

Blue Eye United Methodist Church

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December 2013 Newsletter

Pastor's Column

Advent and Christmas are times of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Advent celebrates that he is born. It is a special fun time of year. This last Sunday we switched from our "Thanksgiving Theme" to decorating for Christmas. The sanctuary is always decorated so beautifully that it puts you in the spirit right away. Let us take these four Sundays to prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are also doing other preparations as well. Sunday, Nov. 24 we officially broke ground for our new addition. Dwight and Sandy Chapman were able to be with us for the ground breaking service. It was cold outside so we made it a short ceremony. We asked our Lord to bless our adventure by guiding and leading us through the process. We dedicated this addition to His glory and honor. As we move forward keep us in your prayers. We will involve any of you who wish to help as the project unfolds. As we do move forward Dave Gilliam and Jim Perkin will help me as the three of us will be the general contractors of the project. We look forward to having a "Welcome Center/Office Complex" be a part of our ministry.

Pastor Jack

* This newsletter is published monthly by the Blue Eye United Methodist Church to keep people informed of our ministry to ourselves, our community and our world.

* If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month.

*Thanks to all who help make this newsletter happen.

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Scriptures For The Month of December

Sunday, December 1: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday, December 8: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday, December 15: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday, December 22: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 29: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23



Christmas Child Boxes

Thanks to all who gave towards the shoe box ministry for "Christmas Child". We will help 39 children have a Merry Christmas. Debbie Lyon took the boxes to the College of the Ozarks and from there they will go to a larger distribution area. Thanks to those who helped Beverly put them together and get them ready to go. 39 boxes was a very good number especially for our first time doing this project! Thanks



"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"



Christmas Party

An all church Christmas Party is planned for Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m. There will be a sign up sheet for snacks, drinks or dessert. You will also need to bring a personalized ornament to give away. Put the date 2013 and your name (if you wish) on it so people can look back and see when and who they got the ornament from.

Each person needs to bring an ornament! We will play a few games and sing Christmas Carols. The party should be over around 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend!!

Christmas Is Coming

Aong with Christmas is Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. It is my favorite service of the year because we sing all the Christmas Carols. (Well at least most of them). Christmas Eve is a special time of the year so I hope you will make an effort to be there to celebrate!! Bring your families, friends and neighbors. Let us give thanks unto the Lord for sending Jesus into the world. Jesus is the Savior of the World!!

Vote on New Addition

The vote to build an addition to the church came up again this Fall. After a first class letter was sent to all, notifying that in three weeks we would vote on the addition, and after announcing this in worship for three weeks, on the fourth Sunday we took a vote of all those who gathered for that day. The vote was 36 for adding on and 9 votes against adding on. That was an 80% yes vote of confidence to go ahead with our plan. The building committee was then authorized to proceed with caution, prudence and faith. We hope that all people will be a part of this great adventure that is before us. The "Welcome Center/Office Complex" will enable us to be more visible to the community and will be a very functional building. Stay tuned as plans proceed!!

"Open Doors"

Looking for a Trade Name or Surname for our Church, we voted the name "Open Doors". This is not to take the place of the corporate name but be added on to that name.

Open Doors
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Of Blue Eye

Very appropriate name as we open our doors to new members and visitors to the area. We want to be known as the church with "Open Doors" for ALL!!



Basement Floor

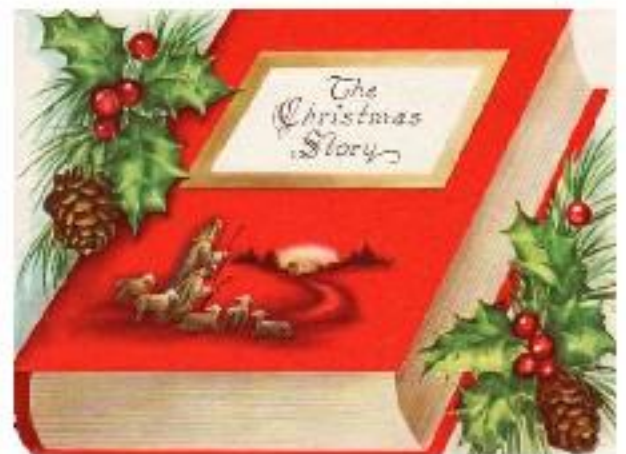
After Men's Breakfast in November we began the process of cleaning the tile floor in the basement. It had not been done for a couple of years so it really needed it. Thanks to the Jensens for getting the scrubber and pads. Thanks to Richard Burrows, Deuane and Betty Frazier, Dave and Sharon Gilliam, and J.D. and Janice Settles and Pastor Jack for being there to help. It is always fun and worthwhile when you do something and see a big change. Thanks!!!



