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

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# November Newsletter 2012

## *Pastor's Column*

### Rededication Revisited

During the month of November, we will revisit our "Renewal & Rededication". It has been a year on November 13 since we made a re-commitment to the church, our God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Many things have happened in the past year that tell us we are on the right road but we still have things to do for the Lord. One of the major things is still our Outreach and Evangelism. We did some things last year to tell people we're here but fell short a little bit because we did not do a lot of "inviting people to church". Our Outreach Team will have to deal with that here in November. We are going to have to be more intentional about how we invite people. I know it's one more meeting but let's try to make it work.

I will be working Thursday-Sunday late afternoons at Silver Dollar City for the Christmas Season. Therefore, my meetings will need to be Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. I do not want to tread on choir so I would like the Outreach Team to meet on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. to start our discussion on how to reach the unreachable in our community.

Also during the year we did a lot with our building committee. They spent many hours putting together a terrific plan which became known as "A Welcome Center/Office Complex". After much preparation and information the proposal was taken to the congregation to approve. The vote fell short by a 72% for and 28% not for the plan. I am asking the building committee to revisit the plan and to listen to the folks who had some concerns about moving forward with the building. I am asking the building committee to meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 3:00 p.m. Let's see what we can do to keep the plan moving along.

We have had other major events during the past year including a "Huge Garage Sale" going on as we put this newsletter together. Look for our article about that in this newsletter. All of our events have helped us be the church of Jesus Christ. We are a very active church in the Southern part of Stone County. I hope we will remain active and together as we endeavor to be "The Church Alive". May God's blessings be with us!

Pastor Jack

# Scriptures for the month of November

Sunday, November 4- Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146 (UMH 858); Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

Sunday, November 11- Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127 or Psalm 42 (UMH 777); Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 18- 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113 (UMH 834); Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 25- 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12 (UMH 849) Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37



## Blue Sunday

The third Sunday of the month is "Blue Sunday". You can wear your logo shirt or a blue shirt or outfit of some sort. It is to emphasize the need to reach out into the community with God's Word. We also want to advertise that Blue Eye United Methodist Church is alive and well and we want new people to consider us as a church home. Please wear something "Blue" on Blue Sundays!!

Also during November we will have an opportunity to order a long sleeve shirt for the winter if you would like one. Pastor is going to get a shirt to show and see if you all would like one.

## Christian Associates

During the next couple of months our area will see an even greater need to help families in need. One way to do that is through Christian Associates of Stone County. They need help in their food shelf. These are the items most needed are: 1) pasta, 2) crackers, 3) hearty soups, 4) Complete Hamburger Helper, 5) peanut butter, 6) jelly (real need), 7) stuffing (like Stove Top Stuffing), 8) toilet paper.

We will be collecting these items for the next two months for sure. There will be a box in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for giving to help others!!



## How Is It With Your Soul ?

During November, December, January and February I hope to visit all of our active families in your home. I would like to schedule about an hour visit just to catch up with how things are going and especially about "How is it with your Soul (Spirit)". Since I will have Wednesdays open during this time I will see how many can fit into that day. Our secretary, Debra, will be calling to set up a time that is convenient for you. And like a good doctor's office or dentist we will call to remind you I am coming!!

Pastor Jack



# Worship Team

November 4

Greeters: Sharon Gilliam

Acolyte: Michaela Fransen

Ushers: Charles Julian & Deuane Frazier

Scripture Reader: Jack Mielke

November 11

Greeters: Jean Kiewning

Acolyte: Michaela Fransen

Ushers: Martin & Kay Eisenman

Scripture Reader: Vivian Jensen

November 18

Greeters: Neva Mielke & Merry Jo Bell

Acolyte: Michaela Fransen

Ushers: Dave Rast

Scripture Reader: Michael Fransen

November 25

Greeters: Jack & Vivian Jensen

Acolyte: Michaela Fransen

Ushers: Jack & Vivian Jensen

Scripture Reader: Pam Rast



Thanks to all who helped us with our "Huge Garage Sale", especially to Beverly Gunther for heading it up. I don't think I have seen so many different items assembled in one place at one time. It took a lot of effort to just get it organized. I know that my garage looks a lot better now!! Again, thanks for being there and making it a success! Even though the days were cold and windy we had a good turn out and sold a lot of items. The total income is not in yet but it was over \$1,800.00!!

