



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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Pastor's Column

I want to say right at the beginning of this article, there are NO politics! I am not wanting your vote, nor am I running for office at the local, county, state or national level! So, now you can relax. Oh, by the way if you do get a phone call from me it is not for a survey nor me trying to run down the preacher next door. Can you tell I am tired of it all. There is one commercial I like and it's not for the person running for office. It is children dressed like adults and they are throwing mud at each other. Kind of sums it up!

Well, what do I stand for?—Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ is my leader and I am sure that you would totally agree that we need to put our trust in Him. Jesus calms the storms! Jesus heals the sick! Jesus saves us from our sins! Sounds so simple but it is so true. We need to pray that Jesus through the Holy Spirit will guide each and everyone of us. He will guide our everyday activities as well as our life changing decisions. We need to be responsible Christians to a world that really doesn't understand the simple principles of loving God and neighbor.

On our sign I have the words "Jesus is Lord" and it will stay there as the main theme of my Ministry. As I see it we are a "JIL" Church and will continue to find ways to serve our Lord. We need to expand the use of our facility. There are many ways we can serve the Lord and our community. We have been using the parsonage for ministry but I feel God is asking us to do more. John Murry has the right idea—"The Gathering Place". Maybe we should follow his lead and find our own way to be a gathering place.

My main concern in our world is that we pick and choose our neighbors. While I see Jesus saying everyone around you is your neighbor. We live in a dangerous world because there is more hate than love. The only way to change that is for more love (Agape) to help change the hearts of mankind. I hope as a world, we will realize that before we destroy this beautiful world God has given us.

How does this all happen? One person at a time one day at a time. We can't change the whole world but we can help our little corner of the world. God Bless!!

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Scriptures for the Month of August

Sunday, Aug., 7: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, Aug., 14: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, Aug., 21: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Sunday, Aug., 28: Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Boating Trip To Floating Cafe

We are planning a boating trip to the Floating Cafe on Indian Point Road. We did this last year and had a blast. The food is great at the cafe. Please plan on joining us this year. We are planning this fun outing for Wednesday, August 10. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. Meet at the church at 10:30 a.m. We will carpool from there to the boats.

Sanctuary

We are trying to make our sanctuary more accessible to those with walkers and wheelchairs. We have taken out one pew and temporarily put in chairs. This is to see what will work well. At some point the chairs will be replaced with a shorter pew. In many ways we are making our church more accessible to our members and visitors

New Sign

Really our new sign is not new. We have had the opportunity since Mid-November to electronically display messages about our ministry. Those messages are usually short and rotate every three seconds. Three seconds sounds short but when you see it and wait for the next message it is long enough especially since we keep 50% of the messages the same. We are glad to be able to use this new way to tell people we are well and alive at "Open Doors" United Methodist Church!!



the ABC's of Praying for Students



Attitude .. Psalm 14:14
Bodiness .. Psalm 2:11
Courage .. John 14
Discernment .. Philippians 14-10
Enthusiasm .. Colossians 3:23
Friendliness .. Proverbs 18:24
Generosity .. 2 Corinthians 9:7
Humility .. Philippians 2:3-5
Initiative .. 1 John 3:18
Joyfulness .. Philippians 4:4
Knowledge .. Proverbs 18:15
Listening .. Proverbs 12:15
Maturity .. 1 Corinthians 4:20
Neighbors .. Mark 12:31
Overflow .. Romans 5:13
Perseverance .. Galatians 6:9
Quiet .. Proverbs 24:11
Respect .. Romans 12:10
Self-control .. 2 Peter 1:5-7
Thankfulness .. 1 Chronicles 16:34
Understanding .. Psalm 119:130
Victory .. Psalm 18:24
Wisdom .. James 3:17
excellence .. Proverbs 3:1
Youthfulness .. 1 Timothy 4:12
Zeal .. Romans 12:11

Parsonage

We were expecting to be able to do some work on the parsonage this summer but for various reasons it has been put on hold. The lower level kitchen took longer to finish and it has been rather hot and humid to do much work outside. We will look to the fall to do some landscaping around the front and west side.

One thing we will do as soon as we can is to put a ramp on the front deck. This will make it easier for people with walkers and wheelchairs to attend events at the parsonage. We will plan a work day to do this and when the weather cools off start pre-landscaping.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!

