



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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Pastor's Column

It has been a long wet, hot and humid summer. I am ready for fall. This summer has been a busy one. In June we started a twice a month thrift store (2nd Thursdays & Saturdays). The first three months have gone quite well and we will be changing clothing from summer to fall and adding new items. Due to bridge work we thought June was going to be a difficult month but the work got done in a week's time. We give God the praise for good workers who did their job quickly. So, June got the summer off to a slow start but a lot of things were planned for July and August. Also, because of hail damage we were getting new roofs and by the end of June much of the work was done.

Now, July was hot and humid but we still had a church picnic (mostly indoors) and L.E.O.T.A., Convoy of Hope volunteer night and a movie night (all indoors). Our only outside activity was a work day which, of course, got cancelled due to heat and humidity.

Well, August did not get any better weather wise but the night of the Christian Family night at the Springfield Cardinals there was a nice breeze that made the game night pleasant. The thrift store had made it through July and now August and of course we had our L.E.O.T.A., movie night and prayer breakfast indoors! Oh, and by the way our second work day got cancelled because of rain.

And now it is September and again I am ready for fall. We have a lot of outdoor projects that need our attention but one thing the Lord has taught us is His timing and our timing are different. It is God's world and we need to fit into His world. Sometimes we don't get to do what we would like to do. Sometimes things work out well and other times God surprises us with a gentle breeze that makes our fellowship at the Cardinals game not just bearable but enjoyable.

We have a number of new ministries starting to take form. The newly named "Janice's Ministry House" is one and a gazebo ministry and outdoor fellowship space is another. But again it is all in God's timing not ours as He knows exactly the time and place these ministries will work well in our community. We pray that God will continue to use us in creative ways to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ alive to our God given area. Praise the Lord for God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good. Amen!!

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Scriptures for the Month of September

Sunday, Sept. 1: Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 • Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sunday, Sept. 8: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1 • Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, Sept. 15: Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10 • 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, Sept. 22: Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113 • 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, Sept. 29: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146 • 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



Craft Fair Being Explored As An Outreach Ministry



We are exploring the possibility of a "Craft Fair" on Fri, Oct 11 & Sat Oct 12 which is open to area crafters. (Application forms are available).

This is an outreach fellowship ministry of the church as we are sponsoring the space. If you know of someone outside our church who would like to be a part of the fair let Karen Pizzurro or Jo Chambers know. We need enough craft booths to make it worthwhile for all the participants. Sept. 29 is the deadline for participants to sign up.

Prayer Breakfast

Due to a late prayer breakfast in August we will not meet in September but resume in Oct. on Saturday the 5th. It will be a continental breakfast. We would like to see more folks attend this prayer session. We begin at 8:15 a.m. with fellowship and breakfast. Then from 9-10 share joys and concerns about the church, community and world. The pastor then leads prayer time but leaves it also open for others to share their concerns. He finishes the prayer time and we use those concerns in the bulletin.

Ministry House



At the last Council meeting it was officially voted to change the name of the Ministry House to "Janice's Ministry House" as a living memorial to Janice Settles for all she meant to the church. Janice was totally involved with the ministry of this church and it is appropriate to name the ministry house after her. Janice's Ministry House is projected to be totally finished and open for ministry to large and small groups on Memorial Day 2020. There is a lot of work ahead but with God's support and encouragement we will be ready to dedicate this outreach ministry to the Glory of God our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord and the Holy Spirit that has guided in this great endeavor.



Christian Family Night At the Springfield Cardinals

We were not able to gather all 37 ticket holders for the game but 29 of us were able to go. That is a great turnout for a small church. Not only did we get T-shirts but we recieved a cap and a cute stuffed bear. It was a fun night for all and the Cardinals won the game!!



Landscaping

Last year at this time the newsletter talked about the landscaping of the gazebo and the west side of the Ministry House. It is a good thing it is not done. A big tree fell on Ministry House this spring and now we are trying to take care of the stump and roots before landscaping that area.

