



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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### *Pastor's Column*

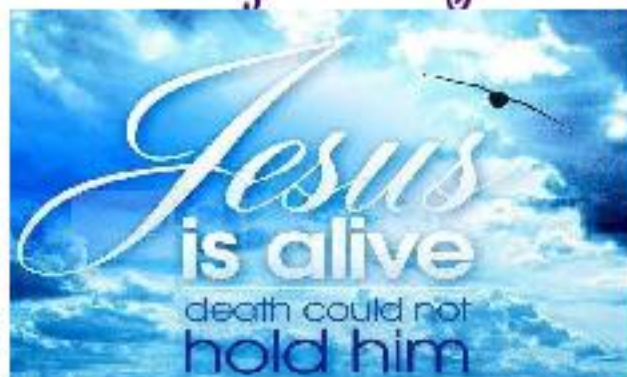
'Tis the Easter Season! Easter is late this year (April 16) which means Palm Sunday is April 9. So, let's get prepared. The Lenten Sundays have been getting us ready. Jesus' ministry goes all the way from the wedding in Cana of Galilee to the crucifixion on Golgotha (Calvary). There were times when I am sure He wanted to quit but could not even think of such a thing. It was not an easy road to go down. It was the one less traveled. But the main issue is that He did go down that road for you and me, for our salvation.

The road He went down was full of special teachings, great miracles, and love and compassion. Jesus wanted the Jews and everyone else to know that He came to save anyone, male or female, Jew or Greek, who believes in Him. He was and is for everyone.

Palm Sunday is special because Jesus rode into Jerusalem knowing that it was close to the end. He was warned not to go there but He had to. And as the week went on it became apparent that He needed to leave His disciples something special. Therefore we celebrate Holy or Maundy Thursday Communion Service commemorating the Last Supper. The Last Supper was the beginning of the real ending chapter of Jesus' earthly life. Judas would leave and betray his Lord. Jesus would be arrested and a mock trial would follow. The crowd mentality would turn against Him and He would be sentenced to death on the cross. From Good Friday to Easter morn would become the darkest time of history. The world lost a Savior or so they thought, and everyone was sad, depressed and truly down in spirit. But that would all change Easter morn because they found an empty tomb. And little by little they learned of the Risen Christ, first by angels, but then by Christ Himself! He appeared! And forevermore we have faith in a Risen Christ! He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!!

*God's Blessing, Pastor Jack*

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# Scriptures for the Month of April

**Sunday, April 2: Ezekiel 37:1-14: Psalm 130: Romans 8:6-11: John 11:1-45**

**Sunday, April 9: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Matthew 21:1-11**

**Sunday, April 16: Jeremiah 31:1-6: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24: Colossians 3:1-4:  
Matthew 28:1-10**

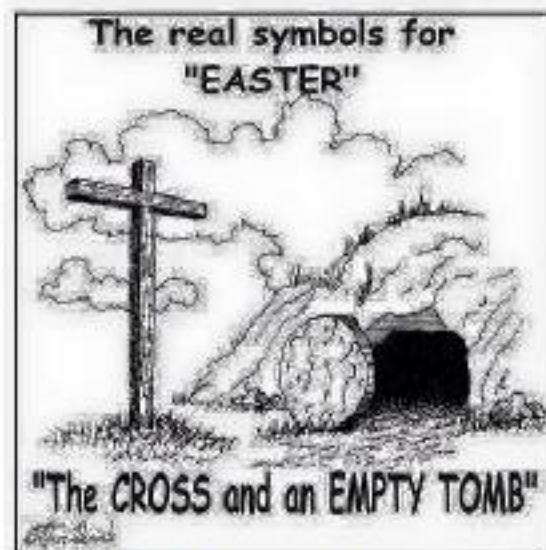
**Sunday, April 23: Acts 2:14a, 22-32: Psalm 16: 1 Peter 1:3-9: John 20:19-31**

**Sunday, April 30: Acts 2:14a, 36-41: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19:1 Peter 1:17-23:  
Luke 24:13-35**

## Janice Settles

BEUMC was founded in 1981. Janice and JD were the last 2 founding members of that congregation. Janice and JD have been very active folks in our church. Janice was a part of the Women's group and for many years chairperson of the Church Council, but her main love was music. She has been playing for church functions for many years. Everyone appreciated her musical talent. You could call out a hymn number from either hymnal and she would start playing before you could find the page. She played for choir, soloists, funerals, weddings and any function needing music. Here at the end we knew she did not feel good but you could not keep her from playing. It was her passion and joy to play for God's people and we will miss that.

Janice passed away on Saturday, March 25 and her funeral service was Sat, April 1. She is with the Lord! She is now renewed in her eternal existence, being near the Lord and family members who went before her. What a great reunion that must be!!



## Easter Morning

**Easter Morning will start with the Sunrise Service at 8:30 a.m. Then we will have an Easter Breakfast—Please sign up to bring a breakfast dish. And Finally, at 10:30 a.m. we will have the Easter Service! Come celebrate the Risen Lord!!**





# Fellowship Groups

In the last month's newsletter you read about us starting small group gatherings to help us get to know one another better as a church family. The steering committee has divided our members into fellowship groups of 6-8 people. You will each receive a letter telling you who is in your group. You may not know all of your group and getting acquainted is the purpose of our gatherings. The committee will personally ask one person in each group to convene the first meeting.

