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Pastor's Column

The season of Lent is a time of preparation for the Easter event. In Sunday School we are looking at the scriptures we are using for worship. What we are doing is connecting the scriptures to our daily living. I urge you to come on Sunday, March 3,10,17,24. These four Sundays will have an extra meaning because we will discuss the scripture before we use it in worship.

Our first session the title was "This Ain't Easy"! Being a Christian is certainly not easy, but it is the right path to take. In that session we looked at imitation. Who are the people we have imitated in our lives and have influenced us the greatest? The second part of that question would be over the years, who would have imitated you? Who have you influenced over the years? Your first response might be to say "no one" but if you think about it all of us have had an influence on someone during our lives.

The second half of the session was on Luke 13:31-35 which deals with two images—a fox and a hen. Herod is the fox but Jesus is not about to let the fox derail him from doing what He knows is needing to be done in Jerusalem. "Tell that fox" is Jesus' reply. And Jesus becomes the hen to protect his chicks and leads them in the right direction. Now none of us would really like to be like the fox. We would like to strive to be the hen, gathering people around us and showing them the way, the truth and the life which is Jesus Christ.

This was just the first of 5 sessions during our Lenten Season. I look forward to leading the next 4 sessions and invite you all to be a part of this journey.

As we approach the cross it becomes quite clear that Jesus willingly gave His life for us. So, Jesus' death and resurrection are personal to each of us, for He died for each of us freely and willingly. In last year's newsletter I asked how does that affect your life for 2012? How are you responding to the cross of Christ? Each and every year we need to look at what we have tried to do to walk closer to the cross. The cross is a symbol of the ultimate gift of grace. We must experience both.

I hope these next 4 weeks will be a meaningful journey of faith, a time for reflection and meditation. May God's grace and love surround you as you ponder your thoughts.

Pastor Jack

Scriptures for the month of March



Sunday, March 3-Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, March 10-Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

Sunday, March 17-Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Sunday, March 24-Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

Maundy Thursday, March 28-Exodus 12:1-4,(5-10),11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,31b-35

Sunday, March 31(Sunrise Service)-Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12

Sunday, March 31-Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18



No Potluck

Since Easter is the last Sunday in March we will not have our last Sunday of the month potluck. Next potluck will be Sunday, April 28!!

Building Committee

We have not had a building committee meeting for a while. We have been trying to get answers to some questions before we meet. Hopefully we can get answers to these questions and get back to having regular meetings. The main question is the slab foundation upon which the building will sit. Three concrete companies are being contacted to give us bids on the foundation, plus we are putting a fund raising thermometer in the Narthex to show our progress. Once we have these items in place we will meet.

Christian Associates Food Shelf

Each month we have a food drive for particular items that the food shelf needs. For the month of March we are asking for the following items:

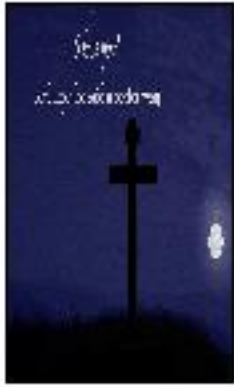
Ramen noodles, beef stew, packaged cookies, paper products and canned meats. These are the items needed most. Please bring them as you can and leave them in the Narthex.

SPRING GARAGE SALE

No date has been set for the spring garage sale but you can bring your items any time and place them in the garage by the church. We hope to have enough items in the spring and the fall to have two sales!



Holy Week and Easter



Schedule for Holy Week:
March 28, 7:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday
(A Service of Communion)

March 31, 8:30 a.m.
Easter Sunrise Service
(Outside in the Gazebo,
weather permitting)

Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
Easter Worship 10:30 a.m.



Parsonage Update

Over the past months our parsonage has been used by many of our church members for family events. We wish this to continue so if you have a family event that you need more space or housing please let Pastor Jack know and he will schedule that time for you. We are glad our parsonage is being used for a good cause.

The Trustees next meeting will be at the parsonage. At that meeting we will be making a list of items that need to be done to keep the parsonage in good repair. These items will be put on a list and done as money is available to do so. We have a very nice home for future pastors and families and we want to keep it up to date. This would include inside repairs and outside repairs. That Trustees Meeting will be Wednesday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m. That seems to be a good date—Spring begins that day!

NEW SHED

A new 12x12 shed will be built next to the garage in the gravel area as this is a nice level area on our property. The new shed will house our lawn mowers, leaf blower, gas trimmers, gas products and any lawn care items like fertilizers. This will allow our main garage to be the storage area for future garage sales. We always get a lot of items for that project and we need a good clean area to store them on a long term basis.

