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\*Thanks to all who help make this newsletter happen.

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# February Newsletter 2013 *Pastor's Column*

We are having quite a mild winter here. Because of the warm weather there seems to be a lot more colds and flu going around. Please take good care of yourself. Maybe it will get just cold enough to kill a lot of the germs that seem to be out there. That would be good as we start the Lent/Easter Season.

More information about Ash Wednesday is in your newsletter. And even though you have been through Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season many times, let me encourage you to see it as a "New Adventure". Every year we are at a different place in our faith journey. Therefore, new ideas come to mind as we read the familiar scripture passages. New reflections or new meanings come to us and we find even a deeper meaning to the Life of Christ. In other words, we never stop growing in Christ. We never stop rededicating and refocusing our lives on what Jesus has in store for us. As we think about what Jesus did for us by giving His life for our salvation, what does He expect of us in 2013? What new direction may He point us towards? Let us be open to God's spirit as He speaks to our spirit.

We are trying some new things this year. Mainly, we are putting most meetings on Sundays and Wednesdays. The first couple of meetings have been well attended. These are two areas we are focusing upon. First, "Outreach", finding the unchurched and inviting them to our church. We need a group of people willing to do that ministry after some training on how to do it. The second, "Hospitality", what to do once a visitor enters our church. Again, we need people willing to do that ministry after some training background. Think about these two ministries and if you can feel God's Spirit leading you to help as these two groups are formed and trained.

Church growth, spiritually and physically, is an exciting time. Please consider helping. Thanks!!

*Pastor Jack*



# Scriptures for the month of February



Sunday, February 3- Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, February 10- Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36,(37-43a)

Ash Wednesday, February 13- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17;  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Sunday, February 17- Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Sunday, February 24- Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35 or  
Luke 9:28-36,(37-43a)



## I NEED PICTURES

*I need everyone to please go through your pictures and pick out some that has: mom and kids, dad and kids, the whole family and some of just the kids. I am going to do something for Mother's/Father's Day and need pictures as soon as you can get them to me.*

*Put them in an envelope with your name on it and I will get it back to you. It would also be helpful if you put names on the back of the pictures.*

*Thank You,  
Debra*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

The Lenten Season will begin on Wednesday, February 13, which is Ash Wednesday. The service will be at 7:00 p.m. and is called a service of the "Imposition of the Ashes". This begins our time of reflection on our commitment to Jesus Christ and our God.

From Ash Wednesday to Easter is a journey that takes us through the end of Jesus' ministry to the cross. Lent is the preparation for the death and resurrection of our Lord. Jesus knew this was coming as he walked into Jerusalem.

So, as we walk the journey there will be some high moments like Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday, Easter Sunrise and Easter. All special services during this Lenten Season.

We cannot get to the resurrection without going on this journey to the cross. You are invited to not only attend Sunday morning worship but Sunday School will also center around reflections of the cross. Please join me for a study at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m.



**Share A Hug Today**

Here's a little hug for you  
To make you smile when you feel blue.  
Hugs are better when you share,  
So pass one on and show you care!



# Worship Team

February 3

*Greeters: Sharon Gilliam & Neva Mielke*

*Acolyte: Michaela Fransen*

*Ushers: Jack & Vivian Jensen*

*Scripture Reader: Debra Tompkins*

February 10:

*Greeters: J.D. Settles & Charles Julian*

*Acolyte: Michaela Fransen*

*Ushers: Martin & Kay Eisenman*

*Scripture Reader: Helen Feuz*

February 17

*Greeters: Jack & Vivian Jensen*

*Acolyte: Michaela Fransen*

*Ushers: Deloris Bryant & Michael Fransen*

*Scripture Reader: Jan Hensiek*

February 24

*Greeters: Bob & Debbie Lyon*

*Acolyte: Michaela Fransen*

*Ushers: J.D. Settles & Michael Fransen*

*Scripture Reader: Deloris Bryant*

# Thank You

Thank you to all who were able to stay for the undecorating party. Many hands make light work. Twenty-two people were able to help put things away and we were able to have church council as well. After undecorating came the pizza party. Pastor was ready this year with enough pizza and people brought chips/dip and many desserts were available. Since it was Blue Sunday many were in blue as you can see from the pictures. Thanks again for helping and the only problem was the church looks bare without all the wonderful decorations!



# Gaither Concert

There is going to be a Gaither Vocal Band Concert Thursday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. at the O'Reilly Family Event Center at Drury University in Springfield MO.

