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# Pastor's Column

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\* 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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The Lenten season is coming in February. Lent is a season of preparation as we look at the ministry of Jesus Christ. We will celebrate His life as we explore His teachings, the miracles, the compassion and love He showed and the healings Jesus did during His ministry.

Later will be Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. The week takes us from a high on Palm Sunday to an extreme low on Good Friday to the highest of highs on Easter morn. Let us celebrate His life and prepare for the Risen Lord!!

As I think about preparation, our new addition allows us to approach Sunday morning in a whole new way. No longer do we have this small entry way into the church where everyone has to congregate to visit and prepare for worship. We now have a whole new perspective for Sunday morning. Our welcome center is our new place to congregate and visit when we arrive at church. The welcome center will be staffed with Hospitality people who want to start your morning with appropriate refreshments. Also, there will be a larger television to tell you the up coming events in the church (actually-the announcements). The choir will meet in the welcome center as well.

Hopefully the Welcome center will create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all, including any new folks coming to worship.

The greeters will be in the new hallway to guide new folks as to what is available and hopefully link them with members so they can visit before worship begins

The old entry (or narthex) is now a transition area from visiting to preparing to worship our God and Lord Jesus Christ. That area of course has our restrooms, coatroom and stairway to the lower level. It is called transition because it is not an area to congregate but just walk through to get to the sanctuary.

About 20-30 minutes before worship, prelude music is offered to those entering the sanctuary as a way to prepare for worship. The music puts us in the right mood to worship and praise God. We ask that as you enter the sanctuary you close the door behind you. This is the newest preparation. It may feel a little strange at first to enter a sanctuary with just music but I think you will see the point very quickly that your mind begins to open to God's Spirit and worship may take on a whole new perspective.

That is our hope and prayer. The Welcome Center allows us to visit and meet each other and new people.

The old entry allows us to do what we need to do before worship—hang our coats, use the bathroom or take something to the lower level.

And the sanctuary becomes a moment of reflection of why we are here, asking God to enter our heart, open our mind to scriptures, the hymns (even if you don't sing), to the prayers and to the meditation. I am looking forward to what I think will be an even deeper experience of worship for you and new people who wish to join our fellowship. Thanks be to God for giving us the space to create the atmosphere!! Amen.



*Pastor Jack*



# Scriptures For The Month of February

Sunday, February 1: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 • Psalm 111 • 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 • Mark 1:21-28

Sunday, February 8: Isaiah 40:21-31 • Psalm 147:1-11, 20c • 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 • Mark 1:29-39

Sunday, February 15: 2 Kings 2:1-12 • Psalm 50:1-6 • 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 • Mark 9:2-9

Sunday, February 22: Genesis 9:8-17 • Psalm 25:1-10 • 1 Peter 3:18-22 • Mark 1:9-15



## Outreach Committee

We need to meet and put some things together as we start reaching out to our community. This meeting will take a little time so let's try Monday, Feb. 16 at 5:30 with a soup and sandwich meal as we begin our work.

## A reminder for the Lent season:

*"That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now, while there is time! Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don't tear your clothing in your grief; instead, tear your hearts."*

*Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and Merciful. He is not easily angered. He is filled with kindness and is eager not to punish you."*

*Joel 2:12-13*



Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 7:00 p.m. we will gather to start our Lenter journey. Hopefully all will be able to come and share in this meaningful service.



# Kitchen Shower

The Hospitality committee has graciously accepted the responsibility for outfitting the new kitchen in the Welcome Center. They are sponsoring a "Kitchen Shower". There will be a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center on the kitchen counter.

Please sign up for what you would like to bring new or gently used. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

At the moment we have the following:

- 3 coffee makers
- 32 New plates, dessert plates, soup bowls
- 20 new coffee cups
- 32 place setting silverware
- 1 popcorn machine

Thank You for helping supply the new kitchen!!

# New Kitchen Wish List

- BAKING SHEETS
- CAN OPENER
- COFFEE STIRRERS
- DISH CLOTHS
- BOWLS
- DISH TOWELS
- PARING KNIVES
- LARGE STYROFOAM CUPS
- COFFEE SIZE STYROFOAM CUPS
- NAPKINS AND NAPKIN HOLDER
- PAPER PLATES
- PLASTICWARE
- SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS
- SARAN WRAP, ALUMINUM FOIL
- SERVING PLATES
- SMALL PLASTIC PLATES
- SOLO CUPS
- SOUP LADLE
- SPATULAS
- SWEETENER HOLDERS
- TEA/WATER PITCHERS (glass)

## We Have A Website & We Are On Facebook



Some of our folks take notice and watch postings on both. Others are not sure what this all means. Our website is three years old and it changes monthly. It's our best outreach to the community—[www.blueeyeumc.com](http://www.blueeyeumc.com). It has all kinds of good things on it plus our Facebook keeps you updated on events as pictures are posted and we really want you to "Like" our page.

New people will come if they know about us—tell them about our Website and Facebook Page!!

# 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.

OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.blueeyeumc.com](http://www.blueeyeumc.com)



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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.

# February Last Year

An article in the newsletter was headed-"Concrete Work to Begin" which was exciting news except the weather was not cooperating and the concrete work took a while, but look at the building now. God has blessed us this year as we have moved forward to the point that this addition is almost done.

So, the time to celebrate has begun. Once we had the wall framing up we took a picture of the congregation out on the slab in the northwest corner of the building. This has been on our facebook since that day. Sunday, Jan. 25, we took a New picture of the congregation in the same area (looks a little different) and it will take the place of the other picture on facebook.

The picture is also in this newsletter with a few other pictures as we enjoyed another wonderful potluck and fun games provided by Jack and Peg Smith.

Soon it will be filled with office equipment, choir robes and files, kitchen tools and tables and chairs to sit and visit before church.

It is a great time to give God the Glory!!



## Soup-er Bowl & Band Aids

On Sunday, Feb. 1, we will collect both canned soups for Christian Associates and Band Aids for Nicaragua. Bring as many of both as you can!! Normally we would have a box in the narthex to deposit our items but I am going to try something different this year. When we do things like this, bring the items into the sanctuary with you. You will have an opportunity to present them to the Lord's use by bringing them up to the altar for dedication. It seems to me that's an appropriate way to give to the Lord. Now if you forget to bring something—"Don't be Afraid"—(The Angels said that alot!) There will be extra canned soups and Band Aids that will need someone to take them up. It will be a celebration of giving not just dropping off. I think you will find it meaningful.



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## February 2015



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	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:15
8 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30	9 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Building Committee 1:30	10	11 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Trustees 5:30 Choir 6:30	12 Office Hours 9-5	13	14  VALENTINE'S DAY
15 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	16 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Outreach 5:30	17	18 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00	19 Office Hours 9-5	20	21
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1	2	3	4	5	6 Jean Swan	7
8	9 Alex Johnson	10	11 Hunter Riggs	12 Danny Mielke	13	14  VALENTINE'S DAY
15 Phyllis Kutzner	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 PASTOR	24 GONE	25 TO	26 VISIT	27 GRAND	28 KIDS Page: 6