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Pastor's Column

Last month I wrote about experiencing the "Vacation Plan" God has in store for you. The main emphasis was on being flexible to God's plan, listening to His way and not our own way. We would like to have God okay our plan but it is exactly the opposite. We need to be okay with His plan whatever that might be. Our scriptures this past few weeks really lead us in that direction. "Not what God can do for me, but what can I do for God." What is He really expecting me to do with my life and how do I affect and deal with the people around me?

First of all, we need to realize the world is the world and it is pretty self-serving in it's attitude. Therefore, we should not be shocked to find the world selfish, arrogant, rude, grumpy, negative, picky, and so on.

Second, we need to realize as Christians we are called to change that in our lives and the lives of others. If we don't change or look for forgiveness from God in Jesus Christ we cannot expect others to do it either.

So, realizing we are both worldly, needing guidance and forgiveness from God and we are spiritual, seeking to follow Christ more closely and helping others to find Christ, we need to be what I call "extremely flexible" to God's plan and very "extraordinarily thankful" for the grace of God.

Here is a worldly change in plan that needed heavenly guidance. Our Christmas with our kids in Des Moines started with us meeting in Des Moines Friday night. Change—only us and Mike and Kate could get there due to weather and other circumstances. Plan change—we could not go to Missouri Valley on Saturday because the Minnesota Folks could not get to Des Moines until late Saturday afternoon. Plan change—go Sunday as a family. Plan change—woke up to a snow storm which changed the plan again, so only Peg and I made it to Missouri Valley on Monday. The trip took some attitudinal adjustments. God's plan may cause you to make attitude adjustments as the life plan changes. Be ready, willing and able —"Extremely Flexible" and "Extraordinarily thankful". God loves you!

*God's Blessing,
Pastor Jack*

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Scriptures for the Month of March



Sunday, March 3: Exodus 34:29-35 • Psalm 99 • 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 • Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
Sunday, March 10: Deuteronomy 28:1-11 • Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Romans 10:8b-13 • Luke 4:1-13
Sunday, March 17: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 • Psalm 27 • Philipplians 3:17-4:1 •
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
Sunday, March 24: Isalah 55:1-9 • Psalm 63:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 • Luke 13:1-9
Sunday, March 31: Joshua 5:9-12 • Psalm 32 • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 • Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Ministry House



"Ministry House" is a fairly new ministry to pastors and families of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. We have a very usable upstairs (3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, nice living room, dining room and kitchen.

The basement has been in the process of being finished. There has not been a lot done in the last couple of months but we are back to work. Hopefully the basement will be completed by the end of this year so that in the spring of 2020 we will be open with a complete facility available!!

We are in the process of applying for a grant to help us financially. It will take around \$4,000 to complete the project. The last grant did not get funded as it did not meet their guidelines for making disciples of Jesus Christ in the community. We hope this grant will come through for our ministry.

Also if you would like to donate to this project it would be greatly appreciated. Checks need to be made out to the "Building Fund". Thank You!!

Prayer Breakfast



The breakfast is rolls and coffee, juice and milk on Saturday, March 2 which is quite fitting as World Day of Prayer is on Friday, March 1. Our prayer time is one of the strengths of this church. Yet the more people attending strengthens that Spiritual life even deeper. Come join us from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday

This year Ash Wednesday is on March 6. It is later than usual as Easter is not until April 21. March 6 we will begin our journey of Lent. The service is at 7 p.m. and deals with our renewed commitment to Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday is an annual event that has a very special meaning. It is a time to remember exactly what Jesus and His Father God did for us. It is the promise of deliverance from sin and death that is our joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Remember that Jesus brought grace and salvation to the world.

Join us on Wed., March 6 at 7 p.m. to begin the journey!!



Time To Move Forward (TMF)

Last year we were creating a ministry plan for what is now called "Ministry House"! The upstairs renovations are 95% finished. The back bedroom outside door needs to be replaced. At the moment the cost of \$1,000.00 is not available in the funds to do that project. "Ministry House" is open for pastors, friends of the church and small groups to use. If you would like to reserve the Ministry House call the church on Wednesdays or Thursdays to reserve through Debra our secretary.

Last year we talked about working with the Pines Church on 1 or 2 events during the year. Since Kevin left we have not moved forward with that ministry.

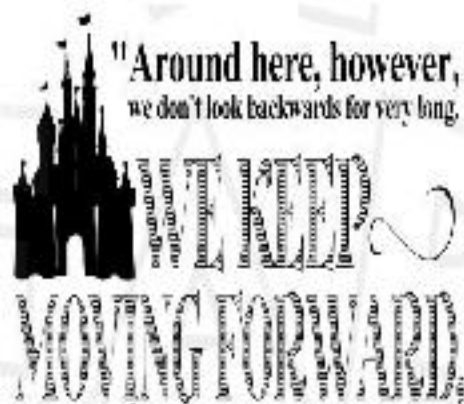
Last year we were looking for ways to use our facility. That ministry has taken some steps forward. We have "Financial Peace University" being taught by Susan Winston on Monday nights during February, March and April for 9 weeks. We are also hosting a "Health Fair and Senior Awareness Day" on April 4 from 9:00 a.m. til noon. Look for the article in this newsletter for more information. We are open to using our building for community events. If you know of some group who would like to have a place to meet, let us know!!



