

Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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2018 *Pastor's Column*

The 4th of July comes on Wednesday this year and makes for some interesting ways to celebrate in the church. We are actually going to celebrate the Sunday before and the Sunday after. There is so much to be thankful for as we celebrate our freedoms. In 1776 we fought for America's freedom. Since that time America has fought for freedom around the world and at home.

Looking down the history of our country, we have been trying to preserve freedom for all people in all places. To do that has caused a huge number of people to give their lives for that freedom. There are very few towns and cities in our country that have been spared the loss. The loss to each community is felt and remembered each 4th of July. We are grateful for their sacrifices and for the honor they bring to each family member.

There are our Veterans who we honor and give thanks for their service to our country. I am glad I live in an area of our country that recognizes the veterans and their families. Branson is so blessed with fun vacations for families from around the country and the world. One of the reasons we are so blessed is our attitude towards God and Country. We are proud to be an area that promotes the gospel of Jesus Christ and the values that come with our beliefs. Jesus told us to love God and our neighbor. He truly believed in freedom. We are free to worship God. We are free to find salvation in Jesus Christ and inherit the Kingdom of God. There is also freedom in the Holy Spirit to accept the guidance to work with our fellow human beings and take care of the land and animals God has given us.

Yes, we have a lot to be thankful for this 4th of July. We also have the need to continue to fight the good fight, to stand up for God and Country and to preserve that right of freedom for all. Let's celebrate that. As long as we are One Nation Under God we will truly be free!!

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God's Blessing, Pastor Jack





Scriptures for the Month of July

Sunday, July 1: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
Sunday, July 8: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
Sunday, July 15: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
Sunday, July 22: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22;
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Sunday, July 29: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



Logo Shirts



We are updating our Logo Shirts. If you have not purchased a shirt we have three to choose from: 1) A short sleeve pullover, 2) A short sleeve poplin and 3) a long sleeve poplin.

All three shirts are \$24.00 which includes the "Open Doors" Logo. We will have a sign up sheet in the entry way of the church. It will have a place for your name, which shirt and what size. It will also want to know if you want your name on it. If you have the old logo (BE UMC) it might be a good time to order a new one with "Open Doors" on it. We will run the sign up through July and order the first of August. The shirt is an easy way to tell people about our church

Springfield Cardinals Ballgame



Christian Night at the Ball Park: We have 24 people signed up to go so we will have our church name on the back of our t-shirts along with other churches.

Date of game: July 29 (Sunday)

Time: Speaker—5:15 p.m.

Game: 6:10 p.m. **Cost—\$15.00**

We should try to car pool if we can. Also if you have not paid please pay at the church office or in Sunday offering (please put in memo part of check—Ballgame) THANKS!

Ministry House

We are almost ready to send information to the pastors of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church inviting them to use our facility. The top level will be ready soon but it will be a while before the lower level is at a point where we can offer it as well.

Thanks to all the volunteers!!!



O! say can you see by
 the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hail'd at the
 twilight's last gleaming,
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars
 through the perilous fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watch'd,
 were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rockets' red glare,
 the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night
 that our flag was still there;
 O! say does that
 star-spangled banner yet wave,
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



Looking Back

Welcome Center/Offices—The Welcome Center officially opened in March of 2015. For 3 plus years the center has been open every Sunday morning to greet people with a variety of goodies and drinks. It is a place to visit and see people you don't see during the week. It has also been a home to Bible Studies, meetings, other fellowships and dinners plus it is a gathering for folks to watch movies twice a month (we are taking a break this summer from that ministry). The offices are also part of this center and it has worked quite well for office type traffic.

Digital Sign—Our sign has been up for over 2 years (November 2015). We are able to tell folks about worship time, fellowship time plus a variety of related events and sayings. It has been a valuable tool to be visible to a very busy road (Hwy 86)!