Work Has Begun

As you can see work has begun in preparation for our new addition. There is always prep work before any actual new stuff can be done. So far, 1) The tree was cut down and the stump was ground up. 2) The outside doors were moved to be the construction entry doors to the church. 3) The plants were transplanted and are in the basement of the parsonage for the winter. 4) The heavy window in the entry was removed and the light was removed and both were stored for future use. 5) The flag pole was moved out by the sign. Actually it looks pretty good out there.

We will be taking the front siding off to use on the new structure and the little entry way will be removed soon. Stay tuned for more updates!!!



Christmas Cantata

Our Christmas Choir Cantata will be the second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 8 at the worship service. The choir is preparing a group of songs that will certainly put us in the right spirit for Christmas. Please keep our choir in your prayers as they prepare to lead us in worship that day.



FACEBOOK

Be sure and check out the Blue Eye UMC Facebook page. You can get information and see the upcoming events if you don't have your calendar handy. You can "like" the page and post things about our church as well. Also be sure and check out our website:
www.blueyeumc.com

The Nativity Scene

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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.



A tradition of our church is to put up a "Nativity Scene". After Men's Breakfast on Dec. 7 we will gather outside and put it up with our new holders. This will be after we eat breakfast (which is 8:15) so around 9:00 a.m. and hope to be done by 10:30!! Our "Nativity Scene" is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. Jesus was born in a stable and the rich and the poor came to worship Him. Even the animals in the stable are symbols that Jesus is for all people. As we are led by the star of Bethlehem, let our Nativity be a sign unto all that not only do we believe but we want others to believe.

Outreach to our Community

In January I will be looking for 11 people to join me in our new outreach program. The 12 of us (disciples of Jesus Christ) will be trained on how to introduce our church to the community (door to door, eye to eye) by personal evangelism. After we are trained, be praying and asking God to guide us to new people. We will go out in two's. We will go out in 6 groups and cover a certain area then move on to another area. We will do this once a month for at least 6 months. Please consider being one of the disciples and help our church reach out to the community to invite new people to know Jesus Christ!! Stay tuned for first meeting time!!

Trunk or Treat

We had over 100 "Trunk or Treaters" again this year. It was pretty cold and a storm made us wait until the last minute to decorate the trunks but it all worked out. Beverly was in charge of food so all workers were well fed also. It was a good night.



Women's Christmas Party

The women will be having a Christmas Party again this year. Please bring a \$10.00 gift to exchange. The meal will be potluck so bring your favorite dish and be ready for a great time. As you can see they had a blast last year. Please plan on attending and we will make this year even better. It will be Saturday, December 14 at 12:00 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Communion	2 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	3	4 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	5 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:15
8 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Christmas Cantata	9 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	10	11 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Finance Committee 5:30 Choir 6:30	12 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	13	14 Women's Christmas Party 12:00
15 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday Christmas Party 4:30	16 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Hospitality 5:00	17	18 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Staff Parish Relations 5:30 Choir 6:30	19 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30	23 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	24	25 	26 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 *No Potluck*	30 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	31  New Year's Eve				



HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Charles Julian Ralph & Betty Warner	6 Joanne Burrows	7
8	9 Betty Frazier	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Jack & Vivian Jensen	19	20	21
22 Mary Little	23	24	25 Sharon Gilliam	26	27 Ed & Pat Wilhoit Clair Gunther	28
29 Martin & Kay Eisenman Vivian Jensen	30	31				