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Pastor's Column

It seems like we just let school out for the summer and everyone prepared for a long hot summer. Well, we got the long hot summer along with a rainy season. The point here is that it went by so quickly. I love Fall so I am not complaining but it does seem that summer goes by quicker than any other season.

As we begin Fall there are programs that will step up the pace. The Outreach Committee will need to meet and plan out a program for church growth that will take place this Fall. We need to add at least 20 new people by the end of 2014. That is a reachable goal if we get behind an outreach program. Outreach Committee, I need to have a meeting with you on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 6:30. We will need more than one meeting but we need to start planning now!

Also another committee that needs to start working is the Building Committee. We have new information that we need to go over and prepare to inform the whole congregation at the end of the month. Building Committee, I need to meet with you on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 5:00. I have new exciting material to share.

Starting in October I am going to experiment with some new ideas for worship. So, Worship Committee, I will need to meet with you to go over those ideas. I believe one of the most effective ministries of any church is "Worship". It is one time when most of us are together. So, it needs to be a time we feel God's spirit and love moving within us. I have been very impressed with the response to worship. Both numbers and spirit but especially spirit! We care about God and each other and it shows. One way it shows is in our responsive readings. I have served congregations many times your size with less enthusiasm and volume. I appreciate you being involved in worship and want to do even more with that. Worship Committee, we need to meet on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 5:00.

It is exciting to feel that the congregation is open to the spirit of God moving us to new and different ministries. In all of this the main ingredient is prayer. We need to pray that outreach will be effective. We need to pray that the building committee will excite the congregation to move forward. We need to pray that worship will always be an important point of our spiritual life. Let us pray that Lord Jesus Christ will lead us in ways that draw us ever closer to Him and our Father God through the Holy Spirit!
Pray for our church always!!



Pastor Jack

Scriptures For The Month Of September

Sunday, September 1- Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

Sunday, September 8-Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 15-Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 22-Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 29-Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



All Church Information Meetings

On September 29 after potluck and on Monday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. we will have information meetings to share new information about the "Welcome Center/ Office Complex". This new information will help us see more clearly how the building will be built and more information on financing of the project. It is extremely important that you attend one of these meetings. As stated in the building committee article, we will vote again in October on building a "Welcome Center/Office Complex".

United Methodist Men

UMM are still meeting on the first Saturday of the month at 8:15 a.m. It has been a struggle to get the men and spouses out on a Saturday so, we need some input. Is there a better time for us to get together? Since the women are involved with the breakfast maybe it would work better to change to a couples group. We will take time to discuss this on Sept. 7, our next breakfast.



Building Committee

We now have enough information for the building committee to meet again. I would like the committee to meet Wednesday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. We will recap where we have been, look at new information and get ready to share the new information with the church on the 29th and 30th of September. We will have a vote early in October as to whether to proceed with the building project.



Garage Sale

There will be a garage sale in October so bring your stuff. Look around your home and bring the things you don't need anymore. We are all collectors of stuff and a lot of it sits stored away never to be used. Our garage sale is one of the best money makers for our church. Help by bringing your donated items here in September. As soon as we know the date in October we will let everyone know.

Bible Study Moves to Thursday

During the summer we have been using the book -"Trouble Bible Passages". It has been a good book to follow so we will keep using that book this Fall. We have done the first five chapters. There are another 18 chapters which will take us a while to cover. You are invited to come on Thursdays from 9:30-10:30. Since we cover a different passage each week, if you are not able to come every Thursday you will just miss out on that passage. You are welcome whenever

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry will be moving to Thursdays from 10:30-noon. The group may also meet in the afternoons if necessary. Right now we are in the process of making 20 lap quilts. We need people to cut material, sew material, tie the material and finish by putting an edge on the quilt. Right now we have 5-6 in the finishing process. So, we have a lot to go. The men are needed for tying the quilts as well. Come join the fellowship and come as often as you can.



Letter from Elaine Nelson

To all my dear friends at the Blue Eye United Methodist Church, there aren't adequate words to express my deepest and sincerest thanks for all the kindnesses you have shown me during my recent illness, hospitalization and recovery time. The encouraging cards, calls, flowers, food and visits just helped me along the way so very much. I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoyed and appreciated every single thing you did for me. But most of all, was those constant prayers every day, that got me through the very toughest days. I will Never forget your generous outpouring of love for me during this time.

God bless you all, Elaine N.

****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

Christian Associates

Here is a list of the things the Christian Associates needs to restock their shelves.

Canned Peaches
Canned or Jars of Spaghetti Sauce
Macaroni & Cheese
Ready to eat Pudding Snacks
Toilet Paper

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THIS PROJECT!!

Missions

The Missions Committee is taking on quarterly mission projects. This Fall- September through November will be "Operation Christmas Child" which is part of Samaritan Purse Ministry. Stay tuned for more details. We will need to have our boxes done before November 18.



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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.

Sisters Share White Water Summer

Sisters Jessica Fransen Eckerle and Michaela Fransen spent this summer working side by side at White Water. Jessica is in her seventh summer at White Water. Michaela started her senior year at Blue Eye High School last week and held her first summer job this year at White Water.



Michaela really wanted the job but was not interested in the money. However when she got her first paycheck she was very excited and wanted to take her parents to Andy's Frozen Custard.

Michaela Fransen made such a positive impression at White Water that they would be happy to have her back next year.

Shepherd Center

Shepherd Center will start again in September. It is a food and fellowship time for members, friends, neighbors and anyone who would like to come to enjoy friendly fellowship. The meal starts at 11:45 a.m. each Wednesday. Come join the fellowship starting on Wednesday, September 18.

Thank You

We have been busy with projects around the church. Last month men of the church with the ladies' supervision, replaced the basement exit doors. This month a new shed for lawn equipment was constructed along with replacing the stairtreads and the landing of the emergency exit stairs. Finally, a new trash container shed was built away from the church. A BIG Thank You goes to Dave Gilliam and Jim Perkin for providing the major work joined by Deuane Frazier when he and Betty returned from their long trip.

Thanks guys, A JOB WELL DONE!!

Festival of Sharing Kits School Kits

- 1 pair blunt child's scissors
 - 1 box of 24 crayons (24 only)
 - 1-12" ruler (30 centimeter ruler)
 - 6 new pencils with erasers
 - 1 pencil sharpener (hand held)
 - 1 large eraser
 - 3-70 page count spiral notebook of ruled paper (no filler paper please)
- We have cloth bags to put the kits together.

Health Kits

- Hand Towel
- 1 Wide-tooth comb (packaging removed)
- 1 Nail Clipper (packaging remove)
- 1 Bar of Soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 Washcloth
- 6 Band-Aids
- 1 Toothbrush (in original packaging)

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September 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 10:30 Communion	2 Pastor on Vacation Sept 2-9 Office Hours 9-5 Labor Day	3	4	5 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:15
8 Worship 10:30	9 Pastor Returning Office Hours 9-5	10	11 Office Hours 9-5 Building Committee 5:00 Choir 6:30	12 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Potluck 11:45 Women's Minisry 12:30 Al-Anon 7:00	13	14
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

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