Kitchen—Finished in June 2016 which means we have used it for 2 years. Time does seem to go by so quickly. The kitchen was a great update and has been very useful for our potlucks and dinners. It is very functional and provides a lot of storage space in cabinets and the use of two refrigerators, two dishwashers, and the two sinks. We are still working on ways to use the kitchen in ministry like during the garage sale.

Audio/Visual/Sound Booth—The Sound Booth was completed in May of 2017. It was built to house the audio/visual equipment, new audio equipment plus our own equipment. The new sound system was installed in October 2017 and has enhanced the sound production in our sanctuary. Now here in May 2018 our visual system was installed and along with the new speakers, equalizer, modulator, and transformer to send a signal to the basement. We are now able to put visual aids up on the two TV screens for use during worship services. We will be looking at new visual aspects of worship and other presentations we can make to help enhance those experiences as well.

Looking back brings to mind how thankful we need to be to God for guiding, supporting and using us to present the gospel in so many ways. We are truly blessed and continue to find ways to minister to people with a great facility. The next step is "Ministry House". It is not open yet but with God's help and many volunteers we are close to offering yet another new ministry. Thanks to the folks of this church for your dedication and commitment to Jesus Christ!!

New Member



IN
Everything
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Thanks

Welcome to our newest member, Jo Chambers. Jo has been coming to church for a while and we are glad she decided to join and not only has she become a member but a very active member as well. She volunteers in many of our ministries. THANKS Jo for all your help!!



Compassion international

There is a group of people in our church who will be sponsoring a child for the coming year. They will help this child in many ways through a Christian church in the child's area. The child will also respond by writing letters a couple times in the year and those sponsors can write back. Thanks for being a sponsor!



WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

July 1: Randy & Laura Darden

July 8: Jack & Peg Smith

July 15: Pat Bangert
Marcia Siefkes

July 22: Debra Tompkins

July 29: Becky McNabb

GREETERS

July 1: JD Settles
Helen Feuz

July 8: Dave & Sharon Gilliam

July 15: Larry & Bonnie Finley

July 22: Merry Jo Bell
Becky McNabb

July 29: Sybile Mitchell

Missions

There are various missions that we collect for.

1) **Best Choice Labels-UPS** If it does not have **Best Choice** on the UPS please send entire label.

2) **Harter House Receipts**

3) **Box Tops for Education**

4) **The "Pop Tops" from canned pop.**

There is a table right before you go into the sanctuary that has boxes where you can put these.

Picnic

The gazebo area worked out well for our picnic and things were going quite well until we could see the rain come up from the south. We stayed out as long as we could then we retreated to the Welcome Center. Everyone enjoyed the food, drinks and fellowship. In fact, people stayed and visited a long time once we got inside. Thanks to Dave and Dennis for providing the fire pits. Even with the rain it was a fun evening. We had 32 come out for this event!! Thanks to all the volunteers who set up and took down the tent, chairs and tables!!



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.

June

August


July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 COMMUNION	2 Office Hours 10-5	3	4 Happy 4 th of July  No Office Hours	5 Office Hours 9-5	6	7 Prayer Breakfast 8:15
8 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30	9 Office Hours 10-5	10	11 Office Hours 9-5	12 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00 L.E.O.T.A. Botana'a Mexican 12:15	13	14
15 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	16 Office Hours 10-5	17	18 Office Hours 9-5	19 Office Hours 9-5	20	21
22 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30	23 Office Hours 10-5	24	25 Office Hours 9-5	26 Office Hours 9-5	27	28 Dine Time Shogun Japanese 12:15
29 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Potluck 11:45 Cardinals Ball Game	30 Office Hours 10-5	31				



July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3		5	6	7 Cynthia Bryant
8 Jeannie Kiewning	9	10	11	12	13	14 Deuane Frazier Susan Perkin
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Luz Gunther	25 Merry Jo Bell	26	27	28
29	30 John Bennett	31 Mike Fransen Susan Winston	