The gazebo area is taking shape as we have authorized the roof to be changed to shingles to help keep the moisture out so tables and chairs can be left there for use by families needing a place to gather, for folks who wish to watch a beautiful sunset, and for future church picnics.

We will be tackling these things this fall in hopes of having them ready by Memorial Day 2020 as well. With everyone's prayers, help and support Memorial Day 2020 will be a launch date for outreach ministries of Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye!!

Mowing Team Worship at the Campgrounds

Thanks to all who volunteer to do the mowing and trimming. The church grounds and Ministry House grounds always look great. It has been a hot and wet summer with grass growing well. It takes a while to do the whole area and believe me it is greatly appreciated by all!!

**THANKS TO ALL
THE TEAMS!!**



Our 5th Annual Worship at the RV park at the end of UU is coming up on Sept. 29. Gary & Debbie Herrmann still co-manage the campgrounds and secured the shelter for us.

This year the picnic will be potluck style. Bring a dish to pass and chips, salads and desserts. Now I will let it be known "you can't have too many deviled eggs!!"

We will also provide a shuttle for those who do not have a state park pass. We will shuttle people down starting at 9:45 to 10:15 Worship at 10:30 with picnic potluck to follow!!



family
MOVIE NIGHT



**WELCOME CENTER
HOSTS**



Sept. 1: Randy & Laura
Darden

Sept. 8: Jack Smith

Sept. 15: Pat Bangert

Sept. 22: Debra Tompkins

GREETERS

Sept. 1: Jan Hensiek

Sept. 8: Jane Fentress
Julie Wagner

Sept. 15: Sybil Mitchell
Sharon Gilliam

Sept. 22: JD Settles
Cindy Levy



**For the month of
September we will get
back to two movies a
month.**

**On Tuesday, Sept. 17 we
will watch "Away &
Back", on Thursday,
Sept. 26 it will be
"Candles on Bay Street".
Both will be at 7:00 p.m.
We would like to try 6:00
p.m. for the winter
months, let us know what
you think. Please join us
if you can!**



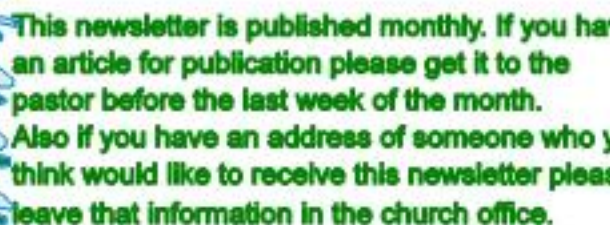
Offering
Envelopes

You may have noticed we have new offering envelopes. They will replace all other ones. As long as we have the "building fund" and "in memory of" envelopes we will use those but when they are gone we will just mark everything on the one envelope.

Coke Tabs

School is starting back up so Jo Chambers is asking everyone to please be sure and bring your coke tabs and Box tops for Education labels. She collects these and turns them in to Blue Eye School. If you have not been saving these items be sure and start doing so. There are little tubs just before you go into the sanctuary that you can drop them off.

Thank You!!



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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 COMMUNION	2 Labor Day	3	4 Office Hours 9-5	5 Office Hours 9-5	6	7 Mowing Team 3
8 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	9 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	10	11 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 5:00	12 L.E.O.T.A Joe's Crab Shack 12:15 THRIFT STORE 2-6 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	13	14 THRIFT STORE 8-12 Mowing Team 4
15 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday	16 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	17 Movie Night 7:00 *Away & Back*	18 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	19 Office Hours 9-5	20	21 Mowing Team 1
22 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	23 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	24	25 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	26 Movie Night 7:00 *Candles on Bay Street* Office Hours 9-5	27	28 Mowing Team 2
29 Worship At The UU Campgrounds Shuttles starting at 9:45 Potluck Picnic	30 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30					



SEPTEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Katie Jensen Makayla Blake	2	3 Dave Thomas 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	30					