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Pastor's Column

Scripture says that "Mary pondered in her heart" what the angel had proclaimed to her. She seriously thought about this calling to be the mother of Jesus. The idea of being the mother of the Savior of the world must have been a heavy burden on her shoulders and she would have to decide without talking it over with Joseph. After pondering it in her heart she decides to do as God had asked. What a commitment by Mary knowing this would not go over very well with Joseph, the family or the town. She did as God had called her to do.

This Christmas season as we ponder this birth of Christ we too must make some choices as to what God is calling us to do. I think we have the right start—"Open Doors" United Methodist Church of Blue Eye. God has opened the doors to us to add a new addition to our ministry. Now He is calling us to use that facility to glorify His name. We must listen to what we hear in our hearts as to the ministries we are called to do. We must ponder them in our hearts. Each of us will be called to help in some way to "make disciples for Jesus Christ". The point I am making is, it may seem an impossible calling when you first hear it, as I am sure it was with Mary. Our first response could be—"I am too old to do that" or "been there, done that" or "I am too busy" or and this is my favorite- "Let someone else do it"! I have never found "someone else".

This church has all the ingredients to grow in Spirit and in truth! The only thing that could hold us back is that we not take up the calling the Spirit is asking us to do. So ponder in your heart—"What is God wanting me to do to further His kingdom on earth?" What does my church need me to do to help make disciples for Jesus Christ? The answers to those questions lie in the future of this faith family. I am only part of the whole picture. Join me in making good use of our church. The new addition and the whole building is open for business for the Lord. Amen!!

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Of Blue Eye

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* This newsletter is published monthly by the Open Doors United Methodist Church of Blue Eye 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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Pastor Jack

Scriptures For The Month of January

Sunday, January 4: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14 • John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Sunday, January 11: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 18: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 25: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

The Welcome Center/Office Complex

It has been a long year and we are almost done with the project. We should be able to use the new addition soon. We will be moving the offices upstairs and getting supplies for the kitchen and lounge area. We already have ten new tables along with 60 chairs (with cushioned seat and back!)

There is also a new 50" LED television for future ministries (Sunday announcements, movie night, new studies, to name a few!) It is an exciting time and we will be celebrating and dedicating our new facility so stay tuned.

There are so many new possibilities for how God can use this new space. Let us be open to His Spirit guiding us to new ministries to bring people to Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Candlelight Service is always a beautiful service with all the candles, carols and Christmas Scriptures. We had 40 people gather for a time of preparation for Jesus coming into the world. It was a warm and glowing evening.



Choir & Christmas Play



Thanks goes to the choir for a very special Christmas Concert and for J.D. for narrating. Special thanks to Janice for playing piano and Betty for directing and to all the choir members, GREAT JOB!

Thanks goes to the cast of the "Candy Cane Christmas" play and to Debra for directing. It was fun to do plus a good message. Thanks to Jack & Vivian Jensen, J.D. & Janice Settles, Kiele Tyner, Jan Hensiek, Susie Bouchey, Barbara Curbow, Tammy Walker and Jack & Peg Smith. GREAT JOB!!

REMEMBER TO KEEP CHRISTMAS ALL YEAR LONG



TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREE,
PUT AWAY THE STOCKINGS,
SAY GOODBYE TO SANTA CLAUS,
BUT DON'T FORGET THE BEST PART
CAN LIVE YEAR ROUND IN YOUR HEART.
JESUS!!

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.

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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.

Second Annual Christmas Party



The second annual Christmas party was held at the parsonage on Sunday evening, Dec. 14. Because of illnesses the numbers that attended were down, but not the enthusiasm. We had a great time of fellowship. We played games provided by Debra and then the gift exchange which is always a fun thing. We were scheduled to end at 6:30 p.m. but the conversation and storytelling went on until 7:30 p.m. What A Party!!

Fourth Annual

We have two events in January that have become a tradition in the church. It will be the 4th annual "Dedecoration Party" and the 4th annual Potluck and Games Day.

Sunday, Jan. 11, we will gather after church to undecorate the church. Pastor Jack is in charge of the usual— PIZZA! Everyone can bring chips, desserts or drinks. The more people we have the easier it is to undecorate.

Sunday, Jan. 25, we will gather after church to have our regular potluck. Then after we are done we will play games. If you have a game let Pastor Jack know. We would like to play games that we can do as a group. That keeps us together and having fun as a family. We should be done around 2:00 p.m. Let's gather as a family of God and celebrate the New Year!

THANK YOU

Thank You to all who have helped in any way to put up the new addition. It was a year ago that we took down the entry and started the project. We found a bad spot on the front east corner of the church that needed repair before we could go forward. We also had to wait for the concrete work for almost two months due to winter weather. But since March we have been at work and it would not have happened unless the volunteers of the church stepped up and dedicated so much time. THANK YOU!!!

Also, we were able to finish the project at the cost of \$80,000 plus a few special gifts. We have money in the payment account to last for 2 more years.

THANK YOU!!!

Peg and I wish to thank the church for the generous gift this Christmas. We try to visit our kids and grandkids after Christmas and your gift always helps us to do that and we certainly appreciate you all!

I also would like to say thank you to this wonderful church. I can't believe I have been here for three years now. I really love working here and your Christmas gift is a wonderful bonus. I would also like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to clean this church.

Thanks again,
Debra Tompkins

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OF BLUE EYE

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2	3 Men's Breakfast 8:15
4 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 COMMUNION	5 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	6	7 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Hospitality 5:30 Choir 6:30	8 Al-Anon 7:00	9	10
11 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Undecorating Party	12 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Building Committee 1:30	13	14 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Trustee 5:30 Choir 6:30	15 Al-Anon 7:00	16	17
18 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	19 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	20	21 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Staff Parish 5:30 Choir 6:30	22 Al-Anon 7:00	23	24
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*Happy
Anniversary*

January 2015

*happy
Birthday*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 	2	3 Marilyn Samuelson
4	5 Ruth Ann Finck	6	7 Keith Bouchey	8	9	10 Morgan Johnson
11	12	13	14 Shery West	15 Martin Eisenman	16	17 Jim & Susan Perkin
18	19	20 Warren Samuelson Jack & Neva Mielke	21	22	23	24
25 Richard Burrows	26	27 Valerie Sletto	28	29	30	31