

Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye



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Pastor's Column

You will see in this newsletter we have to change how we do some things within the church for a while. At first, it looks like we just cancelled everything for April but if you look deeper you will see we are just doing things differently and yes some things had to be cancelled or put on hold. But we are trying to find ways to interact with you all without you all needing to actually gather together.

We know we need to do this for our health and safety but it really is depressing. So, we need to decide that we can do things that will help us with our faith and our mental being. Those events are spelled out in the newsletter and I encourage you to be a part of Sunday evening worship via live Facebook on our church Facebook page. The second inactive event deals with Bible Study on Mondays. Always looking for more people to join in that event. Please read the newsletter for more details. The third event is showing the videos we have at church. You can check them out and watch them at home. We will be looking for ways to keep our faith moving, alive and well.

The coronavirus has all of us on edge and the only way I see to calming that down in our hearts and minds is our faith in Jesus Christ. I do believe we can weather this storm but not by ourselves. It is too overwhelming to try and deal with this by ourselves. We have very little control over how long or when this virus will calm down. Staying apart will help but doing that causes isolation and isolation causes some really bad problems like depression, anxiety, frustration, out of control and I could go on and on. Jesus Christ brings a calmness that nothing else can do. He assures us he is with us and that we are not alone. He walks with each and everyone of us through this valley. Our prayers are there to help everyone know this basic truth and that we pray for one another. We pray for those who have been affected by this virus and their families. And we pray for the general population for having to deal with the unknown. May God's Blessing of peace and hope be with us all!

Pastor Jack

P.S. This is not exactly how I thought the 101 newsletter would go but thanks be to God we have this tool of communication! Thank You, Lord!!

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He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.
Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

Scriptures for the Month of April

Sunday, April 5: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Matthew 21:1-11

Sunday, April 12: Acts 10:34-43 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 •

Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 19: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 • Psalm 16 • 1 Peter 1:3-9

• John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 26: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 • Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

• 1 Peter 1:17-23 • Luke 24:13-35



Garage Sale

The Garage Sale set for Thursday-Saturday, May 7, 8 & 9 will need to be rescheduled to a future date. With the health situation as it is at the moment no date will be set at this time. Our congregation may bring items for the sale at any time but we are holding off on community donations until at least the first of May. We are alright with our mortgage payments until September so we will try to have the sale before then. Thanks



Prayer Breakfast



We will not have a prayer breakfast in April but we do need to keep people in our prayers. Below is the prayer request list from March. Please let us know if there are others who need to be on that list and we will add them by email.

- 1 Coronavirus-be concerned, take precautions but don't panic
- 2 Gerald Curbow-for wound and surgery healing
- 3 Barb Curbow-heartburn, indigestion and back pain
- 4 Missouri Annual Conference is making hygiene kits.
- 5 Pray for General Conference to be held in May
- 6 Schroeder's son-in-law has bone cancer and also had a heart valve replaced
- 7 Melinda Fulton-breast cancer, has started chemo
- 8 Jo Chambers-rib pain, general health
- 9 Jean Florke-anemic, general health
- 10 Jean Swan-diabetes
- 11 Cindy Levy's children-health for daughter and son, wife and family
- 12 Praise that Mary Little has some relief from ankle
- 13 47 year old woman, Charlyn, fell and broke her back & ribs, partially paralyzed
- 14 Dave Gilliam 6 1/2 inch incision for shoulder replacement
- 15 Janice's Ministry House-finish basement, with new usage and cost factors when ready
- 16 Dennis Thompson-new medicine working well
- 17 Children's Church-need substitute teachers
- 18 Laura Darden's parents-need some trustworthy assistance
- 19 Debbie Lyon's mom-back pain
- 20 Finley's house up for sale
- 21 Pastor Jack-dealing with sigmoid diverticulitis



Anytime is a good time for prayer as it is our communication with our God. But now is even more crucial that we pray for one another, our neighbors, our state, country and world. Peace of mind only comes by putting our faith to work through Jesus Christ. He calms the storms of life so let us put our prayers to work!



Easter



It looks like Easter will be later this year than the scheduled item. The coronavirus has everything up in the air. Because we are asked by our denominational leaders to not have worship until at least after Easter we need to wait to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ until we get the all clear to gather again. Until that time we are looking at ways we worship without having to be literally together. My son-in-law is having his sermons taped and delivered through some sort of media. I don't know quite how that works. The tv media has worship services you can watch on Sunday morning. I am suggesting the following:

By 5:00 p.m. for the next 3 Sundays I would like for you to have read the following scriptures:

Sunday, March 29: John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 5: Matthew 21:1-11

Sunday, April 12: Matthew 28:1-10

I would give a short devotional on the scripture and ask you to respond with your thoughts.

