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It is the beginning of a "New" Year. This past year was an amazing year. Looking back over the 12 newsletters I see we were a very active and caring congregation. And it is fun to look back and remember all these things, but it is a "New" year. 2013 challenges us to go further in our journey of faith, to continue the programs and ministries that have been good and to create new ones to encourage our faith. The last Sunday of 2012 I talked about our life in the church being like putting all our events on a chalk board. We can list our ministries, our fellowships, worships, Bible Studies, etc. and see where we have been. But as we close the year and start a "New" year it is time to take the eraser and wipe the board clean. Why? Because we cannot just sit back and enjoy the past without looking to the future. Yes, remember what we have done but now it is time to march on, onward and upward to the call of Jesus Christ. This newsletter indicates some changes we are going to try. It also shows we are going to get back to doing our work by committees. A number of them will meet monthly and others quarterly. From those meetings new ideas and ministries will arise. One of the biggest challenges to this congregation is to find a way to grow. We need to have new disciples for Jesus Christ. It will be important for us to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and actually bring new people into our family. That work will start in January. I am looking forward to serving and leading this congregation into the future. 2013 can be a tremendous year for serving our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Jack

Thank you all so much for your Christmas gifts to Peg and I. The McDonald's Card was really nice and special. I did not realize how many one dollar bills were in that bag until I started counting. It took me a long time to count all those bills! Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate you all.

Pastor Jack & Peg

Thank you for the wonderful gift of money you gave me for Christmas! It was very unexpected. I really enjoy working here and being a part of this great congregation. Thanks for being a great group of friends.

Debra Tompkins

Men's Breakfast will be Jan. 26 at 8:30 a.m. All men of the church and wives are invited. This year Men's Breakfast will be built around projects of the church. We will meet for breakfast and fellowship and proceed with a project to be done by noon. Hope to see you all there!





# Scriptures for the month of January



Sunday, January 6- Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 13- Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 20- Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 27- Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

## Christmas is NOT Over



When Christmas is over,  
CHRISTmas is not over!  
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!!



## Committees To Meet On A Regular Basis

The committees that need to meet monthly are:

- 1) Church Council- Third Sunday after church
- 2) Trustees- 5:30 p.m. Wed. Jan 16
- 3) Pastor Parish Committee- 5:30 p.m. Wed. Jan.23
- 4) Outreach Committee- 2:00 p.m. Jan. 27 right after game time.
- 5) Building Committee will meet in February

The committees that need to meet quarterly are:

- 1) Hospitality- Wed., January 30 5:30 p.m.
- 2) Worship & Education- February
- 3) Finance- March

## Travel Distance and Time

Because very few live real close to the church we are going to try to do activities and meetings on Sundays and Wednesdays. Tuesdays and Fridays are kind of open days with very few activities. Monday will be office time with Pastor reaching out to members and friends in the afternoon.

Wednesdays are going to be a busy day but let's try it for a while-(3 months) and then evaluate how it goes.

### Wednesday Schedule:

- 9:30 Bible Study
- 11:45 Shepherd Center
- 1:00 Card Fellowship & Women's Ministries
- 5:30 Meeting Time
- 6:30 Choir

### Sunday Schedule:

- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:30 Worship
- 11:45 Potluck, Meetings or Activities

If this can work people will not have to come as often to the church and we will still have our activities and meetings. Again, we will do this for Jan., Feb. and March to see if it works well or not.

## Undecorate and Pizza

Again this year we are having an undecorating party after church on Sunday January 20. Pastor Jack is providing the pizza again. The rest can bring drinks, chips and dessert. With everyone's help it should not take any time at all and it will be a fun adventure, well at least it was last year. Come help right after church



# Worship Team

January 6

*Greeters: Dave Rast & Charles Julian*

*Acolyte: Michaela Fransen*

*Ushers: Martin & Kay Eisenman*

*Scripture Reader: Michael Fransen*

January 13

*Greeters: Sharon Gilliam & Debbie Lyon*

*Acolyte: Michaela Fransen*

*Ushers: Dave & Pam Rast*

*Scripture Reader: Helen Feuz*

January 20

*Greeters: Dave Rast & Charles Julian*

*Acolyte: Michaela Fransen*

*Ushers: Barbara Curbow & Merry Jo Bell*

*Scripture Reader: Michael Fransen*

## THANK YOU

Thank You to all who participated in the Christmas Play this year! It was a huge success. We are going to try and do it again for those who were unable to come. And we are already looking forward to next year!

Again Thanks,

Frankie Oldani  
Barbara Curbow  
Sharon Gilliam  
Pam Rast  
Dave Gilliam  
Jack Jensen  
Jack Smith  
Michael Fransen  
J.D. Settles

Vivian Jensen  
Michaela Fransen  
Susan Perkin  
Jim Perkin  
Peg Smith  
Dave Rast  
Shelly Fransen  
Janice Settles

Thank you to those who helped Pastor Jack read scriptures for the Christmas Eve Candle Light Service:

Peg Smith, Debra Tompkins, Susan Perkin, Pam Rast, Frankie Oldani, J.D. Settles

\* 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)

## Women's Christmas Party

The Women had a really great time at their party this year. They only had 9 women but they had fun. Hopefully next year the date can be set a little earlier in the month and more women can be a part of this time of fun and fellowship.