The cost is \$26.00 for the ticket if we get 15 or more to go. If you would like to go let me know and we could maybe get a couple of people with vans and try to ride together. It would be fun if we leave early and stopped somewhere to eat first.

This would be a good time for us to get together and do something fun outside of church. I am looking forward to hearing from you!!

Debra Tompkins



# Men's Breakfast

Men's breakfast went very well. Thanks to all who made breakfast and to all who helped pick rocks and brush on an area we would like to mow during the year. It looks a whole lot better. We still have a few rocks to move out of the area. Men's breakfast will be Saturday, February 23 at 8:30 a.m. with another work day until around noon. We will work on finishing the rock gathering, get the nativity area done and work on parsonage issues. Many hands make light work. THANKS AGAIN, A JOB WELL DONE!!

\* 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](http://www.blueyeumc.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!

As we begin this New Year pray about the direction of our church. We will have "outreach meetings" each month. We will be asking God's help in bringing other people to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are alive in Jesus Christ but we need to share that with others to bring them into our midst.

# Nativity Scene

The Nativity Scene will be up until we put permanent holes to hold the figurines. We will be in the process of putting PVC pipe into the ground to hold the stakes we will use to keep the figurines in place. It is so hard to pound stakes into the ground that this one time installation will work for years to come. Stay tuned to a work day to do this when it is nice outside. We have 28 pipes to put into the ground and cap until next year!! But then next year it will be much easier to put up the Nativity Scene!!



# Joyful Noise Choir



The Joyful Noise Choir is already preparing an Easter Contata for Easter Sunday. We can always use more voices in the choir. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come for fun, fellowship and prayer time along with singing.

# Potluck And A Movie

February 24 is Potluck Sunday and after potluck we will watch the movie "Fireproof". This was made before the film "Courageous" but has a really good message for all of us to see and hear. We will plan to stay in the Fellowship Hall and watch the movie right after potluck. You might want to save a little room for popcorn, peanuts or cracker jacks!!!



# Women's Ministry

The women are thinking of trying to meet from 10:30 to 11:30 on Wednesdays and the project for February will be to make something for the congregation for Valentine's Day. So, if you have time please come and help the ladies and they will give out the treats on Sunday, Feb. 10th!!

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**February 2013**



| Sunday   | Monday                                       | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                                    | Saturday  |
|--|--|---------|--|--|---|---|
|   |  |         |  |  | 1   | 2   |
| 3<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Communion  | 4<br>Office Hours 9-5                        | 5       | 6<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>Women's Ministries 10:30<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Choir 6:30                           | 7<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Al-Anon 7:00  | 8   | 9   |
| 10<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Women's Ministries will be passing out Valentine's Treats                                       | 11<br>Office Hours 9-5                       | 12      | 13<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>Women's Ministries 10:30<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Worship & Education 5:30<br>Choir 6:30                  | <br>Al-Anon 7:00 | 15<br>Pastor on vacation, leaving Feb. 14 | 16<br>Pastor on vacation  |
| 17<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Church Council 11:45<br><b>BLUE SUNDAY</b><br>Pastor on vacation Michael Franzen/<br>Lay Leader | 18<br>Pastor on vacation<br>Office Hours 9-5 | 19      | 20<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>Women's Ministries 10:30<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Trustees Meeting 5:30<br>Choir 6:30 | 21<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Al-Anon 7:00   | 22  | 23<br>Men's Breakfast 8:30  |
| 24<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Potluck/Movie 11:45   | 25<br>Office Hours 9-5                       | 26      | 27<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>Women's Ministries 10:30<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Outreach Meeting 5:30<br>Choir 6:30 | 28<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Al-Anon 7:00   |   |  |



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY February 2013



| Sunday | Monday                      | Tuesday               | Wednesday         | Thursday                 | Friday | Saturday              |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
|        |                             |                       |                   |                          | 1      | 2                     |
| 3      | 4                           | 5                     | 6<br>Jean<br>Swan | 7                        | 8      | 9<br>Alex<br>Johnson  |
| 10     | 11<br>Phil & Pat<br>Bangert | 12<br>Danny<br>Mielke | 13                | 14<br>VALENTINE'S<br>DAY | 15     | 16<br>Cheryl<br>Smock |
| 17     | 18                          | 19                    | 20                | 21                       | 22     | 23                    |
| 24     | 25                          | 26                    | 27                | 28                       |        |                       |