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*Thanks to all who help make this newsletter happen.

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It is Spring and all the trees are budding. My allergies are a mess with all that tree pollen in the air and I have to remind myself this happens every year! I had an allergy doctor tell me when I was in my thirties that I would grow out of my allergies before I was 50. I am 67 and they show up every year so far. It would be nice to see that doctor again!!

The bigger idea here is that we know certain things are going to happen in our lives but when they do we are so surprised that they really did happen. It's like our mind forgets the fact that if I hit a whole bucket of golf balls my arms and shoulder are going to ache. So, I go out the next Spring and hit a whole bucket of golf balls!!! Peg got home from her trip and I told her my leg and stomach muscles were sore and she replied "What did you do?". "Nothing" was my reply, "except I helped move 6,500 pounds of rock". She just stared at me like you can't put two and two together!! Sometimes it just doesn't compute that we reap what we sow. We need to take care of our minds and bodies especially as we grow older. Well, it makes even more sense that we need to take care of our souls. One of the songs we sang last Sunday had that theme—"It is well with my soul".

But we must look and see. "Is it well with my soul?" Or maybe I have not paid as much attention to that as I should. There are a couple of things one needs to do to keep the soul in good condition. I think the first one is prayer. It helps the soul to pray to God and to Jesus Christ. Our spirits are raised as we talk to God. Our spirits are also raised when we come together for worship. So, worship would be my second choice for keeping the soul well. In worship we realize the love God has for each of us and for all of us. The more spiritual bodies gather in church the more our spirits feel God's presence and acknowledge our oneness in Christ. Thirdly, but surely not lastly is reading the Bible. Scripture is the backbone to a healthy soul. Reading and listening to scripture help us see the truth of our faith.

I hope you are getting a healthy dose of all three plus you can add your own soul builders. May Easter and the rest of the year be soul builders for you. God's blessing be with you all!!

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Scriptures For The Month of April

Thursday, April 2: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

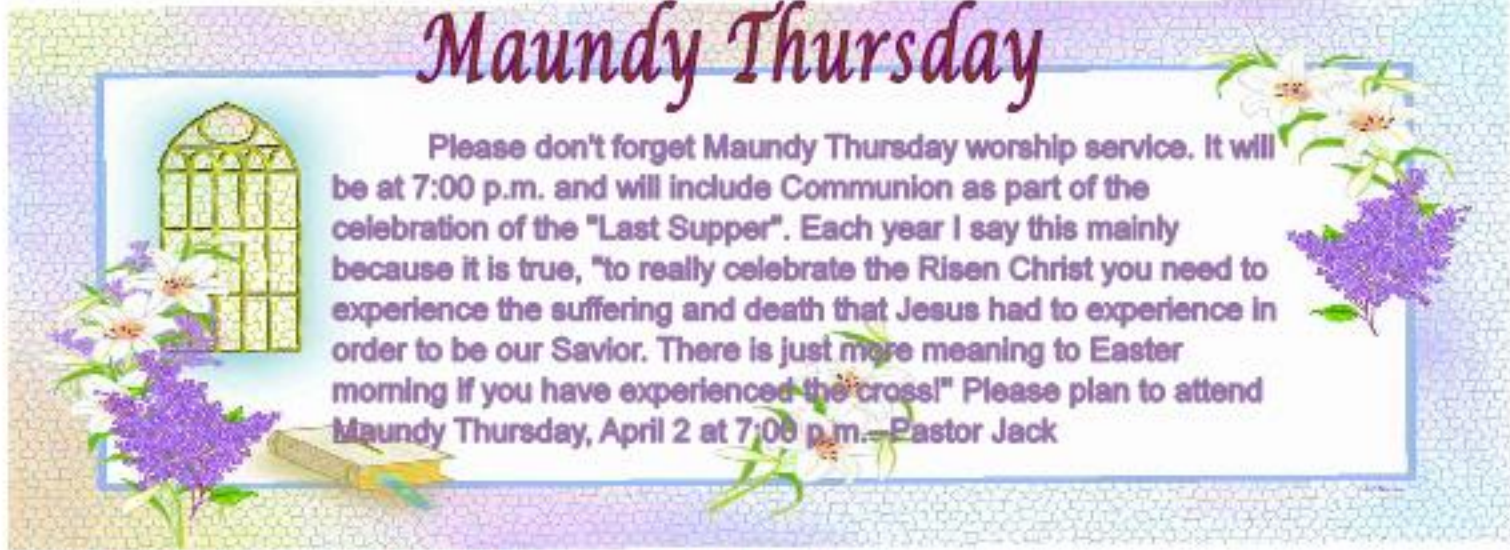
Sunday, April 5: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 • 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
or Acts 10:34-43 • John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, April 12: Acts 4:32-35 • Psalm 133 • 1 John 1:1-2:2 • John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 19: Acts 3:12-19 • Psalm 4 • 1 John 3:1-7 • Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 26: Acts 4:5-12 • Psalm 23 • 1 John 3:16-24 • John 10:11-18

Maundy Thursday



Please don't forget Maundy Thursday worship service. It will be at 7:00 p.m. and will include Communion as part of the celebration of the "Last Supper". Each year I say this mainly because it is true, "to really celebrate the Risen Christ you need to experience the suffering and death that Jesus had to experience in order to be our Savior. There is just more meaning to Easter morning if you have experienced the cross!" Please plan to attend Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. — Pastor Jack

Easter Morning

Easter morning begins with a Sunrise Service (which is really just an early service because the service is at 8:30 a.m. not sunrise). It is a different service than the Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. So, plan to attend both if you can! After the early service there will NOT be an Easter Breakfast as such but the Welcome Center will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 for somewhat different refreshments (a few items will be added) and all are invited of course! Then the final celebration—The Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. It is a great day of celebration!!



