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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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Last year this column began by referring to the warm weather. Well, this winter has been quite different with temperatures dropping into the single digits. You would think that the colds and flu would be less but not so far. Many of you have been through those illnesses already this year.

First of all, Easter is late this year so we will go through February before the preparation for Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The four Sundays in February we will use our new book for Sunday School. The book helps us to center on Christ in various aspects of our living. I would encourage you to come at 9:15 for Sunday School.

Secondly, we will begin preparing for our new outreach program. As of this writing I have 8 of 12 disciples. I really need 4 more people to commit to this program. Twelve disciples going out in twos is biblical and it makes common sense to have 6 groups of people knocking on doors at the same time. During February we will receive training from District Leadership on how to approach this. Please consider being an outreach disciple.

Thirdly, we will be getting bids on the construction materials for our new addition. We will need to choose where to buy our materials that will be delivered to us in March. Once the concrete work is done and has some time to cure we will start putting up the walls. If you would be willing to help in the building process please let Dave Gilliam, Jim Perkin or myself know. We can use volunteer help throughout this process.

Our main focus will be to help people become disciples for Jesus Christ. All of us can and need to become better disciples. God is never done with us. He is always trying to help us have a closer walk with Him and His Son Jesus Christ. This church offers many ways to become servants one to another and to also learn more by studying together. We also need to show radical hospitality to those who come and visit our church or attend our programs.

Thanks to all those who help our ministry happen!! Your work is always appreciated and needed.



Pastor Jack

Scriptures For The Month of February

Sunday, February 2: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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

Sunday, February 16: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

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



Invited to Pines Community Church

On Sunday, Feb. 16 we have been invited to the Pines Community Church for a potluck right after our worship. The church folks over there thought it would be a special fellowship time if our two churches got together. We are to bring food to the potluck but the drinks will be provided.

We will have a sign up sheet on Feb. 2nd and 9th to see who can go and what you might bring. It would be really great if we could take 20 or more of us over there for that Sunday potluck!

In fact, it would be "Right Neighborly"!!

Thank You

I would like to say thank you very much to my wonderful church family for the gift of money that I got for Christmas. I like to buy something I usually would never buy with Christmas money. Last year I got a fiddle. Having a hard time learning it but it's fun. This year I think I might get a lap harp. That would be a lot easier to play.

Thanks again. I really enjoy working here and getting to make the newsletters pretty.

Debra Tompkins

Thank you all so much for your Christmas gift to Peg and I. Not sure how we will spend it yet but looking for something that will help us remember the very generous heart of this congregation.

We really appreciate you all.
Pastor Jack and Peg.

Thanks to all who helped with undecorating the church. It is kind of a sad time to take down all the beautiful decorations around the church. Sorry for having to put it off a week and have Church Council at the same time. There were very brave heroes who stayed up stairs and did a great job at getting most of the stuff down. A special thank you to those folks and the rest of the Council who helped finish and put the decorations away for another year. The pizza went well but next year I will need to get more pizzas loaded with everything (Supreme Pizzas)!!

Pastor Jack

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Bible Study

The church offers two different Bible Studies. One is on Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and is open to anyone who would like to join us for topical discussions about Biblical issues.

The book we are using Sundays is "When Christ Lives in Us" which deals with issues about how to live out our faith in Jesus Christ. We will study that until the Lenten Season and we will have a special Lenten Study and then back to our book.

The second study is on Mondays from 10:30 until noon. This study centers around difficult Bible passages. We are just about to finish our first book but fear not there is a second book to follow.

Please consider coming to one or both of these studies. We learn a lot, along with fellowship and just good sharing of faith. We always have room for more!!



Concrete Work To Begin

The concrete work is to begin very soon, weather permitting. David Fugitt is our concrete contractor. There may be a Sunday or two that we will need to come in the back door during the concrete work. We will probably worship in the basement for those Sundays. We have a keyboard in the Fellowship Hall and a portable sound system so we are set. Stay tuned as construction begins!!



Website- 2 years old and Active!!

We have had a website since February 2012!! WWW.blueeyeumc.com. If you have a computer you need to look it up and tell your friends as well. There is a lot of information, pictures, bulletins and newsletters on the website page, as well as a new prayer request page. It is one way to keep up with things that are happening. Spread the word so others see our ministry. They might even come because you told them about our church and it's website!!!

****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:

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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.

Women's Ministries



Lord, open the eyes of my heart that I may see you high and lifted up. Pour out your power and love that I may shine the light of your glory in a dark world. Amen.

The women are still going strong with quilt ministry and other ministries to our congregation. The women meet on Mondays at 12:30 until around 2:30. So, if you have time please come and help. Bring your ideas of what this group can be doing!!

Joyful Noise Choir

The Joyful Noise Choir is already preparing for the Easter Season. 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.



Chili Cook-Off

On February 15th at noon Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye will host a Chili Cook-off. Entries will be accepted through February 8th. Please call the church at 417-779-5677 to enter. You may leave your information on the voice mail. There is no cost to enter.

Each cook is expected to serve his/her chili. Chili is due in the Fellowship Hall by 11:45 am. Judging will begin promptly at 11:45 am. Serving will begin at noon.

Individuals will be able to purchase a meal ticket for \$3. This ticket allows the participant to taste the various entries, ultimately placing their ticket in the entry box for their favorite chili.

There will be two awards: Judge's Award and People's Award. The People's Award will be determined by the number of tickets an individual receives. Net proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to Open Door UMC outreach. Questions can be addressed to the church or to Susan Perkin at 417-593-2093.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

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Cheryl Smock						
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