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Pastor's Column

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* This newsletter is published monthly by the Blue Eye United Methodist Church to keep people informed of our ministry to ourselves, our community and our world.

* 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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The month of November will always be a special month to me. First of all, this newsletter starts its third year of publication. As we have started in each issue the newsletter was established to keep people informed of our ministries, past, present and future. There are two things I need to emphasize. 1) You really need to read this publication (because Debra works so hard to make it fun for you :)) and keep it handy throughout the month! 2) We need more people to contribute to the newsletter to make it a wider based publication. Please feel free to bring poems, articles and testimonies into the office.

Also, it has been two years since our Renewal and Rededication service. On November 13, 2011 we made a re-commitment to the church, our God and our Lord Jesus Christ. We have been really blessed these past two years to see God working with us to help us be better disciples for Jesus Christ. We are more visible to the community and we are more involved with the community. But we still need to reach out with the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear this "Good News" and find fellowship with our church. We can bring people to Jesus Christ and you also could be the one. As we approach the new Christian year (first Sunday in December), I challenge all of you to in some way "Be The One". Join me in knocking on doors, telling people about our church, that we want to help people to know Jesus and become disciples of Jesus Christ. I need your help because I cannot do it alone. I can be part of the team but I will need you to "Be The One" as well.

"Be The One" to tell your neighbor, your friends, people who visit our area, people who need our help, people who are lost and need to find Jesus. You and I together can change our little portion of the world and our family can grow. Because of your friendship, openness, willingness I know we can have a huge effect on the people of our community if we are willing to let Jesus use us to "Be The One".

We are a very active and dedicated church. Let us rejoice by telling the world that we are here because God chooses to bless us and use us. BE THE ONE!!

Pastor Jack

Why Blue Sunday?

Because! Well maybe it's a way to show our family tie to one another. We believe BEUMC is a place where you can come and find good Christian people working together to be disciples of Jesus Christ which means we want to help others find Jesus and also become disciples of Jesus Christ!!



Scriptures For The Month Of November

Sunday, November 3: Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, November 10: Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 17: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 24: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43



Welcome New Members

Let us welcome our newest members to the family. If you have not met Richard and Joanne Burrows or Dennis Thompson yet, extend a hand of friendship and introduce yourselves. We are glad they have joined our fellowship!!



What a Sale!!

Thanks to all who were involved in our Fall garage sale. Like all the Wal-Marts, K-Marts and Targets this was our biggest sale ever! Thank you for all your donations and for all the pre-sale work it took even before the Big Week. Thanks to Clair and Beverly Gunther plus Dave and Sharon Gilliam for heading up and organizing the sale. What a great job of storing, then sorting, organizing and getting it ready which took a lot of folks who were here Monday through Saturday. A job well done or in Biblical terms-"thank you good and faithful servants". How do I know it was the biggest sale?— \$3,448.76!!! WOW!!

Pastor Jack



Hanging of the Greens

Can you believe it? It's time for the Hanging of the Greens. We will take the decorations out Saturday, November 23 and decorate our church after potluck on the 24th
CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!



THE BLUE EYE HIGH SCHOOL

American History III, Student Council, TARS and BEYDA cordially invite you to our

VETERAN'S RECEPTION

November 7, 2013

At 6:00 p.m.

Blue Eye High School Commons

Please join us for hors d'oeuvres and a program honoring our veterans

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Call 417-779-5331 to RSVP by Friday, October 25th

United Methodist Men

EUREKA SPRINGS--PASSION PLAY

The first Saturday in November & December we will meet at 8:15 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. At 9:00 a.m. (or so) we will start two major projects. 1) Cleaning the floor of the fellowship hall. All materials to do so will be here Nov. 2 so please plan to help or 2) we will be putting a wood sealer/varnish type material on a lot of the window jams. In the sanctuary it is the large chancel windows that need attention. On Dec. 7 we will tackle the windows in the basement.



Christian Associates

Our needs for the pantry are:

URGENT NEED

Paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper)
Shampoo/Conditioner

HAVE LIMITED SUPPLY

Any personal care items for men/women
Laundry soap
Dish liquid
Tissues
Cleaning supplies

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



Nineteen people went to Eureka Springs to enjoy a buffet meal and the Passion Play. As you can see everyone enjoyed the experience. The play showed how meaningful it was for our Lord Jesus to give His life for our salvation--Praise the Lord!!

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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.

Thankful For The Thorns

Sandra felt as low as the heels of her shoes when she pulled open the florist shop door, against a November gust of wind. Her life had been as sweet as a spring breeze and then, in the fourth month of her second pregnancy, a "minor" automobile accident stole her joy. This was Thanksgiving week and the time she should have delivered their infant son. She grieved over the loss. Troubles had multiplied. Her husband's company "threatened" to transfer his job to a new location. Her sister had called to say that she could not come on her long awaited holiday visit. What's worse, Sandra's friend suggested that Sandra's grief was a God-given path to maturity that would allow her to empathize with others who suffer. "Had she lost a child? She has no idea what I'm feeling," thought Sandra with a shudder. "Thanksgiving? Thankful for what?" she wondered. "For a careless driver whose truck was hardly scratched when he rear-ended her? For an airbag that saved her life, but took her child's?"

