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As I write this column winter has set in with the ground completely white. It was our first real snowfall of the winter. The winter has been really mild with a lot of warm days so this was quite a change and really I am not ready for cold weather. Maybe it is a good thing because we are headed north for two weeks. I know all of you think we are crazy but two grandbabies make it the right thing to do. So, off we go into the real cold and winter weather.

All of this makes me realize that the grass is always greener on the other side. Reality is not always fun to accept or even cope with but reality is what we have. God gives us the "here and now" and expects us to deal with it, not to hope it would be different, or go the way we want it but to live in the "here and now". It is always nice to dream of life being the perfect thing, with perfect weather, perfect people (this should be your first clue) and perfect surroundings. Kind of like Garrison Kiellor's Lake Wobegone on PBS, this place always has sunshine, 70 degrees, smiling faces and the fish are always biting. I have never found such a place but it is fun to hear about.

So, back to the "here and now". How does one cope with life always changing without a moment's notice. Things flare up, people get upset, and we have to figure out how to handle them. The real issue here is that alone we can not handle them. We get all uptight, anxiety ridden, fearful and perplexed and think there is no answer but there is— God! When this winter spell hit I wished I was down south somewhere!! (Grass is always greener on the other side). Then I realize that God was not picking on me and out east they were getting it worse than me (so no"poor me" stuff)!! Actually it was kind of pretty out with all the white. Then I went to shovel and it was "poor me" again until I looked around and saw all my neighbors having to do the same. We have to live in the "here and now". And God is the only one who is able to help us cope. He is actually helping us to see the bigger picture. It is His world and I have to do what I can to help my world.

In the 1980's we called it "bloom where you are planted". The world will always change and throw things at us we don't want. But God is always there to pick us up and carry us. Bloom where you are planted and be glad for ther "here and now"!!

Pastor Jack

Scriptures For The Month of March

Sunday, March 1: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25 ;Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9

Sunday, March 8: Exodus 20:1-17 • Psalm 19 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 • John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 15: Numbers 21:4-9 • Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 • Ephesians 2:1-10 • John 3:14-21

Sunday, March 22: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10 ; ohn 12:20-33

Sunday, March 29: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Last Year



We keep the newsletters on file at the church. Last year there were pictures of the footings being poured and the front wall without the little entry way. We have come a long way in one year. Our little church has worked hard together. We have made major decisions, minor decisions and yes sometimes no decisions!! All in all it has been a spirit guided process. We can thank our Lord for being with us all the way and without Him this could never have been done. As pastor I stand in amazement of what God can do and how He has opened doors all along for us. We must give back by "Opening our Doors" to all who wish to worship our God. Invite, receive, nurture and make disciples for Jesus Christ will always be our goal for the major adventure. THANKS BE TO GOD!!

Pastor Jack

Building Committee

The building committee has almost completed its work. The outside landscaping is about all that is left to do. A BIG "THANK YOU" goes to all who served on the committee. The committee had what I called official and non-official members and they all worked well together. They had a lot of decisions to make and they did them well.

Now the trustees will need to take over the upkeep of the whole thing—building and grounds. This summer we have a lot of upkeep items to take care of especially at the parsonage. During our construction we kind of put the parsonage on hold. The trustees will have a list of items that need attention through the summer months (June, July & August).

Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Jack and Peg have not celebrated Christmas with their children and grandchildren yet. So, Feb. 23 to March 10 they will be "on the road" to Iowa and Minnesota. They have two new grandchildren, Micah and Alexander that Grandma can't wait to hold.

Spring Garage Sale

April 17 & 18 is the date of our spring sale! Time to drop off (in the church garage) your sale items. You can do this anytime and if you need items picked up please call the Gunthers at 417-779-4104.

The work week prior to the sale will go along as normal. The garage sale is a special time of the year for fun and fellowship. Also, the proceeds from our sale help our church a whole lot. So, please look around and bring those things you're not using anymore—someone will buy them!!

Outreach Postponed

The weather did not cooperate for our outreach meeting. It was to be the first planning session on how to invite people to come and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. With pastor being gone for a couple of weeks we will meet in late March or early April. The task is before us—bring the "Good News of Jesus Christ" to the unchurched. We must find those who do not have a church home and help them become part of our family. It is a great challenge and the whole church needs to be involved in some way!!



**May 3 DEDICATION AND OPEN
HOUSE OF WELCOME
CENTER/OFFICE COMPLEX.
PLANS FORTHCOMING**

Teen Challenge

Women from Teen Challenge will visit our worship on March 1. They have a choir and a witness team that will be with us for that morning. Mike Fransen will lead worship in Pastor Jack's absence. Please come and support this ministry of young ladies who have dealt with difficult life situations. A free will offering will be taken for their ministry.



Joyful Noise Choir

The choir is getting ready for Easter. We are always open to new people joining the choir. Please come on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 to practice. The choir also sings a special each Sunday as well. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship!!

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.

OUR WEBSITE:

www.blueyeumc.com

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center will officially open on March 22! The hospitality group is making sure they have all the things they need to start our morning coffee, juices and refreshments. There is a sign up sheet for those who would like to help on Sunday mornings. It will take at least 2 people each Sunday to staff the Welcome Center. Please sign up to help! The coffee, juice and refreshments will be provided and all you would have to do is help serve it.

The Welcome Center will be open each Sunday from 9:50 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.! Come and visit before worship with the church family. When the "Bell" rings it's time to worship. We hope you enjoy having an opportunity to come and visit with one another each Sunday.

A dedication Sunday will be sometime in April after Easter. That Sunday will include worship, potluck, dedication and an open house. It will be a great day of celebration to dedicate our new facility to the glory of God.

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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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 TEEN CHALLENGE	2 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	3	4 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	5 Office Hours 9-5	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:15
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30	9 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	10	11 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Trustee Meeting 5:30 Choir 6:30	12 Office Hours 9-5	13	14
15 BLUE SUNDAY Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45	16 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	17	18 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	19 Office Hours 9-5	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30	23 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	24	25 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	26 Office Hours 9-5	27	28
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Happy
Anniversary

March 2015

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Birthday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9 Bob & Merry Jo Bell	10 Mike Sowers	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Gloria Jones	21 Shelly Fransen
22	23	24	25 Bob Lyon	26	27	28
29	30	31			