



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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Pastor's Column



Coming home from Boundaries Training in Moberly Missouri, Peg and I decided to go through Sedalla. Why is Sedalla important –it is my home town! The first 11 years of my life were spent there. We ate supper at Perkins and then decided to check out where I used to live. The first place was S. Quincey in a two story apartment building. The building was still there!! It is an old wood frame building and I showed Peg the banister on the second floor that I fell off of and the lead pipe railing next to the steps where I landed. The bush I fell into was gone. The railing was gone as well plus there was less space to land. (Maybe I was smaller.)



Why tell you this story? Well for a couple of reasons. 1. I thought the apartment was big but it was very small. This explains how things do change when we look back. 2. My fall could have actually ended my life, I missed the rail by inches. But God was not done with me. If you ask God– Why am I still alive? It could be He is not done with you yet!! 3. Accidents do happen because they are a part of life. I am glad that my parents took care of me after the fall.



We also looked at the other house my grandfather and uncle built for my family. Again it was really big 58 years ago but a very small house now. We went by the hospital I was born in then to the elementary school I went to. They both have changed just like my homes did.



The longer we live the more changes we see happening in our world. Change happens and we must adjust to the changes. And the older we get the harder it is to change. I like changes I can understand but really struggle with changes that I don't understand. I really wish in some cases life would really stay the same but I have learned that it probably won't stay the same because we have a term called "progress".



I have found that I have to trust God in the changes of my life. If I allow God to help me through changes it works so much better. If I allow God through Jesus Christ to walk with me I find I can cope. If I listen to the Holy Spirit, God will open doors at the right time and not before. If I don't allow God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in, then I can be well assured that my day will be as frustrating as I expected it to be. And the truth is God allows it to be my choice!! I pray we all will choose God's path!!



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Scriptures for the Month of September



Sunday, Sept. 4: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-1:21; Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, Sept. 11: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, Sept. 16: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, Sept. 25: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

2nd Annual Boating Trip

Our second year for going to the Floating Cafe was a great success. The weather was great, the fellowship was outstanding and the food was terrific. It was a blend of folks who attended last year plus four new ones for a total of 13. Hope we can get even more to go next year. The fried mushrooms were out of this world!!



Prayer Time

The first Saturday in each month has gone from Men's Breakfast to Prayer Breakfast and now we will call it "Prayer Time". It will have a light continental breakfast with concentration on PRAYER. We are at a great time within our church. We have all the foundation work done and ready for new adventures that the Lord will open to us. The main thing is that we need to pray for God to open doors for us and lead us to do His work here at Open Doors United Methodist Church!



Parsonage Landscaping

Later in September (should be cooler by then) we will have a work day at the parsonage. We will plan on Saturday September 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The parsonage gutters need cleaning. The front deck needs attention as well as the back decks. We need to take the remaining big rocks around to the flag pole area to make a flower garden. We need to spray "Home Defense" and in spots "Roundup". We need to power spray the siding and look at using extra siding to do the front of the parsonage. We will break for lunch around 11:30 and have some sort of potluck. With enough people we can accomplish most of these items. Come when you can, again 9 a.m. to around 3m p.m.!! THANKS!!



4th Annual Summer Sizzler BBQ

We have scheduled our BBQ for Saturday, Sept. 17 from 5:30 to 7:15 with entertainment at 7:30. The Sons of the Silver Dollar will be here again this year. Please tell your friends and neighbors to come join us. We will need workers for set up, serving and clean up. Pastor Jack and Peg are the leaders for this event and will need your help. The first three were really well received and good community attendance! Sign up sheets will be circulated to all of you. The menu is the same: brisket, baked beans, chips, desserts and drinks. The cost is by donation for the meal and we will take a freewill offering for the Sons of the Silver Dollar.



Sanctuary

Because the new accessible area in the sanctuary is working well the trustees are going to do the same to the other side, which was remove a pew and add chairs to allow more room for anyone who needs it. It will not be directly across from the existing one. Doing small changes to our worship area helps everyone to feel a part of the family of God. Thanks for being patient while we make these needed changes.

Our Outside And Inside Signage

We are attempting to help people know where to park and what areas we have inside the church by the use of signs. There is a new directory sign in the hallway coming in just over the Welcome Center sign. There is a sign at the top of the stairs directing people to the lower level and nursery. Each room downstairs is labeled as to its use plus the sliding door at the bottom of the stairs indicates to please close that door as you leave. This helps the furnace in the basement run more efficiently. Please look for these signs and help others to see them!!



Movie Night



We have been having a really great time at our movie nights. It would be nice if we had more people show up. If you are not coming you are really missing some great movies and wonderful fellowship not to mention fantastic food. Last month we had brownie sundaes and malts and shakes with ice cream social leftovers.

This month's movies are "Though None Go With Us" Tuesday, Sept. 6 and "Love Finds A Home" Thursday, Sept. 22. Both are at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Mike Fransen and Brian Mitchell for filling in for Pastor Jack while he was on vacation to Minnesota. These two Christian men carry a great witness to Jesus Christ. That witness can happen right here in our community. We are so fortunate to be able to have these folks living and working right here!

Worship At The Campgrounds

Last year we had such a great time having our Sunday Service at the campgrounds down UU that we have had people asking if we can do it again. So we are! September 11. Please meet at church at 9:45 and we will shuttle to the campgrounds. There will be a potluck afterwards and if anyone would like to hang around and play some games we could do that also. Please come out and expect a great time of fun and fellowship.

GREETERS

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

- Sept. 4: Marcia Siefkes
Pat Bangert
- Sept. 11: Deloris Bryant
Thia Bryant
- Sept. 18: Charles Julian
Helen Feuz
- Sept. 25: Jan Hensiek
Vivian Jensen

- Sept. 4: Randy & Laura
Darden
- Sept. 11: Helen Feuz
- Sept. 18: Marcia Siefkes
Pat Bangert
- Sept. 25: J.D. Settles
Jack Smith



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.

August

October

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Hours 9-5	2	3 Continental Breakfast Prayer Time 8:30
4 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 COMMUNION	5 Office Hours 9-5	6 Movie Night 7:00 "Though None Go With Us"	7 Office Hours 9-5 Outreach Meeting 5:30 Choir 6:30	8 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	9	10 Parsonage Work Day 9:00-3:00
11 Shuttle to Campgrounds 9:45 Worship Time 10:30 Potluck at Campgrounds	12 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	13	14 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	15 Office Hours 9-5	16	17 4th Annual Summer Sizzler BBQ 5:30 Sons of The Silver Dollar 7:30
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Happy
Birthday

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Happy
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Katie Jensen Makayla Blake Tom Kutzner	2	3 Ivan & Kathy Reimer
4	5	6	7	8 Jack Mielke	9	10 Bob Bell
11	12 Dennis Thompson Dave & Sharon Gilliam	13 Jim Perkin	14	15 Henry & Ruth Ann Finck	16	17 Steve Fennema
18	19	20	21 Michaela Fransen	22 Mike & Jessica Eckerle	23 Susie Bouchey Warren & Marilyn Samuelson	24
25	26	27	28	29 Jeff Sletto	30	