Pastor Jack



## PRAYER CHAIN

Our church has a prayer chain with Pastor Jack and Jean Florke being the main contact people. They have had very few calls so please remember if you have someone needing prayers we do have people willing and able to pass that message on to others of the congregation. There is power in praying for one another. Let us know how we can help!!

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\* 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)

## Adult Sunday School

The class I wanted to teach in Nov.-Dec. has gone out of print so I will be changing to a different study.

I found an Advent study for the Revised Common Lectionary called "Preparing the Way". This study will last 8 weeks, starting Nov. 4 and concluding on Dec. 23. The class is on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The themes covered are: "Thy Kingdom come", "Reflect the Messiah", "Prepare for Peace", "Images of the Messiah" & Welcome the Messiah

Everyone is welcome to come!!

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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 Fall pray about the direction of our church. We will have "outreach meetings" again this Fall. 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.

## United Methodist Men



We have switched our meetings to the First Sunday morning of the month at 8:30 a.m. We hope this will encourage more men and their spouses to come for the breakfast. Those preparing the food may need to come a little earlier so breakfast is ready by 8:30.

Then we will a short meeting and devotional before Sunday School.

**Please put Sunday Nov. 4 on your Calendar.**

### Charge Conference

Our "Charge Conference" was held on October 28 at Branson UMC. The main function of the conference was to share and hear from our District Superintendent. With our nominating committee finished with its task our new 2013 slate of officers were elected. Thanks to all the newly elected people for accepting the call to serve your church. One highlight of the conference was the pastoral support for 2013 is the same as 2012. Also, other forms were submitted at this conference.

One important item we should emphasize again for this coming year, "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus".

### Christmas Play

I have been wanting to do a Christmas play but as you know we still do not have any children in our church. So someone suggested we do the play anyway. I think this is a great idea. I was thinking that we could do the play around the middle of December on a Friday or Saturday. We could have a hayride about an hour before it starts and go around Blue Eye singing Christmas Carols and inviting people to come. Then do the play and have a meal afterwards.

If you would like to be in the play please let me know. It is just a simple kids play and I would like for us grown up adults to do it acting like children. I think this will be a lot of fun.

Thank You,  
Debra Tompkins



## HANGING OF THE GREENS

This year December has 5 Sundays so all 4 Sundays of Advent are in December, (Dec. 2,9,16 and 23). We will need to do the Hanging of the Greens late in November. I am suggesting that Saturday, November 24 we get the decorations out and that we have a potluck-decorating time after church on November 25.



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday  |
|---|--|--------------------------|---|--|--------|---|
|     |  |                          |   | 1<br>Al-Anon 7:00  | 2      | 3<br><b>DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!</b>                                       |
| 4<br>UMM Breakfast 8:30<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30                      | 5<br>Pastor Here<br>Bible Study 10:30<br>Potuluck 11:45<br>Women's Ministries 12:30  | 6                        | 7<br>Pastor Here<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Choir 6:30                                     | 8<br>Al-Anon 7:00  | 9      | 10  |
| 11<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Veterans Day                           | 12<br>Pastor Here<br>Bible Study 10:30<br>Potuluck 11:45<br>Women's Ministries 12:30 | 13<br>Outreach Team 6:30 | 14<br>Pastor Here<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Building Committee Meeting 3:00<br>Choir 6:30 | 15<br>Al-Anon 7:00   | 16     | 17  |
| 18<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>*WEAR BLUE*                            | 19<br>Pastor Here<br>Bible Study 10:30<br>Potuluck 11:45<br>Women's Ministries 12:30 | 20                       | 21<br>Card Fellowship 1:00  | 22<br><br>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! | 23     | 24<br>Get decorations out for Hanging of the Greens                                   |
| 25<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Potluck 11:45<br>Hanging of the Greens | 26<br>Pastor Here<br>Bible Study 10:30<br>Potuluck 11:45<br>Women's Ministries 12:30 | 27                       | 28<br>Pastor Here<br>Shepherd Center 11:45<br>Card Fellowship 1:00<br>Choir 6:30                                    | 29<br>Al-Anon 7:00   | 30     |  |