"Good afternoon, can I help you?" Sandra was startled by the approach of the shop clerk. "...I need an arrangement," stammered Sandra. "For Thanksgiving?" Sandra nodded. "Do you want the beautiful but ordinary, or would you like to challenge the day with a customer favorite I call the 'Thanksgiving Special'? I'm convinced that flowers tell stories," she continued. "Are you looking for something that conveys 'gratitude' this Thanksgiving?"

"Not exactly!" Sandra blurted out. "In the last five months, everything that could go wrong has gone wrong." Sandra regretted her outburst, and was surprised when the clerk said, "I have the perfect arrangement for you." Then the bell on the door rang, and the clerk greeted the new customer, "Hi, Barbara...let me get your order." She excused herself and walked back to a small workroom, then quickly reappeared, carrying an arrangement of greenery, bows, and what appeared to be long-stemmed thorny roses. Except the ends of the rose stems were neatly snipped: there were no flowers. "Do you want these in a box?" asked the clerk.

Sandra watched for the customer's response. Was this a joke? Who would want rose stems with no flowers! She waited for laughter, but neither woman laughed. "Yes, please," Barbara replied with an appreciative smile. "You'd think after three years of getting the special, I wouldn't be so moved by its significance, but I can feel it right here, all over again." She said, as she gently tapped her chest. Sandra stammered, "That lady just left with, uh...she left with no flowers!"

"That's right," said the clerk. "I cut off the flowers. That's the 'Special'. I call it the Thanksgiving Thorns Bouquet." "Oh, come on! You can't tell me someone is willing to pay for that!" exclaimed Sandra. "Barbara came into the shop three years ago, feeling much as you do, today," explained the clerk. "She thought she had very little to be thankful for. She had just lost her father to cancer, the family business was failing, her son had gotten into drugs, and she was facing major surgery." "That same year I had lost my husband," continued the clerk. "For the first time in my life, I had to spend the holidays alone. I had no children, no husband, no family nearby, and too much debt to allow any travel."

"So what did you do?" asked Sandra. "I learned to be thankful for thorns," answered the clerk quietly. "I've always thanked God for the good things in my life and I NEVER questioned Him why those GOOD things happened to me, but when the bad stuff hit, I cried, 'WHY? WHY ME?!' It took time for me to learn that the dark times are important to our faith! I have always enjoyed the 'flowers' of my life, but it took the thorns to show me the beauty of God's comfort! You know, the Bible says that God comforts us when we're afflicted, and from His consolation we learn to comfort others." Sandra sucked in her breath, as she thought about the thought that her friend had tried to tell her. "I guess the truth is, I don't want comfort. I've lost a baby and I'm angry with God." Just then someone else walked in the shop. "Hey, Phil!" the clerk greeted the balding, rotund man. "My wife sent me in to get our usual Thanksgiving arrangement... twelve thorny, long-stemmed stems!" laughed Phil as the clerk handed him a tissue wrapped arrangement from the refrigerator. "Those are for your wife?" asked Sandra incredulously. "Do you mind telling me why she wants a bouquet that looks like that?" "No... I'm glad you asked," Phil replied. "Four years ago my wife and I nearly divorced. After forty years, we were in a real mess, but with the Lord's grace and guidance, we trudged through problem after problem. The Lord rescued our marriage. Jenny (the clerk) told me she kept a vase of rose stems to remind her of what she had learned from "thorny" times. That was good enough for me. I took home some of those stems. My wife and I decided to label each one for a specific "problem" and give thanks for what that problem taught us." As Phil paid the clerk, he said to Sandra, "I highly recommend the Special!"

"I don't know if I can be thankful for the thorns in my life." Sandra said to Jenny. "It's all too... fresh." "Well," Jenny replied carefully, "my experience has shown me that the thorns make the roses more precious. We treasure God's providential care more during trouble than at any other time. Remember that it was a crown of thorns that Jesus wore so we might know His love. Don't resent the thorns." Tears rolled down Sandra's cheeks. For the first time since the accident, she loosened her grip on her resentment. "I'll take those twelve long-stemmed thorns, please," she managed to choke out.

"I hoped you would," said Jenny. "I'll have them ready in a minute." "Thank you. What do I owe you?" "Nothing. Nothing but a promise to allow God to heal your heart. The first year's arrangement is always on me." Jenny smiled and handed a card to Sandra. "I'll attach this card to your arrangement, but maybe you would like to read it first." It read: My God, I have never thanked You for my thorns. I have thanked You a thousand times for my roses, but never once for my thorns. Teach me the glory of the cross I bear; teach me the value of my thorns. Show me that I have climbed closer to You along the path of pain. Show me that, through my tears, the colors of Your rainbow look much more brilliant. Praise Him for the roses; thank Him for the thorns.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

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3	4	5 Jack Jensen	6	7 Janice Settles	8	9
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