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*Thanks to all who help make this newsletter happen.

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Starting March 5, Ash Wednesday, we will be into the Lenten Season. Lent is a time for preparation for the Easter event. The Easter event is not new but always new!! It's not new because it happens every year but when it happens it is "Always New". Always new because it is a renewal of our spiritual journey with the risen Christ. Jesus did not just die upon the cross. He suffered at the hands of a world filled with misunderstanding people. The world itself did not have a clue as to who He was, but a few caught a glimpse of the saving grace He was bringing to mankind. We call that glimpse—Faith! Some people had faith that Jesus was not just a good man, a prophet but the Son of God. And when He would not save Himself from the cross they became aware of the special sacrifice He was making for all who would believe in Him. And every time we celebrate Easter it renews that connection that Jesus died for us and was raised for our salvation.

As we prepare for this event we need to look at ourselves. We know we have eternal life in Jesus. We know He suffered and actually died for our sins. We continually fall short of doing what we should do. So, we need to continually make corrections as we live out our faith journey.

As we approach the cross it becomes quite clear that Jesus died for all. That covenant of grace and love is meant for you. How will you respond to the cross in 2014?

May God's grace and love surround you as you ponder your thoughts. I hope it will be a meaningful time!

Also, as we broke bread (potluck) at Pines Community it was acknowledging the cross event is for all. Coming together in fellowship is truly a great way to celebrate our oneness in Christ. We will need to ask them to come to our potluck sometime in the future!!

We had a great turn out for our first Sunday in the basement. It looked like we had a full house! The potluck was great as usual as you can see from the pictures below. Please plan on joining us every last Sunday of the month for a great time in food and fellowship!!

God's blessing to all!

Pastor Jack





Scriptures For The Month of March

Sunday, March 2: Exodus 24:12-18 • Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 • 2 Peter 1:16-21 • Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, March 9: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 • Psalm 32 • Romans 5:12-19 • Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 16: Genesis 12:1-4a • Psalm 121 • Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 • Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, March 23: Exodus 17:1-7 • Psalm 95 • Romans 5:1-11 • John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 30: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 • Psalm 23 • Ephesians 5:8-14 • John 9:1-41



Ash Wednesday/Lent

Ash Wednesday service is on Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. It marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Easter is quite late this year being the last Sunday in April. So, the preparation time will take us through most of March and all of April.

We will do a special Lenten study starting March 9 at 9:15 a.m. Sunday morning and continue until April 19.

The Ash Wednesday service, which is the imposition of ashes, starts our time of introspection on how we live our lives for Christ. Lent is a good time to look at how we can walk closer to our God. It is also a time to be thankful for God sending Jesus into the world to save us from our sins.

Please set aside Wed., March 5 at 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 for preparing for the Easter message.

Spring Garage Sale



April 12th is the date of our spring sale! "Six weeks away." Donations can be dropped off in church garage any time and if you need items picked up please call Gunthers at 417-779-4104.

Our work week will start early Monday (April 7th). Sorting clothes and linens. Tuesday thru Thursday we will price and sort the misc. items with church members shopping on Thursday afternoon.

Friday is sale day and Saturday we finish the week with "Sack Sale" in the morning.

Work on Concrete has Begun

On Tuesday, Feb. 25 the footings were poured for our new addition. Before the footings could be completed a 24 foot section of the church foundation had to be repaired. After realizing there was water damage in the northeast section of the foundation it was determined that it would need to be replaced before footings were poured. Thanks to Jim Perkin and Dave Gilliam for quickly making that repair to stay ahead of the concrete truck that was coming at noon. All went well and with footings done we are waiting for the stem walls to be formed and poured. The weather is not cooperating but we cannot do anything but keep it all in your prayers. So far, by God's grace, it is going well. Stay tuned for updates and a call for more volunteers as the project proceeds.



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Noon Luncheon



We want to invite everyone to join us for our luncheons every Wednesday at noon. This is open to anyone in the area. No reservations needed. The cost is \$3.00 for a main dish, salad, desert and drink.

Card games are open to anyone who wishes to stay after the meal.

If school is not in session at Blue Eye School, we will not meet. Please check television listings of school closings.

Special Note: We will not have a meal on: March 26th- School Spring Break
April 9th- Garage Sale Week

Our last luncheon before summer break will be May 15th.



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!

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



The women's Ministry is growing and have a few projects underway. They can always incorporate more women into this ministry time. So, look on your calander ladies and if you have Mondays from 11:30 to 2:30 (any of that time) free consider being a part of this ministry. They bring a lunch and eat together and once in a while they travel down to Ruth's at Twin Island for lunch. Any questions check with Janice Settles or Sharon Gilliam.

Also prior to Women's Ministry there is Bible Study from 10:30 to 11:30. We are into the second book of Bible passages we read and discuss. Come join us for that ministry too! It's a great way to start your Monday!!

Joyful Noise Choir

The choir will present their main musical for Easter on March 30. There is still time to join the choir and be a part of this special presentation. Please come on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 to practice. The choir does sing a special each Sunday as well. So, come be a part of the fun and fellowship we have being the "Joyful Noise Choir"!!



Chili Cook-Off

Community Wide Event.

On March 22 at noon Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye will host a Chili Cook-off. Entries will be accepted through March 15th. 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 MEN's BREAKFAST 8:15
2 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30 COMMUNION	3 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Building Committee 1:30	4	5 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00	6 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	7	8
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Happy Anniversary



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 Bob & Merry Jo Bell	10 Mike Sowers	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 	18	19	20 First Day Of Spring Gloria Jones	21 Shelly Fransen	22
23	24	25 Bob Lyon	26	27	28	29
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