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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.

## Pastor To Be Around More



The Pastor Parish Committee and Church Council approved having Pastor Jack work more hours. Instead of Sundays and two days a week, he will add a third day and for the moment that will be Thursdays. He will be in the office in the mornings and out visiting in the afternoons two days and the third day he will spend the mornings in the office and afternoons with activities and meetings. All in all he is going from 20-24 hours per week to 30-32 hours per week. The District Superintendent is in favor of this as we prepare for future ministry of the church.

One draw back to this is that Pastor will need to spend some time with family right after the first of the year. He and Peg are meeting their family for Christmas in Des Moines, IA Jan. 4-7. He and Peg are also going to spend some time at the Cliffs relaxing Jan. 8-12. So those days he is around but not too much and will hit the ground running on Sunday, Jan. 13. Beware, when he takes time off it gives him time to think of new things for the church to be involved in. It's a good thing he is not taking too much time!

Because of Pastor Jack being gone Sunday, Jan. 6, we will have a guest speaker and communion will be Jan. 13.

## Pastor Office Hours

**Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00-1:00 at church**  
**Monday & Thursday 1:30-5:00 in the community**  
**Wednesday at church meetings and activities**  
**Sundays 9:30-11:30 Sunday School and Worship**  
**11:30-3:30 or 4:00 various activities**  
**Depending on the situation this schedule comes to about 31 hours a week for Pastor Jack.**

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday he is on call for emergencies and other activities like Friday night basketball games!**



## Game Afternoon

The last Sunday of the month is Potluck Sunday, for those who can stay it will be game time as well. We had a lot of fun with that last year so let's try to bring a few games and have a great time. Invite guests to come with you that day!!

**Building Committee will meet first part of February after we have some more information about foundation, finances and NOMADS**

**DIRECTORYCHANGES!!**

**Dave Gilliam's new phone number is 417-230-9059**

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## January 2013



| Sunday   | Monday                                      | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                   | Saturday  |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------------|---|
|                        |   |  1 | 2<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Card Fellowship 1:00   | 3<br>Office Hours 9-Noon<br>Pastor doing wedding at 1:00 p.m. in Eureka Springs<br>Al-Anon 7:00 | 4<br>Pastor on vacation  | 5<br>Pastor on vacation   |
| 6<br>Pastor on vacation<br>Worship 10:30<br>Michael Fransen/<br>Lay Leader                             | 7<br>Pastor on vacation<br>Office Hours 9-5 | 8<br>Pastor on vacation   | 9<br>Pastor on vacation<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Women's Ministries 1:00<br>Choir 6:30                         | 10<br>Pastor on vacation<br>Al-Anon 7:00  | 11<br>Pastor on vacation | 12<br>Pastor on vacation  |
| 13<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Communion   | 14<br>Office Hours 9-5                      | 15  | 16<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Women's Ministries 1:00<br>Trustees Meeting 5:30<br>Choir 6:30 | 17<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Al-Anon 7:00  | 18                       | 19  |
| 20<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Church Council 11:45<br>BLUE SUNDAY<br>Undecorate & Pizza | 21<br>Office Hours 9-5                      | 22  | 23<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Women's Ministries 1:00<br>Pastor Parish 5:30<br>Choir 6:30    | 24<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Al-Anon 7:00  | 25                       | 26<br>Men's Breakfast, Fellowship & Work Day 8:30-Noon                                |
| 27<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Potluck & Game Day<br>Outreach Committee 2:00             | 28<br>Office Hours 9-5                      | 29  | 30<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Bible Study 9:30<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Women's Ministries 1:00<br>Hospitality 5:30<br>Choir 6:30      | 31<br>Office Hours 9-5<br>Al-Anon 7:00  |                          |  |



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY

## January 2013



| Sunday                                      | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday             | Thursday                 | Friday | Saturday   |
|---|--------|---------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------|--|
|   |        | 1       | 2                     | 3                        | 4      | 5<br>Gloria Julian<br>Ruth Ann Finck<br>Pat & Cheryl Smock |
| 6   | 7      | 8       | 9                     | 10<br>Marilyn Samuelson  | 11     | 12<br>Morgan Johnson                                       |
| 13<br>Bob McGuirt                           | 14     | 15      | 16<br>Martin Eisenman | 17<br>Jim & Susan Perkin | 18     | 19   |
| 20<br>Warren Samuelson<br>Jack & Neva Melke | 21     | 22      | 23                    | 24                       | 25     | 26<br>Jean Schwarting                                      |
| 27<br>Valerie Sletto                        | 28     | 29      | 30                    | 31                       |        |  |