



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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Pastor's Column

The Facebook Live worship time started out pretty good as far as the technical part but got worse as we had many technical problems. It was also a little awkward to stand in front of my phone and conduct a worship service. So, we finally went to the Drive In Service and the technical problems were much less and it has been kind of fun to worship together in this special way. These two methods have seen us through the Covid 19 crisis of not being able to get together and worship in our sanctuary.

We are going to worship in the sanctuary for the first time in over two months on June 7 at 10:30 a.m. There will be some non-normal conditions that we will work under. In consideration of everyone we will practice social distancing. What does that really mean? You need to give distance to your neighbor. That distance is between 3-6 feet. If you are not comfortable with that you need to wear a mask for protection. Our sanctuary lends to social distancing so I don't see a big problem. My main concern as you all come in will be how to deal with visitors. If those visitors are part of your family we expect you to keep them with you as you know what to do. If visitors come we will have special people helping them to find a place to sit and help them understand what we are doing. Off the top of my head one of those people helping visitors will be me!!

Here is how the morning looks. There will be NO Welcome Center for a while. So, you can show up any time between 10:00 and 10:30. Of course you can visit but please keep the entry to the sanctuary open so people can make their way to their seats easily. The restrooms will have some sort of sanitizer available. The hymnals (only 1/3 will be out) will be sanitized as well as the pews. Prelude music will be on during the coming in time. Feel free to wear a mask, gloves sweaters or anything that makes you feel comfortable with your surroundings.

When the service is over we will usher you out row by row so we don't congregate, and it will give us even flow out of the church. This is how it is done in weddings very often. Once outside you are on your own.

Hopefully, this way of doing things will not last for a long time, but we will continue to do it until we know it is safe to be back to what I consider normal!!

The main thing is just worshipping God together in the house of the Lord. There are very good reasons there are sanctuaries of faith. We praise God together, we sing together, we pray together, we give monetarily together and we listen together to God's Word and hear a message of hope, joy and love that helps us face the week ahead.

We will make that gathering as safe as possible and we hope you will join us to thank God for His many blessings.

We have continued to be the church the best way we can during this crisis and I want to say "Thank You" for being the church of Jesus Christ!!



Pastor Jack

Scriptures for the Month of June

**Sunday, June 7: Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 8 • 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20**

**Sunday, June 14: Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100 • Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)**

**Sunday, June 21: Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11 • Matthew 10:24-39**

**Sunday, June 28: Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23 • Matthew 10:40-42**

Grow in the
grace and
knowledge of
Jesus
2 Peter 3:18



Thrift Store

A year ago we started a Thrift Store down at Janice's Ministry House. During the Covid 19 time we have not been able to open the store. We do feel that with caution and social distancing we can open in June. We will be open the second Thursday and Saturday of June (June 11 & 13). On Thursday we will be open 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday we will be open 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Please spread the word so the community will know we are back!!



Office Hours for June

No bridge closure this June so we will continue with normal office hours. We will also continue with work at Ministry House. It was hoped that Ministry House would be finished by May 31st but Covid 19 changed all that so we will be working into June to finish up that project.

So, hours will be:

**Mondays: 9-1 Office Hours-Pastor Jack
1-5 Ministry House-Pastor Jack**

**Wednesdays: 9-5 Office Hours-Debra
9-1 Office Hours-Pastor Jack
1-5 Ministry House-Pastor Jack**

**Thursdays: 9-5 Office Hours-Debra
9-1 Office Hours-Pastor Jack
1-5 Ministry House-Pastor Jack**

Pastor Jack is available in the afternoons, but please let him or Debra know you are coming.



CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS





Bible Study



We are still studying "What Will Jesus Do" by Pete Briscoe. This has been a very interesting study as Pete has challenged us on many faith issues. The study is back in the Welcome Center and our social distancing has gone well. If you are not able to join us on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. please go to rightnowmedia.org and search for the title of the study. The sessions for June are listed below. With 5 Mondays in June we should finish that study. Normally we would take a break for summer but this summer we will continue to study. July and August newsletter will guide you through those Mondays.

