



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye



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## Pastor's Column



Fall is a beautiful time of the year, but in order to get to the beauty, cooler weather needs to arrive. We are still waiting for that cooler weather. Today is cooler but not supposed to last, then back to the 80's for a while. How long til we get cooler weather? They are saying sometime in early October. I like the 70's, in fact my tolerance is 72-75 degrees. Above 75 is getting warmer to being hot and 72 and below I need a light jacket.

Well what does all this teach me? Two things jump out right away. Number one is that I am not that patient. Waiting for things to happen is hard for me. I tend to want to hurry up the process and get there or even worse is that sometimes I am not very patient with people. Now I don't think I am alone in this process, but what should I do? Well, first of all I need to step back and realize I am not in charge, God is. It is His world and certainly it is His timing. So, I need to turn my non-patience over to God who has infinite patience. That means more conversations with God. So, secondly I need to talk to God more-prayer! Thirdly, I need to just slow down and think through why I am impatient with the day. Doing all three can change the whole attitude and make the right adjustment.

Number two which goes right along with number one is my tolerance level. Again I need to use all three steps from above and it is amazing what God can do with us if we just let Him in. Now He is not going to push himself on us because He gave us what we call free will. So, it is up to us to make the first move. Patience and tolerance don't come easy in the complex world we live in, but we can better handle it when we allow the best problem solver into our lives on a daily basis-God!! God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are 24/7 so you can call on them anytime day or night. You don't get a recorded message. It may take a while to get a response but God hears you on the first call-no waiting. I wonder what God thinks of all our electronic gadgets!! Direct call to God, it helps make a better day!

God's Blessings

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# Scriptures for the Month of October



Sunday, October 6: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9 • 2 Timothy 1:1-14 • Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 13: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111 • 2 Timothy 2:8-15 • Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 20: Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121 • 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 • Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 27: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



We are looking for new people as well as our regulars to be a part of our ministry to kids during Trunk or Treat. We set up in the parking lot and decorate our trunks. This event happens on October 31 which this year is a Thursday night. The kids start coming around 5:30 to 7:30. Every year there are around 100 ghosts and goblins that come our way. The more trunks we have the more visible we are. Please dress for weather conditions and there is always good food in the warm basement!!

## I Love My Church

We have T-shirts that have this logo plus the name of our church. We have 3 visible ways to evangelize for our church. We have some of the new T-shirts for \$7.00 and the blue logo shirts we wear to tell people who we are. There is one more way, too. We have T-shirts from the last 3 Springfield Cardinals games. On the back we are listed with the other churches. We need to wear our shirts!!

## Choir Is Back



The choir took some time off this summer but we are back. We are seven members strong but could use some new members. We are going to try to meet twice a month and try to prepare for 2-3 weeks. We are looking for new material that comes with a music CD. So, come join the "Joyful Noise" choir!! This month we will meet on Wednesday Oct. 9 & 23 from 5:00- 6:00 p.m.

## Bible Study



Our Monday morning prayer and Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. until noon. We are studying the book of 1 Peter. We spend 30 minutes with prayer concerns and prayer then an hour on the Bible Study. There is a 12-14 minute video in which the presenter explains the scripture for that day and then we have a study guide to help us discuss that scripture. Pastor Jack and Susan Winston are the co-leaders in this study. Everyone is welcome and media source RightNow Media really brings the scriptures alive!!



# Thrift Store

Our thrift store is in its 5th month of being open on the 2nd Thursday and Saturday of the month. This month it will be the 10th noon to 4:00 p.m. (New Time!) and the 12th from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The thrift store has averaged over \$150.00 each month so it is well worth having open. As long as weather permits we will continue.



