



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

## Volume 7 May 2018 Newsletter

### Issue 6 *Pastor's Column*

Why does it take more time to do things than you think it will? It seems we usually underestimate the time. Why? 1) We think we are quicker than we are! 2) There are things in the process we weren't expecting! 3) Our attention gets diverted or changed in the process! 4) OK, we are slow! I am sure you can think of other reasons as well. Whatever the reason there are variables we cannot control.

A dictionary says Variable is "An element, feature, or factor that is liable to vary or change." "There are too many variables involved to make any meaningful prediction." Our lives are full of variables. There may be more traffic one day or as I found today they were working on the bridge. Or maybe someone calls in the middle of your project and you have to take time to answer the call. And the call causes you to change what you are doing and come back to it later. There are literally hundreds of variables in life. And each variable is linked to time so what can we do?

The main thing is to accept the variables and cope with time as it is given to you. Most accidents are caused by worry and trying to do something to speed up the process. Then we are not careful enough to cope with the variable and that can have tragic consequences.

How to cope with variables of life? Faith! Faith in God to show you the way even if it takes longer. Faith in Jesus to save us from making a big mistake. And faith in the Holy Spirit to guide, uphold and encourage us with life and all its decisions. Variables—Yes! Faith in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit—Yes! Why, because all three persons of God can help us cope with time. We are governed too much by time. God's timing is much better and safer for that matter. Putting our faith into God's timing allows us to be free to respond to the variables of life. In fact, God's timing is perfect! Faith, Hope and Love, abide these three but the greatest "in this circumstance" is Faith. Have faith in God's timing and make it your own!



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## *God's Blessing, Pastor Pack*



Let us all remember  
those who gave their lives  
for our freedom and our country.  
Warm wishes on  
Memorial Day!





# Scriptures for the Month of May



**Sunday, May 6: Acts 10:44-48 • Psalm 98 • 1 John 5:1-8 • John 15:9-17**

**Sunday, May 13: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 • Psalm 1 • 1 John 5:9-13 • John 17:6-19**

**Sunday, May 20: Acts 2:1-21 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • Romans 8:22-27 •  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

**Sunday, May 27: Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29 • Romans 8:12-17 • John 3:1-17**



## Ministry House

Our "Ministry House" team is putting the final touches on how the home will be used by the pastors and families of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. It is an exciting ministry they are putting together. Thanks to Laura Darden, Bob Lyon and Peg Smith for serving on that team.

As the ministry comes together we still have the physical details to deal with. We thought in the beginning that only minor things needed to be done to the main floor of the Ministry House but we are finding multiple things like fixing up the bathrooms, painting walls and putting up new window shades still need to be done. So, things have slowed down and we will not be able to open on May 27. We are hoping that by the end of June we will have all the repairs done and the Ministry House will be in top condition to invite our target group to come and enjoy a vacation in the Branson area.

Thanks to all who are volunteering to help make this ministry happen!!



## Garage Sale

Our Spring Garage Sale is May 3, 4 & 5. Thanks to all who have donated to this project. Thanks to those who are volunteering to help sort, get it ready and are available for the days of the sale. If you have not volunteered before but would like to help contact Beverly Gunther at 417-779-4104. The sale follows the same pattern of hours as our previous sales for that Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Thanks again!!



## RightNow Media

We are starting our second year with RightNow Media! Hopefully you have found your way to the website and have access to all the programs they offer. The church uses the programs for Bible Studies plus programs for Faith Development. If you are not on the program please call Debra at the office (Wed. or Thurs.) and she will provide the means for you to access RightNow Media. It is free to you as the church and pastor pay for the subscription. Once our TVs are installed even more uses will be made available to us







# Church Picnic



For the last 3 years we have had an all church picnic behind the parsonage (Ministry House). This year we will try June for our Picnic. Let's try June 20 at 6:00 p.m. We will have Hot dogs & buns which will be furnished. Please bring chips, desserts, vegetable trays or a dish to pass. The beverage will also be provided and yes we do need graham crackers, marshmallows and chocolate!!

Put this date on your calendar! In case of rain we will try June 27. Both are Wednesdays.



## The Gideons International



We had a very good Gideon speaker come to us on April 15 and update us on the work of the Gideons around the world. Our open Bible offering was an all time high of \$301.00. Thanks to all who gave to this worthwhile ministry. Once a year the Gideons ask to come and make a presentation and each year we respond to that ministry with a very good offering!!



The Gideons International  
Spreading the  
**Good News**



# Compassion Ministry



Peg Smith is part of a ministry called Compassion. Hopefully you will get this newsletter before her presentation on Sunday, April 29. Compassion International is a Christian child development and child advocacy ministry helping children in 25 countries find release from poverty in Jesus' name.

