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Pastor's Column




Ministry House opened a year ago on August 1 with the dedication and ribbon cutting on Sunday July 29! We have had a number of visitors since that day with really good reviews about our home. We hope to add to that ministry starting this fall with a new meeting room and two recreational areas in the basement of Ministry House. It has been amazing to watch this ministry grow. Thanks to all the volunteers who are helping to make this a reality.



There is some outside landscaping to be done on the west side of the house and under the deck in the back. Also, some of the front deck needs restaining and the whole back deck needs stained. We will try to get this done this fall.



What is amazing in all of this is how God can use a small rural church to minister to a large community area. God has blessed us in so many ways. All we have done could not have been done by just our own doing but by God's help, support and opening doors for us as we travel this journey of faith. I believe God has us here for a purpose and that He has led us to develop these ministries so that His word might be expanded by our words and deeds. So many good responses have come our way to help us see more clearly what God wants us to do. I want to thank you for your support and care.



We don't know for sure what God will use us for, but the main point is that we be open to be used to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to life. Open Doors United Methodist Church of Blue Eye is truly a good and right name for this church. Our doors are always open to new people, new ministries and new revelations from our God on how to proceed with Faith and Works! May God's Blessing be with you this summer season and always!!



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Scriptures for the Month of August

Sunday, Aug. 4: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11 • Luke 12:13-21

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

Sunday, Aug. 18: Jeremiah 23:23-29 and Psalm 82 • Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, Aug. 25: Isaiah 58:9b-14 and Psalm 103:1-8 • Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17



Gazebo Area

We will be working on the gazebo area as fall approaches! The area next to the electrical box will be made level out to the sidewalk in order to make a 12X12 patio. This will enhance our ministry with the gazebo to provide a cooking area and an eating/meeting area. The roof will be replaced with asphalt shingles which will help keep the moisture out during a rainy time. Thanks to two donations we will be able to replace the roof soon. There is also some retaining wall work to be done up by the electrical box. We will also put up a fence to cover the electrical box in order to finish out our project. The patio will have a fire pit with some patio chairs. Parts of the gazebo will need to be restained before that project is totally done. We are looking forward to having a gazebo ministry this fall!

Convoy of Hope

Seven volunteers went to Convoy of Hope on Tuesday, July 23 to work from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To our amazement we were 7 out of at least 100 volunteers for that night. We got assigned to bag rice krispies. The bulk bag of rice krispies was 10 feet tall and about 3 feet around and our group of 30 volunteers went through 3 of those bags. Other groups sorted shoes, labeled items and made hygiene packs. There was a youth group there with around 30 young people. It was a great time. We will send another group either August or September.



Open Doors Thrift Store



The store will be open Thursday, Aug. 8 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 10 from 8:00-Noon. Spread the word to neighbors and friends!! The store has been open for two months and we have netted \$246.00!! We will rotate and change merchandise as fall approaches. If you would be willing to volunteer for this ministry, please contact Neva Mielke or Pastor Jack. We hope to have this ministry going every month weather permitting. Thanks!!

Christian Family Night At the Springfield Cardinals

Don't forget Sunday, Aug. 11 is baseball night for 37 from our church. We need to be there by 5:15 to hear Joe White. We will try to carpool to the game so not everybody has to drive. Thanks to all who signed up for this event. We need to pray for travel up and back and for a warm but not hot and humid day. It has been a good event over the past couple of years.

"Take me out to the Ball Game!" –Sunday, August 11 !!



Work Day



We will be having a work day on Saturday August 24 from 9-Noon and 1:00-4:00.

Please come to at least one of these times and help out wherever you can. Bring gloves, sun tan lotion, bug spray or whatever else you think you may need.

Tools will be provided.
THANK YOU!!



Ministry House

We are trying to finish Phase I of Ministry House which is the meeting room and recreational areas in the basement of Ministry House. It is coming along quite nicely thanks to help from our volunteers. Ministry House has been quite busy this summer with many visitors. We have more reservations for August and this fall.



Church Picnic

Twenty-one of us had a picnic together. Hot dogs were being roasted over an open fire with lots of good food to go with it including chili. The conversations were good as we sat around and fought off flies. It wouldn't be a picnic without them! We roasted a whole bag of marshmallows but no chocolate so no s'mores.



family MOVIE NIGHT

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Aug. 4: Pat Bangert

Aug. 11: Merry Jo Bell

Aug. 18: JD Settles
Cindy Levy

Aug. 25: Debra Tompkins

GREETERS

Aug. 4: Debra Tompkins

Aug. 11: JD Settles
Cindy Levy

Aug. 18: Peg Smith

Aug. 25: Sybil Mitchell

This month we are showing "A Smile As Big As The Moon", Thursday, Aug. 22 at 7:00 p.m. This is an inspiring journey based on a true story. I hope you will join us for this special movie. You will be glad you did!!



New Electrical Box



A new breaker box was installed in Ministry House which updated that whole system. We now have a larger box which allows space for expansion. There have been three new circuits added with the intent to add three more before the basement is complete.



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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|  | | | | Office Hours 9-5 | | Mowing Team 2 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 COMMUNION | Women's Ministries 12:30 | | Office Hours 9-5 | THRIFT STORE 2-6 Office Hours 9-5 | | THRIFT STORE 8-12 Mowing Team 3 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Cardinals Ballgame | Women's Ministries 12:30 | L.E.O.T.A Pickin Porch Grill 12:15 | Office Hours 9-5 | Office Hours 9-5 | | Prayer Breakfast 8:15 Mowing Team 4 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday | Women's Ministries 12:30 | | Office Hours 9-5 | Movie Night 7:00 "A Smile As Big As The Moon" Office Hours 9-5 | | Work Day 9-12 1-4 Mowing Team 1 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Potluck 11:45 Teen Challenge | Women's Ministries 12:30 | | Office Hours 9-5 | Office Hours 9-5 | | Mowing Team 2 |



August



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