Convoy of Hope does tours of their facility on Thursdays. Jan Hensiek is our contact person and she has set up a tour for Thursday March 7 at 10:00 a.m. We would need to meet at church at 9:00 a.m. to carpool and plan on eating together for lunch in Springfield. Convoy of Hope does a lot of good mission ministry across the country. It will be good to hear their story and tour their facility. Hope we have a good turnout!



Health
&
Wellness



"Around here, however,
we don't look backwards for very long,
opening new doors,
and doing new things,



and curiosity keeps
leading us down new paths."
WALT DISNEY

Health Fair & Senior Awareness Day

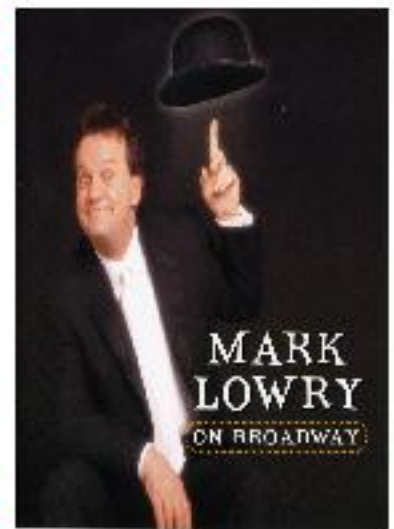
We are hosting this event on Thursday, April 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Free Health and Wellness screening plus valuable information. There will be give aways, prizes and more.

The vendors that will be here are: Stone County Health Department, Stone County OACAC, Cox Health, Lakeland Pharmacy, MU Extension, Stone County Disability Board, Burrell Behavioral Health, Wedgewood Gardens-Assisted Living, Tri-Lake Community Health, Missouri Job center, Fordland Health Clinic, Kimberling City Senior center, Because Family, Elite Chiropractic and The Brook Wellness Center. HOPE YOU CAN COME!!



We will start back having two movies this month. The first will be on Tuesday, March 21. It will be "Do You Believe?". The second is not really a movie, it is "Mark Lowry on Broadway". It is a little preaching, a little singing, and a whole lot of laughs. They are both at 7:00 p.m. I hope you can come out and join us on these nights for some good snacks and a lot of fun.



Spring Garage Sale

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

- March 3: Jan Hensiek
Jack & Vivian
- March 10: Randy & Laura
Darden
- March 17: Larry Finley
- March 24: Sharon Gilliam
- March 31: JD Settles

GREETERS

- March 3: Merry Jo Bell
- March 10: Jan Hensiek
- March 17: Jack & Vivian
Jensen
- March 24: Pat Bangert
Larry Finley
- March 31: Sybil Mitchell

Our spring garage sale will be May 2, 3 & 4. Starting Mon., March 4 we will begin the process of sorting through what we have and asking that items such as good used clothing, small sale items and big sale items be brought to the church. Most of the clothing and small items will be stored in the basement of the Ministry House. Bigger items will be stored in the two garages. Please let us know if you need help with getting items to church.

The sale will be divided into five sections as we will be adding a new area. If you have crafts that you are willing to donate or give a portion of the sale to the church let the church office know so we can reserve a table for your sale. The other sections will be

- 1) Clothing, linens, blankets etc. in basement of church.
- 2) Small items in the Welcome Center.
- 3) Large items in the garage and outside.
- 4) Food in basement and Baked goods in the Welcome Center.
- 5) Crafts in the Welcome Center (special craft area)

One new aspect is that some of the work to prepare will be done in the evening to accommodate the working people to help with this all church event. Thanks for your help and cooperation!!

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.

February

April

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Prayer Breakfast 8:15
3 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 COMMUNION	4 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Financial Peace 6:00	5	6 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir Ash Wednesday Service 7:00	7 Office Hours 9-5 Convoy of Hope 9:00 a.m.	8	
10 Daylight Saving Time begins Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	11 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Financial Peace 6:00	12 Movie Night 7:00 "Do You Believe"	13 Office Hours 9-5	14 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	15	16
17 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	18 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Financial Peace 6:00	19	20 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	21 Movie Night 7:00 "Mark Lowry on Broadway" Office Hours 9-5	22	23
24 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	25 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Financial Peace 6:00	26	27 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	28 Office Hours 9-5	29	30
31 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Potluck 11:45						



March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Carlie Wagner	4	5	6	7	8	9 Bob & Merry Jo Bell
10 Daylight Savings Time begins Mike Sowders	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Gloria Jones	21 Shelly Fransen	22	23
24	25 Bob Lyon Kevin Green	26	27	28	29	30
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