

# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye



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## Pastor's Column



On Aug. 16 we dedicated both Janice's Ministry House and K & J Gazebo Ministry with our District Superintendent joining us for the celebration. There was a short open house for all to see the finished product. In a number of places I have written about how we hope God will use each of these ministry areas. Now, we need to be intentional about doing, advertising and promoting the ministry. It is now a reality!! I will be looking at contacts on the Conference level of each state where we want to extend our ministry. I hope God will open up new ways for us to minister to one another. This is a very exciting adventure in very difficult times. Please pray for our ministry.

I also want to thank you for the way you have handled the pandemic. The first month or so it was very difficult as our video streaming did not work out well, but then a new idea came into being, a drive in worship. That worked so well and you attended each and every service so much so that on Sunday, Sept. 27 we will have a drive in worship at 10:30 (weather permitting). This outdoor worship will take the place of our end of the month potluck so here is what I am proposing. At the end of the service we break bread together and you might say how is that? Well, I am proposing you "Brown Bag It"!! Bring a lawn chair for sitting by your vehicle or folding chairs (cleaned) will be available. We will brown bag our lunch and pop, water and chocolate milk will be available. For a few months we can celebrate a non-potluck meal together, enjoy each other's company with social distancing and feel the presence of God's Spirit in the great outdoors. Also, we can kind of feel this is our worship in the park as we cannot fully do that this year but we can come close.

And finally Communion has been out for long enough. We will have Communion on Sunday, Sept. 13 (due to Labor Day Weekend). It won't feel exactly the same but we can try to make it work. We have individual packs of wafers/juice in a sealable container. They will be on the communion rail for you to come by and pick one up and take it to your seat. We will open the containers together and celebrate communion at one time. We will do it in remembrance that Christ gave His life so we might have life, now and forever. May God bless you and keep you always!



Pastor Jack

# Scriptures for the Month of September

**Sunday, Sept. 6:** Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14 • Matthew 18:15-20

**Sunday, Sept. 13:** Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12 • Matthew 18:21-35

**Sunday, Sept. 20:** Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16

**Sunday, Sept. 27:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2:1-13 • Matthew 21:23-32



## Fall Garage Sale

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all who helped prepare and participate in the garage sale. We were not able to have a spring sale so this sale was very important. We had a great sale. The weather was great. The people were great as it was well attended. Friday was slow but that happens, and all in all it was a great sale! Thanks to the team leaders who organized their teams as everything ran smoothly. The following is a summary of each team with each day's totals and the grand total. The amount we made along with what we already had allows us to pay the Welcome Center loan for the next 14 months!!

Category	8/20	8/21	8/22	Total
1) Clothing, Linens	\$626.00	\$129.00	\$324.00	\$1,079
2) Small Items	\$346.00	\$145.00	\$94.00	\$587
3) Large Items	\$1,130.00	\$253.00	\$200.00	\$1,583
4) Food	\$57.00	\$51.00	\$47.00	\$155

**GRAND TOTAL \$3,404.00**

## Prayer Breakfast

Last month it was stated that we would start having "Prayer Breakfast" on Sat. Sept. 19 due to Labor Day weekend and Thrift Store. We are going to hold to that date as we need to get back to our prayer time. The breakfast will be rolls, coffee, juice and chocolate milk. The time is 8:15 a.m. in the Welcome Center and everyone is encouraged to come and pray. We need to not only pray for our world, our church, our community but to take time to thank God for His love and compassion through these difficult times. We will be done by 10:30 so please plan to attend.



## Prayer

*A man stands tallest  
when he's on his knees*





# Landscaping

The major part of our landscaping is done. The landscaping around Janice's Ministry House is done. The landscaping around K&J Gazebo is done. Bob Lyon and JD Settles are working hard to clear the west parking lot of trees, bushes, weeds, vines (you name it and they are taking it out)!! They are making the west side of the parking lot look great. Thanks guys for a great job!! Cindy Levy has painted the yellow curbs again and they look great. Thanks Cindy! Bob Lyon painted the yellow stripes on the steps leading to the gazebo. We are ready for ministry to start in both of our new dedicated ministry areas.