**Due to Pastor Jack and Peg being gone on the 5th to Jack's 50th class reunion from Luther College, the prayer breakfast will be Sat. October 12 from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m. It will be a continental breakfast. This prayer group is open to all the church. It is a great strength of our church to come together to pray for concerns we have for friends, neighbors, community, church and the world. Come, join us as we gather for fellowship and prayer.**



*I'd do all my Christmas shopping online, but thrift stores don't usually have a website.*



## Nativity Scene

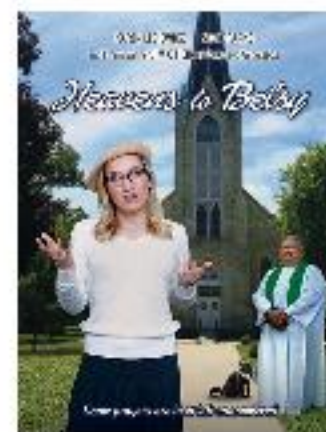
We have a 7 piece Nativity Scene made by Dave Gilliam. It is a raffle to raise money to help with our mortgage on the Welcome Center. On Sunday, November 3rd we will draw the number of the person who will be able to enjoy this nativity scene during the Christmas holiday and on into the new year. You still have time to buy a ticket. It is set up in the Welcome Center. Thanks for helping to pay for our new addition!!

## Outreach Ministry

We had planned on putting a Craft Fair together for October but found we need to explore more and give more time for crafters to prepare. So, we will be exploring this winter and spring by attending some craft fairs and in late spring begin to put together a fall Craft Fair. If you have any ideas or if you know of a craft fair let us know. We want this to be a great outreach ministry of our church.

# MOVIE NIGHT

This month our movies are going to be "Heavens to Betsy" on Thursday, Oct. 17 and "An Uncommon Grace" on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Both will be at 7:00 p.m. We always have a great time and plenty of snacks at these movies so we hope you will join



## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

- Oct. 6: JD Settles  
Cindy Levy
- Oct 13: Bob & Debbie Lyon
- Oct. 20: Barbara Curbow
- Oct. 27: Jack & Peg Smith

## GREETERS

- Oct. 6: Jack & Vivian Jensen
- Oct. 13: Barbara Curbow
- Oct. 20: Pat Bangert
- Oct. 27: Sybil Mitchell  
Jo Chambers



## Jean's 90th Birthday

Jean Florke is turning 90 this year!! Her family is having a party for her on Friday October 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will be downstairs at church. Please come and wish this great lady a Happy Birthday!

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!!**

## Work Day

We need to work outside to finish the landscaping this fall. We tried twice during the summer and weather did not cooperate. So, once again we will try a Saturday work day. This time we will try to work from 9:00 to noon and 1:00 to 4:00. Please bring gloves and a shovel. We will be moving rock around.

**THE WORK DAY IS: OCT. 19 (weather permitting)**

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.

September

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	3 Office Hours 9-5	4	5 Mowing Team 3
6 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	7 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	8	9 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30 Choir 5:00	10 THRIFT STORE 12-4 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	11	12 THRIFT STORE 8-12 Prayer Breakfast 8:15 Mowing Team 4
13 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 COMMUNION	14 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	15 L.E.O.T.A. Reed Springs Pizza Company 12:15	16 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	17 Movie Night 7:00 "Heavens to Betsy" Office Hours 9-5	18 Jean Florke's Birthday Party 5-7	19 Work Day 9-12, 1-4 Mowing Team 1
20 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	21 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	22 Movie Night 7:00 "An Uncommon Grace"	23 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30 Choir 5:00	24 Office Hours 9-5	25	26
27 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Potluck 11:45	28 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	29	30 Office Hours 9-5 Brunch 11:30	31 Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 Office Hours 9-5		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>Sarah Evans</b>	2 <b>Pat Bangert</b> <b>Claire McMillin</b>	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <b>Pat &amp; Tammy Walker</b>	12
13	14 <b>Debra Tompkins</b>	15	16	17	18	19 <b>Jean Florke</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>Art Cella</b>	26
27	28	29	30	31  		