Garage Sale

The garage sale will be April 10 & 11 this year. April 9 will be for early shoppers and April 11 will be the usual sack sale. Come on out and help support this event by getting things done before the sale, during the sale, and also by bringing baked goods to sell. There will be food for sale for lunch also.

Thanks to the Choir

The choir always makes the service special on Sunday morning. But during Christmas and Easter season they dig a little deeper to present special music on one given Sunday, this year Palm Sunday, that really helps us to celebrate the season. Thank you to all the Choir members for helping make Sunday worship a special moment in time and history. You do it well!

New Addition Dedication



The "Welcome Center/Office Complex" will have an official dedication on May 3, 2015. You will be receiving an official invitation to attend this celebration. Please look for it in the mail because it has a reservation card in it which I will get to in a minute. Dwight Chapman, our Assistant to the District Superintendent will be here to help dedicate our addition to the Glory of God our Father. Bart Hildreth, our District Superintendent is invited but may not be able to be here due to this being the time of year that all the appointments need to be secured. If Bart is here he too will be a part of the dedication.

The morning will be as usual—the Welcome Center will be open from 9:45 to 10:25.

At 10:30 we will have our regular morning worship, our focus is thanking God for helping us to plan, finish, and now dedicate our facility. Our goal is to bring people to know Jesus Christ and help them function as His disciples.

At 12:00 we will enjoy a catered meal. This is where the invitation card will reserve a spot for you at the dinner. The card will have the information that you need to return by mail or bring to church before April 26. We hope to have a good crowd for dinner which will be served in the basement dining area. It would be great if we could have 75 to 100 people attend this dinner. Please put that date aside and come.

Then at 1:00 p.m. we will have the official dedication of the addition. We will do that upstairs in the new addition. It will be a short dedication (around 10-15 minutes).

After the dedication there will be an Open House from 1:15 to 3:00 p.m. to allow our friends and neighbors to come celebrate with us. Also, our vendors (where we bought materials) and subcontractors who did work for us will be invited to come and celebrate as well. Cake, coffee and juice will be served during the open house.

"Open Doors" United Methodist Church of Blue Eye is starting a new era. It is a new adventure of faith as we reach out to the community to find those who need a church home. We will open our doors so others may know Jesus, and they may feel God's presence in our church. We want to help others be a part of the family and a disciple of Jesus Christ!!

Movie Night

Starting in April we are going to try a MOVIE NIGHT, actually 2 nights, Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25. Each night will be a different movie. The movie will start at 7:00 p.m. each night. Now we know some of you do not like to get out and drive at night so there will be a 6:30 p.m. shuttle bus provided for those who would like to come. And of course we will take you home.

Along with a good movie and fellowship there will be popcorn and pop and other good movie stuff each night. We have a nice new television in the Welcome Center and nice padded chairs so come one and all. Invite your freinds and neighbors for a good night of Christian fun. Put it on your calendar so you don't forget and remember we have "shuttle service" for all movie nights!!!



FACEBOOK

PLEASE BE SURE AND CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE AND THE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANY INFORMATION DURING THE WEEK. NOON LUNCHEON CANCELATIONS, CHURCH SERVICE CANCELATIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.

OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BLUE EYE Facebook page. You can get information and see the upcoming events if you don't have your calendar handy. PLEASE if you have facebook find us and "like" our page. Feel free to post things about our church and information you might have as well.

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If you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please give that information to the church office, church secretary or pastor.

We would like to increase the number of people who receive our publication.

Thank You!

MINISTRY IS HAPPENING!!!

We have many committees and teams working to bring a well rounded ministry to our church. Thanks to those who are willing to serve. If you would like to be on a committee or team please contact a member of those teams or committees, they would love to have you join them.

The Welcome Center will be open each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:25 for coffee, juice, milk (white and chocolate) plus a variety of morning snacks like donuts, muffins, rolls and there may be some homemade items depending on who is hosting the morning.

Our first Sunday went well. There were around 25 people who gathered and had a great time visiting with one another besides the refreshments!! The earlier you get there the more time you have to eat and visit. The center is set up to seat 20 people with room for at least another 20 or so just standing and mingling. The ladies and gentlemen behind the serving counter are quite helpful in making your day a little brighter. So, come join us on Sunday mornings for fun, food and fellowship.

If you would like to help host one morning check the signup sheet in Debra's office. Everyone is encouraged to help. You don't have to provide anything but yourself, but we will not turn down any goodies that one would like to bring. Just let Debra know. Text, facebook or call her or the church so we know you are bringing something. Thanks for helping make this all possible.



JESUS DIED

FOR ME!!!

I WILL LIVE

FOR HIM!

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	Keith & Susie Bouchey			Frankie Oldani		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Jeff & Valeri Sletto					J.D. & Janice Settles	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Peg Smith
26	27	28	29	30		