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Pastor's Column

As I read over my articles from May 2012 & 2013 I found a common denominator. Take your allergy medication or you're going to feel really yucky!! Even if you take the medication you're going to feel yucky! That is, for us who suffer from allergies. For those of you who do not have allergies, I hope you know how blessed you are. If you don't have allergies then May is a great month for you as all the trees turn green, flowers begin to grow, gardens sprout, and the blossoms are beautiful. The landscape of the hills and valleys are marvelous. There is no more beautiful time of year than Spring.

God creates a beautiful world for us to behold and I love the beauty but my head, eyes, nose and throat have a difficult time appreciating the beauty. If I ask the Lord "why me", His answer is "why not you?" I ask "is it a penalty?" His answer -"of course not!" I ask- "is it because you don't love me?" His answer-"you know I love you!" So, I ask- "why?" God's answer is always- "just because I love you doesn't mean you won't have allergies. Allergies happen to a lot of my people. It is part of life. Others put up with asthma, emphysema, diabetes, arthritis and many other ailments. I love them all but I can always walk with you in the things you suffer. I will always be there when you need me!"

As I think about how Jesus suffered and died so that we might live, I know God loved him through that terrible time. God did not spare His Son but gave us His Son. So, I can understand that God cares for me in the midst of my allergies. He comforts me spiritually not necessarily physically.

If I translate that to you it means we will probably suffer many things in life, but we do not suffer alone. God is there to walk with us and to teach us how to cope with life's hardships. Whatever you might be facing it is ok to ask-"Lord, why?" But the answer will come from a loving God who says "because life happens and I will be with you to help you cope and to teach you how to live with what you have."

Sometimes I just like to complain to Peg who has heard it over and over again. "My allergies are really bad!" Her answer- "This too shall pass!" Praise be to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Amen.

Pastor Jack





Scriptures For The Month of May

Sunday, May 4: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 • Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 • 1 Peter 1:17-23 • Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, May 11: Acts 2:42-47 • Psalm 23 • 1 Peter 2:19-25 • John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 18: Acts 7:55-60 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 • 1 Peter 2:2-10 • John 14:1-14

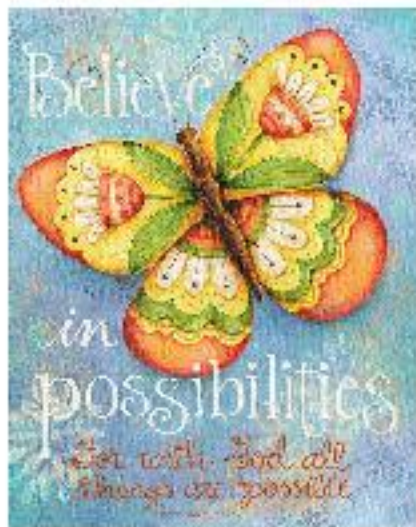
Sunday, May 25: Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21



OUTREACH

We will be having an Outreach Meeting on Wednesday, May 21 at 5:30. Here are the names we have signed up~ Jack Smith, Peg Smith J.D. Settles, Janice Settles, Neva Mielke, Vivian Jensen, Barbara Curbow and Debra Tompkins.

If you are on the list please be sure to come to the meeting. Pastor Jack would still like to have more sign up so if you have not done so, it's not too late. Just show up May 21. See you there!



Garage Sale A Big Success

There are several things that make a garage sale a success. One is buyers. We listed our sale on Craig's List and had many "true garage sales" as well as our faithful, local people. We enjoyed a steady stream of customers Thurs., Fri., and Sat.

Donations were plentiful this year. We had the normal "cleaning closets and cupboards" items, antique items many new items and some very nice furniture and decor. And as you can see from the report "yummy" baked goodies.

sort and clerk that keep things running smoothly all week. Some of them worked every day!

Joanne Burrows donated a quilt and sold tickets for \$1.00 each. She will be selling again at the Fall sale at which time the winner will be

drawn. Be sure to get your tickets before the drawing.

Our garage is always open for donations and we already have many items for the Fall sale in Oct. Sales: Total: \$3,043.68~ Lunch Booth: \$103.25~ Bakery: \$172.00~ Jewelry: \$51.25~ General Merchandise: \$2,717.18. And a total of 26 workers. If you need items picked up call me at 417-779-4104 or 417-294-4676.