The new shed will be built on site with help from any of those in the congregation that can help Pastor Jack. He has done these kinds of projects and just needs helping hands. We will wait for the weather to stabilize and get it done. Stay tuned to time and day!!



Tw'as the week before Easter
and all through the street,
Crowds gathered, hoping the
Lord they would meet,
Palm branches waving, they
started to sing,
Hosanna, Hosanna to the King
of Kings!

Church Windows

The basement windows, except 2, were replaced last Fall along with the large windows in the sanctuary. We still have 10 windows in the sanctuary that also need replacing bringing the total to 12 at \$100 a piece. We would like to do those this Spring. We accomplished the last window replacement by people adopting a window or a part of a window. This could help again. We need 12 windows to be adopted if at all possible. Mark your check—Windows Only!! This would complete our church window project.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FAMILY PICTURES. YOU CAN GIVE THEM TO DEBRA OR PASTOR JACK OR YOU CAN JUST PUT THEM IN THE OFFICE. THANK YOU!!

* 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

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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.

Gazebo Update

Pastor Jack and his brother started the staining after J.D. Settles and Pastor Jack power washed the gazebo last Fall. The weather did not cooperate to get it totally done, so work will begin again as soon as the weather warms up. We did stain the side that faces the church. We figured that would be the one side people would look out and see! Also we are going to be working on 6 benches to put in the gazebo for future events. We are hoping to have all this done by June 1 so we can use the gazebo more often during the summer. One idea is to use this gazebo as a "rest meditation stop" for people traveling. People can pull off the road especially bikers and rest a moment while they take in the beautiful scenery of the area. We might provide brochures of things to do in our area. But mainly it would be a "rest stop" to take time to relax in the beauty of nature, thus the need for the benches. Also, we would have two or more worship services out there this summer, hopefully not at 100 degree temperature!! Let's use our gazebo as it is a great addition to our church property.



Joyful Noise Choir

The choir is again working hard on an Easter Cantata. This will be presented during Sunday, March 31 at the Easter morning worship service. The cantata this year is "Day Three". There is still time to join the choir for this event.

The Joyful Noise Choir is always looking for new members to come sing, be in fellowship, share in prayer and just have a good time.

Contact Janice Settles or Betty Frazier with any questions or just come on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

JUST + HOPE MISSION

Sabrina Storms is preparing for a once in a life time experience as she trains for a bicycle tour across North America. Why is she doing this? To raise funds and awareness for Venture Expeditions' projects supporting Burmese refugees. She will travel with 14 other cyclists stopping in communities and churches to talk about the realities of oppression facing the people in Burma.

She will cycle from Seattle, Washington to New York City, New York from June 6 to August 5. I have invited her to speak about this mission on Sunday, March 10. We will take a free will offering and those who would like to talk to her after the service and do more will have the opportunity to do so. I admire her for wanting to not just talk about helping people but actually doing something about it.

Pastor Jack



A letter from Fort Hays State University

Dear Jack & Blue Eye UMC!

A long over due—but deeply heartfelt—thanks to you & your congregation for allowing us to be a part of your morning service last Nov. 18th. Our stop at Blue Eye UMC was a highlight of our November Fort Hays Singers Tour!

It was a beautiful place to sing, and the scenery was breath-taking! AND your church ladies fed us a great lunch, which was very much appreciated!!

We have a fond memory of being with you! God Bless You All!

Sincerely,
Terry Crull



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Communion	4 Office Hours 9-5	5	6 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 9:30 Women's Ministries 10:30 Shepherd Center 11:45 Card Fellowship 1:00 Pastor Parish 5:30 Choir 6:30	7 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30	11 Office Hours 9-5	12	13 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 9:30 Women's Ministries 10:30 Shepherd Center 11:45 Card Fellowship 1:00 Finance 5:30 Choir 6:30	14 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	15	16
17  Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday	18 Office Hours 9-5	19	20 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 9:30 Women's Ministries 10:30 Shepherd Center 11:45 Card Fellowship 1:00 Trustees Meeting 3:00 Choir 6:30	21 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	22	23
24  Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Palm Sunday	25 Office Hours 9-5	26	27 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 9:30 Women's Ministries 10:30 Shepherd Center 11:45 Card Fellowship 1:00 Choir 6:30	28 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion 7:00	29 Good Friday	30
31  Sunrise Service 8:30 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Easter Worship 10:30						



HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY March 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Bob & Merry Jo Bell
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mike Sowders						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day			Gloria Jones	Shelly Fransen		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday	Bob Lyon			Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	
31						
Easter						