This will happen on our church Facebook page that I would go live to you and you would text back. Those of you who are on Facebook would see me and the text comments that are made. I would like to try this as a way to get together without actually getting together. I would anticipate this would take up about half hour of your time. So, I hope to see you (well, you will see me) on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. to worship via Facebook media!!

Bible Study

I would like to suggest the following: We continue to watch Pete Briscoe at home. Mondays at 10:30 a.m. please try to watch the following sessions:

March 30: "Overcoming Distractions"	41 minutes
April 6: "A Personal Invitation"	40 minutes
April 13: "In Step with the Father"	44 minutes
April 20: "Life to the Full"	44 minutes
April 27: "Extending Grace to..."	44 minutes



Since each session is around 45 minutes long I would be available from 11:30 to 12:00 to take text messages about what you heard Pete say. I will try to put the study group on a group text message so we all see each others messages. If you would like to join the group for discussion let Debra know so we can put you with the group.

Hopefully, by May 4 we will be back together at church to finish out the study with Pete Briscoe!



Meetings Cancelled

As of the moment there will be no Trustee meeting or Church Council for April. Also, there will be no April potluck and the thrift store will not be open.

There will be no Wednesday brunch until further notice. Women's Ministries will also be on hold for a while.

There will be office hours for the month. Monday 9-1 (1-5 at the Ministry House). Wednesday and Thursday 9-5. We will be working on a new directory.

MOVIE NIGHT



Since we postponed movie night in March, we will try to have that movie on Thursday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m. Movie Night is a good experience for 8-20 people of our church and we should try to get back to it as soon as it is reasonable to do so. The movie we will be showing is "The Retrievers".

In the same vein it would be good if we can gather to offer prayer concerns and joys on May 2. We will see if food is involved or not. Staying 3-6 feet apart is really no problem in our Welcome Center so hopefully we can do this.

Health Fair

Our church was going to host the Health Fair and Senior Awareness Day on April 23, 2020. This has been canceled due to the coronavirus issue. It has been rescheduled for 2021!



Financial Update

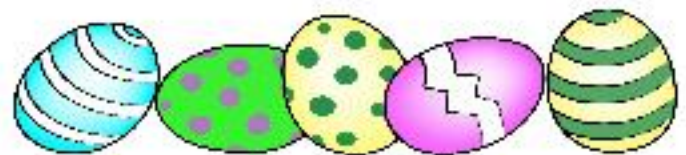


We seldom need to talk about finances. So, my prayers are that you would still be able to send your monthly contributions to church or directly to JD Settles. Those sent to church will be given directly to JD. THANK YOU for helping your church through this difficult time.

Pastor Jack

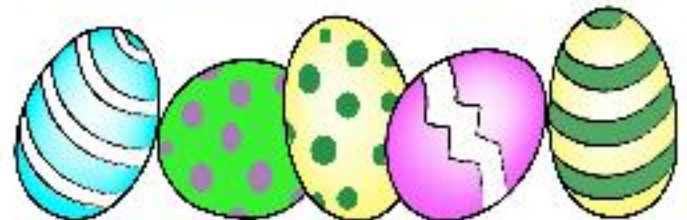
This newsletter is published monthly. If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month.

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.



Music and Movies

Mary Little had a wonderful idea. She donated a Gaither Homecoming DVD and CD to the church for anyone who would want to borrow them. Debra also has a lot of those in DVD and VHS. If you would like to borrow any of those or any of the movies that we have shown over the years on movie night you are more than welcome to do so. Just go to the church office and check them out as you would in a library. If no one is in the office, there will be something on Debra's desk that you can fill out. Please don't forget to check them out and bring them back in a timely manner so others can enjoy them also so that none of them go missing since they belong to the church or to Debra. This should be a fun way to enjoy more movies. Also if you have some you want to share you can bring them to the 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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Hours 9-5	2 Office Hours 9-5	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Worship through Facebook Live 5:00	6 Office Hours 9-1 Ministry House 1-5 Watch RightNow Media 10:30 Bible Study through Text 11:30	7	8 Office Hours 9-5	9 Office Hours 9-5	10 Good Friday	11
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Jack Smith
5 	6 Keith & Susie Bouchey	7	8	9 Frankie Oldani	10	11
12	13	14 Mike & Sara Herrmann	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Peg Smith
26	27	28	29	30 		