prayer Breakfast 8:15 Debra Tompkins Get Together 6-8 Gazebo |
| 6 9:30 Coffee and Fellowship In Welcome Center 10:30 Worship | 7 10:30 Bible Study Office Hours 1-5 1:00 Women's Ministry | 8 | 9 Office Hours 10-5 Noon Luncheon 1:00 Cards | 10 Office Hours 10-5 Thrift Store 1-5 | 11 | 12 Thrift Store 8-noon |
| 13 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship | 14 10:30 Bible Study Office Hours 1-5 1:00 Women's Ministry | 15 | 16 Office Hours 10-5 Noon Luncheon 1:00 Cards | 17 Office Hours 10-5 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Happy Father's Day! Blue Sunday 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship Church Council | 21 10:30 Bible Study Office Hours 1-5 1:00 Women's Ministry | 22 | 23 Office Hours 10-5 6:00 pm Movie The Magic of Ordinary Days | 24 Office Hours 10-5 | 25 | 26 11:30 L.E.O.T.A Gettin' Basted 2845 W Country Blvd |
| 27 9:30 Welcome Center 10:30 Worship | 28 10:30 Bible Study Office Hours 1-5 1:00 Women's Ministry | 29 | 30 Office Hours 10-5 6:00 Gazebo | | | |



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| | | 1 | 2 Gerald Curbow Lori Johnson | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Butch Looper | 7 Ryan and Heather Wagner | 8 Mike Jones Sharlee Gunther | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Chris Nelson Lola Looper Gary and Luz Gunther | 14 Mona Fennema | 15 Ben and Lori Johnson Dennis and Lisa Goings | 16 Jonathan James | 17 | 18 | 19 Dan Winston |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Frank Evans Gerald and Barbara Curbow | 29 | 30 Gail Schroeder | | | |