June 1: Effective Where You Are

June 8: We Are Perfectly Incapable

June 15: Who Receives The Glory

June 22: Ending Favoritism

June 29: Choose A Study For July & August

If you are not on RightNow Media call Debra so she can sign you up. Thanks!!



Volunteers

We have people working in the background on many projects. Debbie Lyon, Neva Mielke, and Sharon Gilliam have been keeping tabs on donations given for the thrift store and fall garage sale. Debra and Pastor Jack have been working on the church attic to straighten out, throw out and organize what is left. Susie Boushey has been working on two bedrooms in Ministry House and she has completed her tasks and it looks great!! Now the whole upstairs of Janice's Ministry House has been given a new coat of paint!! Neva has been working on the reading room painting walls as well. Good job ladies. Finally, Pastor Jack, Bob Lyon, JD Settles and Dave Gilliam are working around the clock (so to speak) to finish the basement or lower level of Ministry House. They are working on the bathroom which should just about finish the inside work.

Outside Work



Well, it is spring and JD, Cindy and Debra spent quite a while cleaning gutters on the church. (Pastor Jack helped a little). Our bushes, roses and small trees need our attention soon. The west side of the church needs the most attention.

Then, there is the second half of the patio to complete for the gazebo ministry. Sunny and dry weather are needed to complete the projects.

Finally, there is a pile of decorative rock on the west side of Ministry House. There is quite a bit of landscaping to do to match the east side. We will have a celebration of sorts when these projects are completed!! Thanks for your help before, now, and in the future!

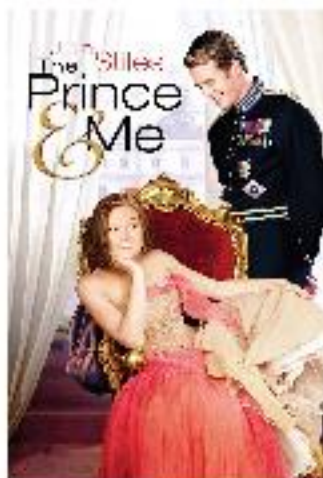


MOVIE NIGHTS



This month our movies are "A Father's Son". It is a story about the life of Michael Landon directed by Michael Landon Jr. Then on a more fun note, "The Prince & Me", come find your inner prince or princess. We always have a great time during these movies. I hope you will plan on attending at least one if not both of these movies.

"The Prince & Me"-Tues. June 16
"A Father's Son"-Thurs. June 25
Both movies are at 6:00 p.m.



Women's Ministries

Peg and Karen have been staying at church Mondays right after Bible study to work on lap quilts. We have 14 quilts in all different stages. Anyone who is ready to help again please join us. We can easily do social distancing. Jan Hensiek has taken a couple home to finish. That is also an option.



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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.

May

July

June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Hours 9-1 Ministry House 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministry 12:30 	2	3 Office Hours 9-5	4 Office Hours 9-5	5	6 Mowing Team 2
7 Praise & Worship 10:30	8 Office Hours 9-1 Ministry House 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministry 12:30	9	10 Office Hours 9-5	11 THRIFT STORE 1-5 Office Hours 9-5 NO Trustee Meeting	12	13 THRIFT STORE 8-12 Mowing Team 3
14 Praise & Worship 10:30	15 Office Hours 9-1 Ministry House 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministry 12:30	16 Movie Night 6:00 "The Prince & Me"	17 Office Hours 9-5	18 Office Hours 9-5	19	20 Mowing Team 4
21 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	22 Office Hours 9-1 Ministry House 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministry 12:30	23	24 Office Hours 9-5	25 Movie Night 6:00 "A Father's Son" Office Hours 9-5	26	27 Mowing Team 1
28 Praise & Worship 10:30	29 Office Hours 9-1 Ministry House 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministry 12:30	30 				



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