THANK YOU, BEVERLY GUNTHER



Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be at 8:15 a.m. on May 3. After breakfast and a short devotion, we will be working on a number of items. We need to replace a stool in the parsonage, we need to work on the nativity getting it ready for November, and some will work on the new addition, and gazebo, so we can use your help in some way. This will take a number of Saturdays. Join us for breakfast and fellowship every first Saturday of the month.



Our Graduates

We have several members of the church graduating this year.

Michaela Fransen	Blue Eye	May 17
Katie Jensen	Hollister	May 18
Sean Phillips	Christ of Ozarks	May 16
Morgan Johnson	Missouri State	May 16
Alex Johnson	Masters Missouri State	May 16

No Potluck on May 25

Due to Memorial Day Weekend, there will be no potluck the last Sunday in May. This is a very busy weekend with people out and about with their families.

We will have potlucks during the summer on the following dates: June 29, July 27 and August 31. If it is nice enough one of those will be an outside picnic. Stay tuned for further details.



FACEBOOK

Be sure and check out the Open Doors UMC 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.

Also be sure and check out our website:
[www. blueyeumc.com](http://www.blueyeumc.com)

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.

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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 the

Noon Luncheon

Our Noon Luncheons only have three more weeks.

April 30th we will pretend it's May 1st with May Basket Lunch.

May 7th will be casserole, salad and dessert.

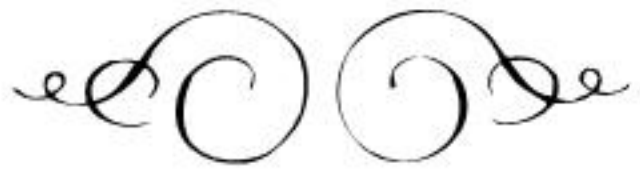
May 14th is our last day and as usual we will have hot dogs, sloppy joe's, salads and assorted desserts.

We will be playing cards and having fun fellowship afterwards.

Please join us.



The Fair Family



2nd Annual Summer Sizzler BBQ

Please plan to attend the 2nd Annual BBQ on June 28, 2014 and pass the word to your family, friends, and neighbors, too. We will have smoked brisket, baked beans, chips, and dessert again this year. We will start serving at 4:30 pm with entertainment following. This year we are so excited to have The Fair Family sing for us. They perform in Branson at the Hamner Theater at 10 am. The family sings a wide variety of music and have received many awards including 2012 Branson Gospel Sing-Off winners and prize winners in the Silver Dollar City's Southern Gospel Festival. You can visit their website for more information: <http://www.thefairfamily5.com>. We will have more information in the May newsletter.

National Day of Prayer Service

Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 6:00p.m. at the Kimberling City Area Senior Center. The cost is \$10.00 for a meal of beef, chicken and dessert. For additional information contact Rev. Jerry Jenkins at 417-840-9297



Addition Update

All the concrete work is done. The first phase of materials have been delivered and we are ready to start framing the walls. If you would like to help, please let us know your email address. Each day that we are working an email will be sent and if you can work just call Jim Perkin (417) 593-1569 or Dave Gilliam (417) 230-9059 or Pastor Jack (417) 527-1993 and they will know you're coming and have a job for you. This adventure will take all of us working together to the glory of God our Father.

Thanks!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	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 Choir 6:30	8 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	9	10
11 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30	12 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Hospitality 4:00	13	14 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Trustee 5:30 Choir 6:30	15 Office Hours 9-5 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 Building Committee 1:30	20	21 Office Hours 9-5 Outreach 5:30 Choir 6:30	22 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	23	24
25 Sunday School 9:15 Worship Time 10:30	26 Memorial Day	27	28 Office Hours 9-5 SPRC 5:30 Choir 6:30	29	30	31




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Happy Anniversary



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
						Sean Phillips
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Beverly Gunther		Ben Johnson Cole Riggs Jerry & Frankie Oldani		Jerry Oldani Kathy Reimer	Sybil Mitchell
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bob & Debbie Lyon				Cody West		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day		Mike & Shelly Fransen Richard & Joanne Burrows		Neva Mielke	