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

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## September 2014 Newsletter *Pastor's Column*

Looking at the September newsletter for 2013 I see that this summer is not much different than last year. It was hot and there was a rainy season as well. So, it seems how quickly we forget things after they happen.

I remember that my allergies come in the spring and fall year after year. Yet I am still surprised at how awful I feel when they start up again. You would think I would learn. The question then becomes "Do we learn from previous experiences?" And my answer is "I don't think so!" Why? Because after it is over (whatever it is) we seem to store it in our memory bank in some unnamed area.

That is a very good reason why we need Jesus Christ. He is there for us even if we don't remember why we needed Him before. When we struggle with life, Jesus is there. When life repeats itself, Jesus is there. When I make the same mistake over and over again, Jesus is there. He is there because He cares for us even though He cared for us the last time this same thing happened. He never tells us "don't you remember?" but says "I am here for you!" Praise be to our Lord Jesus who cares enough to just be there for us!!

*Pastor Jack*



### Giving to Our New Addition

There are some families that are giving to our building project on a regular basis. It is important that we use your donations as you intend it to be used. So, the following are the options one has in giving to the Building Fund. Note on check what is written in parenthesis.

1: (Debt Reduction) That your donation go towards Debt Reduction.

2: (Payment Funds) That your donations go towards making loan payments.

3: (Building Extra Cost) That your donation be used for building costs above the \$80,000 cap.

4: (Special (say what for)) That your donation be used for a special reason or purchase of the new building.

5: (Don't Care) That your donation be used as Building Committee sees fit.

We thank you so much for being involved with our new adventure and making a big difference by your contributions. Thanks so much, you are greatly appreciated.

Sunday, September 7: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 14: Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13;  
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 21: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday, September 28: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

## Scriptures For The Month of September

### Noon Luncheon

Noon Luncheon will start back up September 17 so please come on out and enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by ladies of our church. Then stay to have a fun time of fellowship while playing a "friendly" game of cards.



### Building Update

The heating and air system has been installed. We are in the process of wiring and when that is complete we will begin the process of insulating the walls. After that the sheetrock is next. Once we are able to do that the building will take shape. We will also be putting siding and stone work on the outside. Because of the hot weather, we are a little behind on this process. So please, stay tuned as we will need more help as we get going on these projects! Thanks!

### Garage Sale

It's that time of year again. GARAGE SALE TIME!!! FUN, FUN, FUN or should we say SALE, SALE, SALE. This is a great fundraiser for our church so start going through your things and pick out the things you no longer need (or no longer fits) and be ready for a huge sale in October.

### Festival of Sharing Kits

Readin' & Writin' Pack- Pack Value \$12.00

"Education is the cornerstone of liberty."- Eleanor Roosevelt  
Having supplies is important. These packs are distributed through Missouri agencies and often given to children arriving at a new school. Homeless families and children are often a hidden minority in the school system.

- 6 new pencils with erasers
- 2" eraser
- 2 ink pens (medium ink)
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pencil holder
- 1-1/2 inch ruler
- 1 pair of child sized metal scissors
- 6 folders with pockets
- 2 spiral or tape bound notebooks (total 140 pages)



Place smaller items inside the pencil holder. Place all items in a 2 gallon zip lock bag. Place kits in boxes labeled "Readin' & Writin' Pack and mark the quantity of each box.

# Mission Team

Missions will meet Wednesday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss missions for the Fall and Christmas season. We will do Christmas Child again this year but we need to do a local ministry as well. There are many things we could do so please come and help decide the mission effort of our church.

# Hospitality

Hospitality Team will meet to help decide some issues about the "Welcome Center" and how it will be used to bring people to our church to learn about Jesus Christ. We should be able to use this "Center" after Thanksgiving so we need to prepare now for the events we might invite people to. Come help with ideas about how to use our new facility. We will meet on Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m.

# Staff Parish Relations Committee

This committee needs to meet for the annual evaluation for the charge conference. This would include pastor, secretary and music team. Please come on Wed., September 10 at 5:30 p.m.

# Building Commtee

Building Committee is meeting every two weeks as we begin the process of finishing our purchases and do the work to finish this addition. Please be mindful that the best communication is that which allows us to be on the same page. For the month of September, those meetings will be held on Monday, Sept. 8 and 22 at 1:30 p.m. It is important for you all to be there.

Finance Committee, Worship Team and Endowment Committee will all meet in October.

# FACEBOOK

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.



OPEN DOORS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 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.

