



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

## Volume 7 March/April 2018 Newsletter

### Issue 6 *Pastor's Column*



This year Palm Sunday is March 25. It is coming quickly as Easter is early this year (April 1). Let us prepare ourselves for the Easter event Jesus is coming near the end of His ministry and He is trying to focus His ministry on leaving a remembrance and a new life. Palm Sunday He will walk into Jerusalem and people will welcome Him as they hope this is a start of a new government (not a new life). They quickly realize that His Triumphant Entry is not to change the power of this world but to give them new power, life changing power. And would lead to a new life in Jesus Christ. As the week goes on Jesus is in the preparing mode with the disciples (Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane and then the arrest and crucifixion).

By this time people are angry and disappointed and are not sure what to do. The chief priests and members of the Sanhedrin were worried that the group would try to make Jesus a leader and so they needed to get rid of Him. It was not an easy task to come up with something worth death on a cross but they did it. And that is when things get really out of hand and Jesus was crucified. Not until the resurrection would people begin to believe that Jesus was a leader, a leader of their souls unto everlasting life for those who could see and believe in the risen Lord. Jesus was not going to save them from the world but He was going to save them within the world of sin. They would find true life in Jesus, a new life founded on faith and belief in Jesus Christ. Because of that the world will never be the same nor will we be the same after turning to Jesus. Where a new life founded on grace, given by God through Jesus Christ. Let us walk it again this year—Palm Sunday, March 25—Maundy Thursday, March 29—Easter Sunrise, April 1 8:30—Easter Service, April 1 10:30. (9:30 to 10:30 Easter Breakfast)

Let us give God the glory for giving us His only Son that whoever believeth in Him shall never die!!

*God's Blessing, Pastor Jack*

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# Scriptures for the Month of March/April



**Sunday, March 18:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33  
**Sunday, March 25:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 ????

**Sunday, April 1:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;  
 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

**Sunday, April 8:** Acts 4:32-35 • Psalm 133 • 1 John 1:1-2:2 • John 20:19-31  
**Sunday, April 15:** Acts 3:12-19 • Psalm 4 • 1 John 3:1-7 • Luke 24:36b-48  
**Sunday, April 22:** Acts 4:5-12 • Psalm 23 • 1 John 3:16-24 • John 10:11-18  
**Sunday, April 29:** Acts 8:26-40 • Psalm 22:25-31 • 1 John 4:7-21 • John 15:1-8

## Compassion Sunday - April 29

On April 29 during worship service Peg Smith will give a presentation about Compassion International. It is a Christian child development and child advocacy ministry helping children in 25 countries find release from poverty in Jesus' name.

Peg will share her personal experience of sponsoring individual children through Compassion and tell about how one person can make a difference in the world.

Hope you will be in worship on April 29 to hear the Compassion story.



# Gideons




A Gideon speaker will be here on April 15 at our morning worship service. It is always good to hear an update on the ministry of placing Bibles by the Gideons throughout the world. So many lives are changed because of a Gideon Bible. They are in hotels, motels, hospitals and they are also given to our Armed Service men and women around the world. At the end of the service there will be an open Bible gift offering as you leave the sanctuary. Thanks so much for giving to this worthwhile organization. The more Bibles around the more people have an opportunity to know God, Jesus Christ and experience the Holy Spirit.



## Work Day

Saturday, April 7 after Prayer Breakfast will be a work day outside at the church. We need to clean up the gazebo area around the new sidewalk. Bring rakes and shovels and let's clean up the area



Don't be afraid,  
I know you are looking for Jesus  
Who was crucified  
He is not here!  
For He has been resurrected, just as He said.  
Matthew 28

**He is Risen!**

## Ministry House

**Just an update on Ministry House. "Ministry House" is the identity name for our new ministry. It is our parsonage behind the church that housed the pastors and families and will again if necessary. For now, we have created a new ministry for clergy and families of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. Gary and Debbie Herrmann have been staying in "Ministry House" during the transition. They have been very helpful to creating the atmosphere we need to provide. The upstairs is pretty much complete and ready to open May 27.**

