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Of Blue Eye

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*Thanks to all who help make this newsletter happen.

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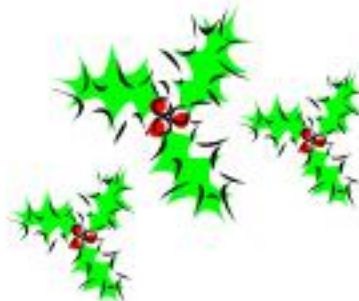
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Pastor's Column

Christmas is coming fast and we need to get prepared. Hanging of the greens took place in November and the first Sunday of Advent was Nov. 30. So this sanctuary is decorated but there are still things to do to prepare for the birth of Jesus. All our services will be geared toward preparation. All our special events will be towards preparation. What I am saying is that you can not be too prepared for the birth of Christ. It is the most amazing thing that God sent His only Son to be our Savior. Not for us to be saved from worldly things like the powers of this world but to be saved from losing our lives to those worldly powers. In other words, we must live in the world, dealing with the world, but not consumed by the world, but saved unto everlasting life. That is truly an amazing part of life-eternal life. Let us prepare ourselves for that baby who would change our lives forever.

As you read in this newsletter we are coming close to finishing our new addition. Our efforts are to be done before the New Year. This will take all the extra effort we have so there is one thing that will not be a part of our preparation, the nativity scene needs some tender loving care done to it especially repainting some of the figurines. We do not have energy to do that at this time. We will pull those figurines out during the summer and repair and repaint them. They will be ready for display next year. We hope to have all the landscaping done and everything will fall into place as it should. If you have a talent to paint our figurines please help us this summer prepare for Christmas next year. Have a blessed Christmas Season!!

Pastor Jack



Scriptures For The Month of December

Sunday, December 7: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 14: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday, December 21: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 28: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

As always Christmas Eve is special. With all the Christmas carols, the candles, the choir and all the special readings it is an amazing time of the year. Please bring your whole family, one and all, to set the mood for the right reason—Christmas is for Jesus! The birth of Jesus is the most amazing night in history and to this day people marvel at the nativity—Jesus coming to be our savior but first being born like all of us—Let's celebrate the birth of the Baby Jesus. Wednesday, December 24—7:00 p.m.!!



Christmas Party

An "all church" Christmas Party is planned for Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet for snacks, drinks or dessert. Last year we had the party at the parsonage and it worked well so we will do it again! We will play a few games and sing some Christmas Carols along with fun fellowship. The party should be over around 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend!

Please bring a wrapped Christmas "treat" of some sort. Something homemade or store bought but wrapped so we can have fun giving it away to each other. It will be fun. Hope you can attend!!!



Christmas Dec. 7
Play/Choir Concert

This year we are putting the choir concert and the Christmas Play on one Sunday. The play is called "Candy Cane Christmas" and centers around a children's choir directed by Mr. Durkey. It is funny but has a great point about the real reason for Christmas.

The choir will also have a Christmas Concert that morning which is a variety of Christmas songs that get to the heart of Christmas as well. It will be a great morning of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

We will postpone communion until Sunday, Dec. 14, the third Sunday of Advent. Otherwise, the preacher says he won't have time to preach. Maybe he missed the point!!



Trunk or Treat

Again this year we had a great turn out for our Halloween night. It was really cold but five families braved the cold and four families took to the Welcome Center inside. We served over 100 trunk or treaters. It was fun to see all the costumes. A lot were from the movie "Frozen" and there was even another Dorothy to go with our own Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. THANKS to all who provided candy and for the food downstairs as well. It is always a fun night!!



United Methodist Student Day Offering

This offering is the last of six special offerings during the year. It goes towards providing scholarships and student loans to United Methodist students. Many students need these types of funds in order to attend college. The giving envelope is included in your newsletter today and says "Your decision to give today empowers a United Methodist student to have a future of world-changing service and faithful service for Christ". Thanks for giving to this worthwhile fund.

Open Doors

It was a year ago that we changed our surname to "Open Doors" and since that time new people have come through those doors. One of the main comments we have received is that we are a warm, friendly, welcoming congregation!! Let's continue to help others come through our doors to be a part of the family of God. Starting in January we will be inviting people to come and get to know us. Let's make sure our doors are wide open to the gospel of Jesus Christ!!

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.

Addition Getting Close To Being Done!

A year ago in November we broke ground for our new addition. Now a year later and a lot of hard work we are getting close to finishing the addition. The doors and flooring are being done as we write this letter. The kitchen is in it's final stage of completion. And once the trim is fitted and stain/varnished we will install that as well. It sounds like a lot to do and it is but with God's help, and He has been with us all the way, we will be done before Christmas!!! Thanks for all the donations that make it possible not only to complete but also furnish the new addition. THANK YOU!!!

We will have a dedication and "Open House" when we finish and invite those people who helped along the way:

- 1) Concrete finishes: Dave Fugit, owner
- 2) Branson Crane: putting up trusses
- 3) Terry Parsons: George and Crew/ Roof & Shingles
- 4) D & B HVAC: Redoing our heating & air system
- 5) Wilson Drywall: sheetrock & finish
- 6) Plumlee Construction; guttering
- 7) Christian Gomez: retaining wall
- 8) Randy Cerretti: back filling the retaining wall
- 9) Home Depot: major supplier of material
- 10) Lowe's: major supplier of electrical
- 11) Eagle Electric: Bill Pollard and crew: electrical & plumbing
- 12) Stoneridge Carpet: carpet supplies
- 13) Lakeside Stone: Alex and crew, Andrew & Mike sales people: installing rock front
- 14) Arrowhead: Siding & Trim
- 15) Bolivar Insulation: Foam insulation
- 16) BlueLine Rental Rusty Whitlock: Lifts and Scaffolding
- 17) Cokesbury: Cross and Flame

Along with our own Jim Perkins, Dave Gilliam J.D. Settles, Charles Julian, Richard Burrows, Pastor Jack, Dennis Thompson, Jack Jensen, Michael Fransen, Cody West, Dwane Smith, Warren Samuelson, Jack Mielke, Bob Lyon, Debra Tompkins and Sharon Gilliam.

And a special THANKS to the ladies and gentlemen of our church for support, encouragement and most of all FOOD!!

May God enrich our ministry one to another. Amen!

Compassion

The character word for December is "Compassion" and fits very well for the season. How can we show compassion for each other during the Christmas season? Being compassionate means we try to show God's love to all by caring about others' needs—clothing, food, shelter and especially showing God's love. If we see a need let us find a way to help. Compassion also means an open heart to put aside things that would separate us from one another and God. Let's show compassion during this season of the birth of Christ our Lord.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Studay 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	2 Ladies Lunch 11:45 (where TBA) Tour of Pregnancy Life Line 1:00	3 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	4 Al-Anon 7:00	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8:15
7 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Christmas Play Choir Concert	8 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Studay 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	9	10 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	11 Al-Anon 7:00	12	13
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21 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	22 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Studay 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	23	24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 7:00	25  Merry CHRISTMAS	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 **NO Potluck**	29 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Studay 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	30	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE			

Happy
Anniversary

December 2014

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Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Charles Julian	Joanne Burrows
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Betty Frazier			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				Jack & Vivian Jensen		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Mary Little					Clair Gunther Martin & Kay Eisenman
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