OUR WEBSITE:  
[www.blueeyeumc.com](http://www.blueeyeumc.com)

# Trustees

Trustees will have their third quarter meeting on Wednesday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. We will go around the church and parsonage to look at our facilities for the yearly evaluation for charge conference. We have a lot of small jobs like painting and staining left to do so we need to talk about them as well. See you all Wed., Sept. 17.





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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.



## CHRISTMAS PLAY

This year we would like to have another Christmas play. It is called Candy Cane Christmas. We need at least 11 characters. If you would like to participate, please let Pastor Jack know soon so that we can start practicing.

### CANDY CANE CHRISTMAS

Legends abound as to the candy cane's creation many years ago. This program provides one of the most lovely explanations of the symbolism of the candy cane, supported with Bible verses. After you hear the candy cane story, you will always see the Christmas candy in a new light, as a wonderful symbol of our Savior's birth and ministry.



## RESPECT

Blue Eye school system has character building words. In the month of September is the word "Respect" and we, too, are going to emphasize "Respect". Respecting one another is an important issue. Too often we are not open to other people's ideas or beliefs. Let us practice "Respect" this month as we accept and care for each other in the name of Jesus Christ. It will build character in our church as well as in our school!!

## *New Sign*

A new sign is still in the works. The committee is J.D. Settles, Barbara Curbow and Pastor Jack. The sign has already been designed. This new electronic sign and our new "Welcome Center" will be the basis for expanded ministry to the community. Some of the cost of the sign is part of the building budget (@ \$6,000). The rest of the cost @ \$14,000 we will need to acquire. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please make note on your check (sign fund). We would like everyone to be able to have a part in the sign. So, there are 7,168 pixels that make up the sign. If you divide \$20,486.30 (cost of sign) by 7,168 it comes to \$2.00 per pixel. You can donate as many lights as you wish, ( 1 light to whatever). Everyone can help in purchasing the sign. Thank You!!!

## OUTREACH

Pastor Jack would like for us to start wearing our Blue Eye United Methodist shirts while out shopping ,etc. and if anyone asks about our church we have made "Share" cards to give them. This will be a great outreach and you don't really have to actually go up and talk to anyone just wait until someone comes to you, give them a card and invite them to church. Pastor Jack will do the rest

We have enclosed 5 cards with this newsletter. If you need more please just ask. We would love to reach as many people as possible!

## Outreach Team

It is time for our Outreach Team to meet and discuss strategy about how to approach our community. We will need to design a brochure, decide where to start, decide how and when we will do our visitations. Hopefully we can begin the latter part of September with the idea we will have an event to invite people to as soon as our "Welcome Center" is open. The outreach team responsibility is to find unchurched people and give them a brochure, etc. And invite them to an event at our church. Please come and help this all become a reality. Thanks!!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Labor Day</b> 1 <b>Katie Jensen</b> <b>Makayla Mielke</b>	2	3 <b>Ivan &amp; Kathy Reimer</b>	4	5 <b>Nelson &amp; Deloris Bryant</b>	6
7 <b>Bill Helme</b>	8 <b>Jack Mielke</b>	9	10 <b>Bob Bell</b>	11	12 <b>Dave &amp; Sharon Gilliam</b>	13 <b>Jim Perkin</b>
14	15 <b>Henry &amp; Ruth Ann Finck</b>	16	17 <b>Steve Fennema</b>	18	19	20
21 <b>Michaela Fransen</b>	22 <b>Mike &amp; Jessica Eckerle</b>	 23 <b>Susie Bouchey</b> <b>Warren &amp; Marilyn Samuelson</b>	24	25	26	27
28	29 <b>Jeff Sletto</b>	30				

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	1 <b>Labor Day</b>	2	3 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Choir 6:30	4 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Al-Anon 7:00	5	6 MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:15
7 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 John & Sandy Bulter COMMUNION	8 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Building Committee 1:30	9	10 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work SPRC 5:30 Choir 6:30	11 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Al-Anon 7:00	12	13 Dave & Sharon Gilliam's 50th Anniversary Open House 2-4 p.m.
14 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30	15 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	16	17 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Noon Luncheon 12:00 Mission 5:30 Trustees 5:30 Choir 6:30	18 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Al-Anon 7:00	19	20 Open for Work 9-1
21 Sunday School 9:15 Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	22 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Building Committee 1:30	23	24 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Noon Luncheon 12:00 Hospitality 5:30 Choir 6:30	25 Office Hours 9-5 Open for Work Al-Anon 7:00	26	27 Open for Work 9-1
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