The meetings can be anytime you can all gather. It can be in someone's home, at the church, or in any convenient location. You may wish to share a meal, a snack, a dessert, or just gather to visit, and then share a devotion. Plans for the next month's meeting can be made as a group.

We are asking you to meet once a month with this group during April, May, June and July. Then the committee will shift a couple people from each group into other groups for the next four months. We hope you will have a great experience getting better acquainted with your church family.



## Audio-Visual

The Audio-Visual booth is complete! Thanks to Dave Gilliam for another excellent craftsmanship. The system is operational and we now need some people who are willing to help run the system. Please let Pastor Jack know if you can help.

We are in the process of working with a company in Springfield to provide a better speaker system. If you have an interest in that please talk to Pastor Jack as he can explain the new system and its cost. We are buying part of the system to get us by until we can afford the rest. Thanks for your help!

The visual system will come after the audio system is in. We expect to be able to purchase the audio system by this Fall. We hope to have the visual system in by the end of the year.

Again if you would like to help donate to either audio/now or visual/later let us know. Donations can be made to the Building Fund Audio OR Building Fund Visual. Thanks again for helping update our church for a more effective ministry!



## Parsonage Update

Due to Palm Sunday, Easter and the Spring Garage Sale the repairs of the parsonage are kind of on hold. Hopefully the end of April and some weekends in May we can accomplish the needed repairs. What we did find out is the bedroom sliding glass door is working better now, but we have come to the conclusion that the dining room sliding glass door needs replacing. We have a new vanity for the half bath ready to be installed. The rest of the front siding needs to be removed and the siding we took off the front of the church before adding on the addition will be used on the front of the parsonage. We will also be working on the back deck flooring. There will be landscaping of the front of the parsonage and the west side, too.

During the last 5 years we have concentrated on the church facility—Addition, landscaping, new kitchen in lower level Fellowship hall and finally the audio-visual booth in Sanctuary. Now the last 6 months we have put together plans for the parsonage. We started that plan with a new ramp. Please help by volunteering for projects or by giving to the building fund-parsonage. Your help is greatly appreciated!!







# Garage Sale



Work on our spring sale will begin Thursday, April 13. Getting linens, clothes and books organized. Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th will be rest, relaxation and organizing. Wednesday April 19 is outdoor and garage set up. Thursday, April 20 is early shoppers, Friday April 21 is Sale Day and Saturday, April 22 is Sack Sale.

Donations MUST be in by April 13. Don't forget the baked goods (bring to church by April 19).

Watch for our bulletin of details. Any help is greatly appreciated! Looking forward to another fun week.

## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

April 2: Jack & Vivian  
Jensen

April 9: Pastor Jack & Peg  
Smith

April 16: Debra Tompkins

April 23: Helen Feuz  
Barbara Curbow

April 30: Jack & Neva  
Mielke

## GREETERS

April 2: Debra Tompkins

April 9: Jan Hensiek

April 16: Helen Feuz

April 23: Jack & Neva  
Mielke

April 30: Debra Tompkins

Beverly Gunther



## TMF

Last month I referred to the theme TMF (Time To Move Forward). There are a number of ideas that have surfaced.

- 1) Using our parsonage for extended ministry (pastors of the UMC in Missouri).
  - 2) Working with the Pines Church for 2-3 events during the year. A steering committee would meet with them to make the plans.
  - 3) To make our facility available for events in the Welcome Center or the basement Fellowship Hall. Examples-
    - A) Mother/Daughter or Father/Son Banquet.
    - B) Senior Citizens events on a regular basis.
    - C) Open for other groups to use our facility.
- Keep those ideas coming! God will use us if we are open to His guidance and Spirit!!

This newsletter is published monthly. If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month. Also if you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please leave that information in the church office.

We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.



March

May

# April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. -John 3:16 Happy Birthday!</i></p>						1
2 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30  COMMUNION	3 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	4	5 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	6 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "WWJD The Story Continues	7	8
9 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 PALM SUNDAY	10 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	11	12 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	13 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00  MAUNDY THURSDAY Service 7:00	14 GOOD FRIDAY	15
16 Sonrise Service 8:30 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Easter Service 10:30 HAPPY EASTER	17 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	18 Movie Night 7:00 "God's Country	19 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	20 GARAGE SALE  Office Hours 9-5	21 GARAGE SALE	22 SACK SALE
23 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	24 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	25	26 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	27 Office Hours 9-5	28	29
30 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 POTLUCK 11:45						

Happy  
Birthday

  
**April 2017**  
  


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Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 <b>Jack Smith</b>	5	6 <b>Keith &amp; Susie Bouchey</b>	7	8
9 <b>Frankie Oldani</b>	10	11	12 <b>Jeff &amp; Valeri Sletto</b>	13	14	15
16	17 <b>JD &amp; Janice Settles</b>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <b>Peg Smith</b>	26	27	28	29
30						