We do have one area that we have been waiting for cooler weather to do. This is the area just outside the church on the west side. We are looking into getting the tree trimmed. Then we can spruce up that side by trimming back the bushes and cleaning the old mulch out and putting new mulch in. Stay tuned to when a work day will be announced. It is likely to be a Monday when we have a number of people here.

## A Christmas Call



On Sunday, Sept. 6 & 13 we will make names available for you to draw a name. What are you going to do with that name? On the slip with the name will be a phone number. You are to call that person and wish them an early Christmas Greeting. Christ came into the world so we might celebrate the new life He gave us. We need to celebrate often and not just at Christmas. Also wish them a blessed day in the name of Jesus!!



## Janice's Ministry House

Janice's Ministry House is now complete. What a blessing to have that construction finished. There is some outside painting to do but it is open for ministry. This means that we can now sleep 8 people on the main floor and 14 people on the lower level for a total of 22 people. This means we can have small groups like just one couple to large groups like reunions that would have 22 people. Again we are targeting our own congregation and then pastors from the United Methodist Church of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. Please let us know if you need the Ministry House and please keep it in your prayers! Thanks for all you do!!



# MOVIE NIGHT

We tried having this movie once before and no one was able to come. So we are going to try showing it again. It's called "A Father's Son". It's a movie based on a true story about Michael Landon Jr. I hope you will come out to see this movie. We always have a great time. The date is Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!!

## Identity Defined

We will continue to be challenged by Pete Briscoe with a 6 part series called "Identity Defined". In this series Pete helps us to understand how God defines who we are, not the world. What is our identity as Christians? Pete Briscoe shows how scripture defines who we are in Christ.

Aug. 30-You are a New Identity

Sept. 14- You are God's Masterpiece

Sept. 21- You are a Living Saint

Sept. 28-You are God's Agent

Oct. 5-You are connected to God

Oct. 12-You are God's Ambassador

If you have not been a part of the Monday Bible Study 10:30-12:15 please consider joining us. We would love to have you as part of our Bible journey!



## Thrift Store

The Thrift Store has been a great ministry. We will try to be open the 2nd Thursday & Saturday until winter sets in. We have had great volunteers for this ministry. Plus there is a great assortment of items for sale. The hours are Thurs. 1-5 & Sat. 8-12. The dates will be Sept. 10 & 12, Oct. 8 & 10, Nov. 12 & 14 (weather permitting)

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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.

August

October



# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5		Mowing Team 3
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Welcome Center 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	<b>Labor Day</b>		Office Hours 9-5	THRIFT STORE 1-5  Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00		THRIFT STORE 8-12  Mowing Team 4
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Communion</b> Welcome Center 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30		Movie Night 6:00 "A Father's Son" Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5		Prayer Breakfast 8:15  Mowing Team 1
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Welcome Center 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 <b>Teen Challenge</b> <b>BLUE SUNDAY</b>	Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30		Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5		Mowing Team 2
27	28	29	30			
<b>Drive in Worship</b> <b>Bring Sack Lunch</b> Welcome Center 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	Church Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30		Office Hours 9-5			



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Katie Jensen Makayla Blake	2 Janet Florke	3 Dave Thomas		
6	7	8 Jack Mielke	9	10 Bob Bell	11	12 Dennis Thompson Dave & Sharon Gilliam
13 Jim Perkin	14	15 Henry & Ruth Ann Fink	16	17 Steve Fennema	18	19
20	21 Michaela Fransen Randy & Julie Wagner	22 Mike & Jessica Eckerle	23 Susie Bouchey Warren & Marilyn Samuelson	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Cindy Levy			