4th Annual Summer Sizzler BBQ

Our 4th Annual BBQ is still on but not until September. Last year was a hot humid summer and this summer seems to be the same. We would like to have the BBQ outside so Sept. 17 is the new date. Please put that on your calendar now as we will need everyone's help. There will be sign up sheets at the end of August. Hopefully the "Sons of the Silver Dollar" will be our entertainment for the evening. Keep this event in your prayers!! Thank You!!



Inside Signage

We are attempting to label areas and rooms and have a directory in the main hallway. This way all those who attend functions will know what each room is used for and find directions to our Welcome Center, Sanctuary, restrooms, coat room and stairway to lower level. This will help with new people and visitors.



Thank You

Thank You to Deloris Bryant for filling in for Pator Jack. Also to J.D. for leading worship and Dave Gilliam for leading singing. And for Janice for always being there when we need her. Big Thank You to these four for making Sunday, July 24 a meaningful worship time!!



Outside Signage

The trustees are attempting to improve our outside signage. We have new signs to point to the main entrance to the church. There are also two parking spaces reserved for visitors. These two parking spaces are close to the main entrance next to the handicapped parking spaces. Please leave these two spaces for our visitors.

Thank You!



Movie Night



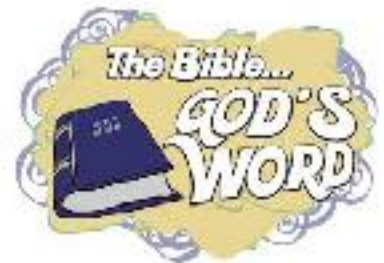
This month our movies are "Love Takes Wing" Thursday, August 4 and "Unconditional" Tuesday, August 9. If you have not been coming to movie night you have been missing a night of fun, fellowship, good treats and even a tear or two. We have been having a great time. Please come and join us for at least one night this month if you can. Both movies are at 7:00. If you can't make it at that time let us know and we will wait for you.

Brian Mitchell

Brian is part of the South Central Missouri Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He helps serve 5 counties and 49 schools. Currently FCA has over 2,500 students, coaches and teachers who attend Huddle Meetings and Bible Studies on a weekly basis. In the last 7 years the growth has been amazing and the number of young people affected has greatly increased. FCA helps transform the lives of young people, teachers and coaches.

Brian will be speaking to our church on August 28 at Worship Time. He will tell us more about the theme of FCA for the coming year: RISE, Joshua 1:9. Our general budget will allow us to help Brian have Bibles to give to student athletes in Blue Eye. But we will also take a Freewill Offering on that Sunday for Brian to use to purchase resources needed to do their ministry.

Thanks for helping with this local mission!!



GREETERS **WELCOME CENTER HOSTS**

- Aug. 7: Merry Jo Bell
Becky McNabb
- Aug. 14: Deloris Bryant
Barbara Curbow
- Aug. 21: Helen Feuz
Alice Jane Helme
- Aug. 28: Charles Julian
Jan Hensiek

- Aug. 7: Jack & Neva
Mielke
- Aug. 14: Helen Feuz
Jack Smith
- Aug. 21: Bob & Debbie
Lyon
- Aug. 28:



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.

July

September



August 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Love Takes Wing"	5	6 Continental Breakfast Prayer Time 8:30
7 Welcome Center 9:30 WorshipTime 10:30 COMMUNION	8 Office Hours 9-5	9 Movie Night 7:00 "Unconditional"	10 Office Hours 9-5 Floating Cafe Boating Trip 10:30	11 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:30	12	13
14 Welcome Center 9:30 WorshipTime 10:30	15 Office Hours 9-5	16	17 Office Hours 9-5	18 Office Hours 9-5	19	20
21 Welcome Center 9:30 WorshipTime 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	22 Office Hours 9-5	23	24 Office Hours 9-5	25 Office Hours 9-5	26	27
28 Welcome Center 9:30 WorshipTime 10:30 "Brian Mitchell" Potluck 11:45	29 Office Hours 9-5	30	31 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 6:30			

Happy
Birthday

August 2016

Happy
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Deloris Bryant
7	8 Jessica Eckerle	9	10	11	12	13 Laura Darden
14	15	16	17 Ivan Reimer	18	19 Steve & Mona Fennema	20 Mike & Gloria Jones
21	22 Gary Herrmann Sean & Heidi Phillips	23	24	25	26 Jack & Peg Smith	27 Becky McNabb
28 Jan Hensiek	29	30	31 Cody & Shery West			