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\* If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month.

\* Thanks to all who help make this newsletter happen!!

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# May 2012 Newsletter

## Pastor's Column

The saying goes that April showers bring May flowers, but we have not had many showers this April. We have had pollen, a lot of pollen! I have heard people say they have never had allergies until this year. I have had allergies all my life and this year they have really been bad. Once a doctor told me not to worry about allergies because by the time I'm 50 I would grow out of them. I would like to discuss that issue with that doctor since I am well over 50. Needless to say we have had a lot of us suffering during the past month. If you do NOT have allergies you need to take a moment to be thankful to God that He spared you, and see the blessing in being able to smell the flowers.

In talking about being thankful, we need to be thankful to God for sending Jesus into the world. We need to be thankful to Jesus for going to the cross for our salvation. Jesus is the risen Christ and now we have life everlasting. The everlasting life we have is not just after our death even though we have eternal life. We have everlasting life or unending life right now. Each day is a new day and we need not only to be thankful for it but to live it to its fullest doing what we can for the Lord. Then at the end of the day thank God for that day and put it to rest. Once the day is over it is over and we need to be able to close it out and get the rest we need to face another day.

We are New Testament people and we live in the light of the Resurrection. But Jesus being raised from the dead to show us the way, the truth and the life is not all there is. We are waiting for Pentecost. Pentecost is the time when we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to do our work. Let us be thankful that we are blessed with the power of the Holy Spirit. It descended upon the people that day and they were filled with the spirit. We need to be filled with the spirit. Then we can join together as a community of faith to bring the power of God in Jesus Christ to our prayers each Sunday. As we gather on Sunday mornings you can feel the power of the Holy Spirit moving within our midst. It blesses our time of worship, our singing, our praying, our time in the scriptures and sending forth to do the good works of our faith.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in Jesus. Even with all these spring allergies it is a time to be thankful for our lives and for being able to serve our Lord.

### \*\*\*\*\*New Members\*\*\*\*\*

It is my pleasure to introduce you to our newest members. Jim & Susan Perkins have joined our fellowship and transferred from the Branson UMC. They were very active within that congregation. We are very glad to have them and their talents they bring to our church. As they get to know us and we them, let us welcome them and help them feel a part of the family.

To Jim & Susan- Welcome to Blue Eye United Methodist Church. We are glad to have you!!



# Scriptures for the month of May

Sunday, May 6- Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31(UMH 752); 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 13- Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98 (UMH818); 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 20- Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Psalm 1 (UMH 738); 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 27- Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826); Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## No Potluck on May 27

May 27 is the last Sunday of the month and is Memorial Day weekend. Therefore we will **NOT** have our regular potluck. People will be out and about for the holiday weekend. We will have potlucks during the summer- June 24, July 29 and August 26.



The Joyful Noise Choir will continue to minister to our congregation during the summer as well. We are thankful for our choir whose special music helps raise the spiritual joy of our worship. We need choir members to join us on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. We have a great time together as we make a "joyful noise" unto the Lord!!

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, May 2 Building Committee—5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 5 UMM Meeting—8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 9 SPRC & Finance—5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 9 Trustees—5:45 p.m.  
Sunday, May 20 Church Council—11:45 p.m.  
Sunday, May 20 Outreach Team—6:30 p.m.

## Shepherd Center Luncheon

Shepherd Center will have it's last Wednesday luncheon on May 9 at 11:45. They will break for the summer and return to their normal schedule this fall. Let's finish out the year with a strong attendance for our last two Wednesdays. If you can, please come and join the other folks for food and fellowship.



## Joyful Noise Choir



## Bible Study

Monday Bible Study will continue until June 18 and then we will take a short summer break and start back again on August 20. We will finish the book of St. John and start something new in the fall!!

# Adopt-A-Window (Update)

We will be replacing 26 windows in the church soon. Upon checking the windows as we made the order we found 10 more small windows that will need to be replaced.

We thank you for adopting-a-window! If you paid already we again thank you and if you just made a pledge you can donate anytime. Just remember to put "window" in your memo area on your check.

If you have not given to this project yet, you can still do so. There are Adopt-A-Window forms on the narthex table. We can still use any donations for we are about half way to our goal.

Again thanks to all for helping in this project!