She will share how we can be involved with this great ministry as individuals or as a group.

Hope to see you Sunday, April 29 to hear the Compassion story.

# Audio-Visual Booth

Last month we talked about installing the 70 inch TVs that will be mounted on the front walls of the sanctuary. Since that writing we have contacted Audio Acoustics, who installed our new sound system, to do the installation of the visual as well. We are waiting for a team to come and install hopefully before June.







# Movie Night



I hope everyone has a chance to get out to see the movies this month. We will be showing "Letters To God" Tuesday, May 15 and "Annie" Thursday, May 24. Both will be at 7:00. We are thinking about taking a break for the summer months and have no movies. There will be plenty more to do with the picnic and other things yet to come.

## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

- May 6: Pat Bangert  
Marcia Siefkes
- May 13: Jack & Peg  
Smith
- May 20: Bob & Debbie  
Lyon
- May 27: Sharon Gilliam

## GREETERS

- May 6: Jack & Vivian  
Jensen
- May 13: Sybil Mitchell  
Helen Feuz
- May 20: Barbara Curbow  
Sharon Gilliam
- May 27: JD Settles

Wellness Presentation  
Featuring  
Health Counselor & Author  
Jacquelyn Sheppard  
Author of Silent Takeover:  
How the Body Hijacks the Mind

Join an exciting hour presentation including easy-to-understand science behind a medical breakthrough that Washington State University calls "...the most extraordinary therapeutic and preventive breakthrough in the history of medicine"

**DATE:** Thursday, May 17 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
(personal Q&A following)  
**RSVP not required: Invite your family & friends!**  
**Dennis Thompson: (785) 393-1678**

**LOCATION:** Oakmont Residential  
Community  
2308 St Hwy 86, Ridgedale, MO 65739

There is a flyer on the bulletin board



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.



April

June

# May 2018

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                    |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
|        |                          | 1                                       | 2<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Choir 5:30                         | 3<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Garage Sale  | 4<br>Garage Sale  | 5<br>Garage Sale            |
| 6<br>Fellowship Time 9:30<br>Worship Time 10:30<br>COMMUNION                            | 7<br>Office Hours 10-5<br>Bible Study 10:30<br>Women's Ministries 12:30                                   | 8                                       | 9<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Noon Luncheon 12:00<br>Choir 5:30  | 10<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Trustee Meeting 10:00<br>L.E.O.T.A at Pasghetti's 12:15 | 11  | 12<br>Prayer Breakfast 8:15 |
| 13<br>Fellowship Time 9:30<br>Worship Time 10:30  | 14<br>Office Hours 10-5<br>Bible Study 10:30<br>Women's Ministries 12:30                                  | 15<br>Movie Night 7:00 "Letters to God" | 16<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Noon Luncheon 12:00<br>Choir 5:30 | 17<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Dine Time at Fall Creek Catfish 12:15                   | 18  | 19                          |
| 20<br>Fellowship Time 9:30<br>Worship Time 10:30<br>Church Council 11:45<br>BLUE SUNDAY | 21<br>Office Hours 10-5<br>Bible Study 10:30<br>Women's Ministries 12:30                                  | 22                                      | 23<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Choir 5:30                        | 24<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Movie Night 7:00 "Annie"                                | 25  | 26                          |
| 27<br>Fellowship Time 9:30<br>Worship Time 10:30<br>Potluck 11:45                       | 28<br><br>Memorial DAY | 29                                      | 30<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Choir 5:30                        | 31<br>Office Hours 9-5  |  |                             |



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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                              | Wednesday                                     | Thursday                | Friday  | Saturday                                       |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--|
|   |  | 1                                    | 2   | 3                       | 4<br>Monika<br>Bennett  | 5  |
| 6<br> | 7  | 8                                    | 9   | 10<br>Sean<br>Phillips  | 11  | 12<br>Beverly<br>Gunther<br>Art & Sue<br>Cella |
| 13  | 14<br>Cole Riggs<br>Ben Johnson<br>Alex & Katie<br>Williams<br>Jerry & Frankie<br>Oldani | 15                                   | 16<br>Jerry<br>Oldani<br>Kathy<br>Reimer      | 17<br>Sybil<br>Mitchell | 18<br>Bob &<br>Debbie<br>Lyon   | 19   |
| 20  | 21   | 22<br>Cody<br>West                   | 23  | 24<br>Dwane<br>Smith    | 25  | 26   |
| 27  | 28<br>Tammy Walker<br>Mike & Shelly<br>Fransen   | 29<br>Jonathan &<br>Makayla<br>Blake | 30<br>Neva Mielke<br>Tom & Phyllis<br>Kutzner | 31                      |  |  |