



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

## February 2017 Newsletter

### Pastor's Column

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Have you noticed that a lot of my articles begin with a weather update especially in the winter. This fall and winter have been one for the books as far as allergies go. Usually mine get bad in the fall until we get a hard freeze. It has gotten down below freezing but not for very long so my allergies have never gotten better. I feel bad for those who have worse allergies than mine. It has been a tough season but I am not moving back to Minnesota.

Let's take a look at the order of nature. Nature has a full circle. It goes through from spring, summer, fall and winter and if one of those seasons is strange, weather wise, nature gets confused. Trees start budding when they should not be and flowers bloom at odd times. It seems as though the world gets confused as to what is to happen.

Human nature seems to follow the same pattern. We have spring activities that bring us out of the winter mode. Then we look forward to summer and the outdoor adventures before us. But it is not strange to find ourselves saying it's "too hot"! And we begin to look towards fall and the beauty of nature as it changes from summer to fall. Actually fall is seen as the best season by a lot of people. Why? Because it is not "too hot" nor "too cold" but can be cool in the evenings and warm during the day. But mostly it is the best season because it is the most beautiful season of colors. People will travel miles to see the "beautiful colors".

Then comes winter and our nature is to look at it as the least liked season of the year. Christmas, Football, skiing and other snow related activities make it worth going through.

This article can not totally give you an overview of the seasons that covers everything but just look at it one more time!! What do you see? The cycle of nature and the cycle of life are not boring. Think about areas where seasons do not change much. I am thankful that God changes the seasons of nature and life. I don't want to play football now but I want to watch (Super Bowl). Think about your life and how God has changed it over the years. Life is not boring if you engage it with Jesus Christ! He walks with you every season of the year and every season of your life. He is there for the good times and the not so good times. The point being life is totally worth living, living it for Jesus and finding new adventures in Christ. Every year, every day is an adventure with God, in Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit. Be engaged with your world and with God!

God's Blessing, Pastor Jack

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# Scriptures for the Month of February



**Sunday, February 5: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20**

**Sunday, February 12: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37**

**Sunday, February 19: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48**

**Sunday, February 26: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9**



## Time To Move Forward

2013- We voted to put a Welcome Center/Office Complex on the front of our church. It took much planning and two times to vote to get us to the starting line.

2014- By February 2014 the utilities had been moved, the old entry was off, the bushes, plants, flowers and flagpole had been removed. It was time for the concrete work to begin. Once the concrete was done it was time to start putting the puzzle together.

2015- We finished the building and moved in to begin a new ministry. It was time to move the offices upstairs. It was time to start a Fellowship Time before worship and greet one another and our new visitors. And we began a movie ministry!

2016- We continue to use the Welcome Center and it is a blessing to have the offices upstairs. But it is "Time To Move Forward" with new ministries to new people who need to know about Jesus Christ and find fellowship with believing Christians.

2017- This year we need to explore the use of our building to bring glory to God our Father. What can we offer to the community around us? God will open doors to ministry, we need to be ready to walk through as we did when we started in 2013!

## New Kitchen To Use!

**Not only is the upstairs new but so is our Fellowship Hall. Last February we began the project of renovating our kitchen and making it even more functional. That was another door God opened for us to accomplish. With His guidance we did just that and now it is time to move forward. How can we use our fellowship hall to bring glory to God's name?**

**We do need to clean the white tile before spring. We have cleaned it twice since Pastor Jack arrived and it needs it again! Let's try to find a time to do it in Late February or early March.**

**P.S. One suggestion for use—Father/Son or Mother/Daughter Banquet- Open to Community!!**





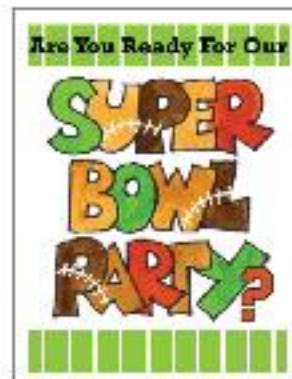


# Audio-Visual Booth

We are putting together a small Audio-Visual Booth in the back of the sanctuary. We need to be able to control the sound and any visual aids from the back of the church. Once the booth is done we will look for volunteers to run the system. It is not complicated and you have the opportunity to turn the preacher's mic off when you've had enough!!

## Super Bowl 51

Last year some of us gathered at the Welcome Center to watch the Super Bowl. Again this year I invite anyone who would like to watch the game to come at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday Feb. 5. You can bring "soups" for supper! You can bring snacks, finger foods, chips or whatever. Some of you may not be football fans but want to come. Great, you can play card games or something!!



## Ash Wednesday

We will begin the Lenten Season on Wednesday March 1. The service is at 7:00 p.m. and deals with our commitment to Jesus Christ. The Lenten Season continues each Sunday until Palm Sunday, Maunday Thursday and Easter! More of Lent will be in the March Newsletter but wanted you to know it starts the first of March. Come join us on Wed. March 1 at 7 p.m. to begin the journey.



## Parsonage Ministry

We are looking towards a ministry with Pastors and Families starting late spring into summer. There are some repairs needed before we can open our parsonage for extended ministry. The trustees are working on that. There will also be a spring cleaning date in which we will need volunteers to come and make the parsonage sparkle. The inside and outside repairs will also need extra help to accomplish as directed by the Board of Trustees. Thanks for your help!!



Let us always meet each other  
with a smile, for the smile is  
the beginning of love.  
-Mother Teresa



Have a  
beautiful  
day!



# Movie Night



We have had many good movies in almost two years. Some not as good as others, some funny, some sad. I hope you will join us this month for our Movie Nights. February 7 will be "Miracles from Heaven" and February 23 will be "What would Jesus Do". Please try to come to these movies. I know you will be blessed. It is always a great time to get together with our church family.

## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

- Feb. 5: Randy & Laura Darden
- Feb. 12: Merry Jo Bell  
Lori Thompson
- Feb. 19: Jack & Neva Mielke
- Feb. 26: Helen Feuz  
Debra Tompkins

## GREETERS

- Feb. 5: Deloris Bryant  
Sharon Gilliam
- Feb. 12: Charles Julian  
Dennis Thompson
- Feb. 19: Helen Feuz  
Sybil Mitchell
- Feb. 26: Merry Jo Bell  
Debra Tompkins

## Thank You!!

Peg and I want to Thank You so much for your generosity. Your Christmas gifts overwhelm us. We try very hard to put that gift to good use. Thanks!!

Pastor Jack

I just want to say a huge Thank You to my Church Family!! I have been working here now for five years. I can't believe I have already been here that long. I have enjoyed going to church here as well as working here. I have made many friends and can't imagine what it would be like without you in my life. Thank you for the generous Christmas gift of money that you blessed me with this year!! I hope to be here for many years to come!

Thanks again, Debra Tompkins



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.



January



March


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	2 Office Hours 9-5	3	4 Prayer Breakfast 8:30
5 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 COMMUNION	6 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	7 Movie Night 7:00 "Miracles From Heaven"	8 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	9 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	10	11
12 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Church Council 11:45	13 NO Office Hours Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	16 Office Hours 9-5	17	18
19 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Blue Sunday	20 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	21	22 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	23 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "What Would Jesus Do?"	24	25
26 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Potluck	27 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	28				

Happy  
Birthday



February 2017

Happy  
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	Jean Swan	7	8	9	10	11 Hunter Riggs
12 Danny Mielke	13	14	15 Phyllis Kutzner	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28		