## Parsonage Update

*We are making the parsonage available to church members to rent for a \$35 per night donation. If you have family or friends coming during the summer and need a place for them to stay, the parsonage will be ready.*

*There will be an item sheet in the narthex that you can tear off the items you will donate to the parsonage. Also we need two full size beds or a full size and two twin beds plus night stands. We also need a table and four chairs for dining room.*

*If you have something to donate contact Pastor Jack at 417-779-5677-church or 417-527-1993-cell; 417-239-1028-home. If you have something to donate or if you would like to make reservations to use the parsonage please let us know.*

*Thanks to all who have already donated to this ministry.*

## Pastor to be Gone

Jack and Peg will be going to see their son Michael on May 12. After a short visit with him they will go with their daughter and son-in-law, Mindy and Joe to the Bad lands of South Dakota for a few days vacation. All in all they will be gone May 12-19. The women of the church will take responsibility for the service that week. Please put May 13 "Mother's Day" on your calendar and support the women of our church as they share their ministry with you.

Also keep Jack and Peg in your prayers for safe travels.

While Jack is gone, Rev. Ross Fulton will take emergency pastoral calls. His cell is 417-699-2473 or church 417-334-3423. Judy Bates is the church secretary.

## New Directory

We are in the process of updating our church directory. During the summer we will be taking pictures of our congregation, so stay tuned as we put this together. By August we will have a new 2012 directory. The last one was done in 2010.

**\* 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.blueeyeumc.com](http://www.blueeyeumc.com)

# Community of Hope

Community of Hope is a new organization of pastors in the Blue Eye area. It was formed in order to give "hope" to those in need in S.E. Stone County. We have the resources to help those in need, groceries and gas for sure. We hope to be able to help in other ways if needed. Through our special offering with the purple pouches, we were able to give \$407 to Community of Hope. Also during their fish fry in the Blue Eye town square, they were able to raise over \$1500. We are off to a very good start due to your help. Community of Hope is now a caring organization that is "on the map" for the Blue Eye area!

## Building Committee

Some time ago we decided to re-evaluate the need for a "Welcome Center" for our church. It was discussed many years ago with some floor plans drawn up. We will begin by looking at those plans and going from there. The first entry way into the church is in bad shape and something will need to be done soon. The second area, our narthex, is almost too small for us to do the kind of ministry we would like to do. The "Welcome Center" would afford us a needed space for the greeting and sharing ministry we would like to do before entering our sanctuary for worship.

The building committee will meet on Wednesday May 2 at 5 p.m. This should give us enough time before choir. Hopefully, this will work for those on the committee.

## Blood Drive Card Ministry

Community Blood Center of the Ozarks will be here:

**Blood Drive Date: Thursday, May 15**

**Blood Drive Hours: 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Location: Our fellowship hall**

**If you would like to give blood mark this date on your calendar.**

**Thank you for giving Life to your community!**

Our card ministry is in the back of the sanctuary just as you exit on the far east side. There are a variety of cards available for every occasion. Some are recycled cards done by Ruth Circle. Stop by when you need a card to send to family, friends or neighbors. The cost is only 50 cents.

## 1st Annual Stone County Senior Resources Fair

A Special day for seniors and caregivers of Stone Co. will be sponsored by Stone Co. OACAC & Community Partners.

Senior resources and connections for better living- There will be food, fun & prizes.

RSVP: Stone Co OACAC 417-272-8508

email: stone1@oacac-cao.org

Date: Friday, June 1, 2012

Time: 9 a.m.-3 a.m.

Place: Reeds Spring High School  
20277 State Hwy 413  
Reeds Springs, MO

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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!

Pre-Worship Experience

We have started a new worship experience at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday morning with Janice and Shelly leading us in songs that will prepare us for worship.

It will be a time to center our lives on the living Lord.

We would like to see people come at this time and spend a few moments before we start the regular service.

# Blue Eye United Methodist Church

## May 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Pastor Here 11:30-7:30 Shepherd Center 11:45 Building Committee 5:00 Choir 6:30	3 National Day of Prayer Al-Anon 7:00	4	5 UMM Meeting at 8:00 at the church
6 Sunday School 9:30 Praise Time 10:15 Worship 10:30 Communion	7 Pastor Here 9:30-5:30 Bible Study 10:30 Potluck 11:45 Prayer Shawls & Card Ministry 12:30	8	9 Pastor Here 11:30-7:30 Shepherd Center 11:45 SPRC & Finance 5:00 Trustees 5:45 Choir 6:30	10 Al-Anon 7:00	11	12 Pastor on vacation
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