**We are trying as funds are available to transform the basement into useable space for getting together, recreation (table games, foosball, air hockey, watching TV or movies and just have room to enjoy inside). Later two bedrooms will be added as the need arises. As was stated "as funds are available" we can always use your help.**

## Audio-Visual Booth

**We will be adding a visual part to our worship. Two 70 inch TV's will be mounted on the front walls of the sanctuary. With this step we will be able to show the liturgy, words to our songs, announcements, short videos and other visual effects to enhance our worship experience. This will allow us to look up instead of down for our praise time. What it also does is cause us to need another operator to run the computer and powerpoint. Let Pastor Jack know if you would be willing to help. It is exciting to look forward to new ways to enhance our worship experience.**

**Thanks for the donations from a few families that have made this step possible. Thank you for caring to help!**

**Volunteers are needed:**

- 1) Put up suspended ceiling**
- 2) Paint**
- 3) Put down flooring**

**Also any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Just call Pastor Jack, Dave Gilliam or JD Settles to volunteer to work and just make your donation checks out to "Ministry House"! Thanks for helping create new ministries for Open Doors UM Church of Blue Eye!!**

### **You're Invited To Our First Annual COMMUNITY INFORMATION DAY**

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Blue Eye Lions Club**

**138 State Hwy EE**

**Blue Eye Missouri**

**Learn about what resources  
are available in your community**

**For questions, please contact**

**Shawn Allen**

**Oxford HealthCare at**

**417-838-3917**



# Movie Night

For the month of April the movies will be "Mary Poppins" on Tues. April 10 and "Grace Unplugged" on Thurs. April 19. We need more movies so if you have some that would be good for movie night please let us know.

## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

March 18: Pat Bangert

March 25: Jack & Peg Smith

April 1: Easter

April 8: Susie Bouchey

April 15: Barbara Curbow  
Helen Feuz

April 22: Randy & Laura Darden

April 29: Debra Tompkins

## GREETERS

March 18: Dennis Thompson

March 25: Sybil Mitchell  
Sharon Gilliam

April 1: Jack & Vivian Jensen

April 8: Barbara Curbow  
Helen Feuz

April 15: Merry Jo Bell  
Becky McNabb

April 22: Gary & Debbie Herrmann

April 29: Larry & Bonnie Finley

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Last year I wrote an article on the theme (Time to Move Forward). A lot of those suggestions for new ministry have not happened. Why? Well there are a number of reasons.

1) God has not opened the door to some of those ideas.

2) Last year we were planting seeds of ministry.

3) Some suggestions are available and have not been used but still could be.

A) The first suggestion we had was to create a new ministry for our parsonage. We have moved forward with that ministry and hope to start that ministry on May 26.

B) The second suggestion was to work with the Pines on 2 to 3 special events. With Kevin leaving much of that ministry has been put on hold until we meet the new minister.

C) Use of our facility for special events was the third suggestion. We are open to that but few events have been tried. This is one we need to try to do because we have a great facility and it needs to be used. If you have any ideas please drop them in the suggestion box. Oh that's right we don't have a suggestion box. Please put your suggestions on the pastor's desk.

THANK YOU!!



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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunrise Service 8:30 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Easter Service 10:30	2 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministires 12:30	3	4 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 5:30	5 Office Hours 9-5 L.E.O.T.A. Flat Creek 12:15	6	7 Prayer Breakfast 8:15 Work Day
8 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 COMMUNION	9 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministires 12:30	10 Movie Night 7:00 "Mary Poppins"	11 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 5:30	12 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	13	14
15 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	16 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministires 12:30	17	18 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 5:30	19 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Grace Unplugged"	20	21 Dine Time Ruby Tuesday 12:15
22 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30	23 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministires 12:30	24	25 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 5:30	26 Office Hours 9-5	27	28
29 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Potluck 11:45	30 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministires 12:30					



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4 <b>Jack Smith</b>	5	6 <b>Keith &amp; Susie Bouchev</b>	7
8	9 <b>Frankie Oldani</b>	10	11	12 <b>Jeff &amp; Valeri Sletto</b>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b>Peg Smith</b>	26	27	28
29	30 