



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

## August 2017 Newsletter

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## Pastor's Column

I am trying something new this August—taking a break. Sometimes we need to just sit back and take a break from all the programming and business issues of the church. Call it renewal time, call it sabbatical time or whatever, but it will allow us to start September with a fresh outlook and attitude about our ministries! We really accomplish a lot and do many outreach and spiritual programs especially for a small church. I have had larger congregations that do far less in ministry. So, RELAX for August!

Relax from Bible Study, Women's Ministries (maybe, I have learned never to tell women's groups what to do!), Trustees, Church Council, Choir, Movie Night and Saturday Prayer Breakfast. Relax does not mean take a vacation from church. Sunday mornings can never be omitted because weekly worship of our God, our Savior Jesus Christ and the workings of the Holy Spirit are never lacking. God is always with us even when we relax. So, Fellowship Time 9:30-10:25 and Worship 10:30-11:30 or so will continue! Office hours will be the same as we need to work at catching up somewhat with office issues yet you might want to call to make sure we are not relaxing.

There is one issue that United Methodists have trouble relaxing from—Eating. So, Blue Eye Burger will continue and the card group will probably be here on Wednesdays as well. The last Wednesday (Aug. 30) is our annual trip to the Floating Cafe on Indian Point. We take this trip by boat. It is fun so consider joining us. And finally the last Sunday in August (Aug. 27) is the kick off to the Fall Ministries by having a potluck at the church to learn what is new at Open Doors United Methodist Church (The New Jack!). Sunday Aug 27 at 10:30-12:30 we kick off a renewal season of serving our God and helping to make new disciples for Jesus Christ. You won't want to miss it! God's Peace and Love be with you all!

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God's Blessing, Pastor Jack



# Scriptures for the Month of August

Sunday, Aug. 6: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, Aug. 13: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, Aug. 20: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Sunday, Aug. 27: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

School  
Days



## New Lights on Flagpole

**New Solar Lights have been installed on the flagpole. This will allow us to take the flood lamps out and make it easier to mow around.**

**Thanks to Jack Mielke for getting the lights and installing them!!**

"LEOTA"

Let's Eat Out Together  
Amen!!

This newly formed dining group has @ 10 people attending and room for more.

Gary & Debbie Herrmann are heading up this group. We will list the restaurants and times for a 3 month period each month in the newsletter.

\*Sat. Aug. 12-12:15 at Dana's BBQ on 165

Thurs. Sept. 14- 12:15 at Montana Mike's on 76

Sat. Oct. 14- 12:15 Grandma's Goodies & Gumbo in Hollister

If you can come please let Debbie Herrmann know by email or text so we can all eat together.

For those who like to dine out more or can't come to "LEOTA", there is a second chance for food and fellowship.

Tues. Aug. 22- 11:30 at El Lago Mexican in Branson West

\*Sat. Sept. 30-12:15 at White River Fish House at the Branson Landing

Tues. Oct. 24-12:15 at Flat Creek Restaurant in Cape Fair

Again let Debbie Herrmann know by email or text.

Debbie's # is 281-460-2038 email is [queenblingalamode@yahoo.com](mailto:queenblingalamode@yahoo.com)

\*These are Pastor Jack's favorites . 😊

## Sound System

We are in the process of redoing our speaker system in the sanctuary. The side speakers have worn out and are no longer being used. At the moment we are using two speakers up front which will work for now but do not give equal coverage of sound. The people in the front find the speakers are louder than the folks in the back. So, to get an even sound six speakers will be installed in the ceiling. This will allow the sound to be the same everywhere in the sanctuary. The front speakers will be turned around to be monitors for choir and organist. If you would like to help with this project please note on your check, sound system. We have 2/3 of the cost paid for to date.

Thank You for your help.



Tacos



# Come Join Us For Our 5TH ANNUAL SUMMER SIZZLER



## BBQ

Brisket, Baked Beans,  
Chips, Desserts & Drinks

Saturday,  
September 23 at  
5:30 p.m.

We will be  
accepting  
donations



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7:30 Concert  
Sons of the Silver Dollar  
of Silver Dollar City.  
A love offering will be taken.



# Gazebo Moved



The gazebo has been moved to be more visible as the long part is facing the front with the ramp coming off towards the parking lot. We are looking at putting a sidewalk from the parking lot to the gazebo and from the church (the gate at the entryway) out to the gazebo. This would allow more accessibility and visibility of the gazebo. If you have a suggestion as to how to use the gazebo for a program or function let us know. It looks great turned the new way.

Thanks Dennis and Dave!!

# Right Now Media

Please let Debra know if you cannot get on to the program. Hopefully all of us are on by Sept. 1. as I would like to start using the program for faith development. Bible Studies will be offered and since you can do them at home more of you will be involved. I am excited about the potential Right Now Media provides for our church. Not only for us but our kids and grandkids.

Stay Tuned!!



# FCA



## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Aug. 6: Debbie Herrmann

Aug. 13: Barbara Curbow

Aug. 20: Merry Jo Bell

Aug. 27: Bob & Debbie  
Lyon

## GREETERS

Aug. 6: Merry Jo Bell  
Becky McNabb

Aug. 13: Jan Hensiek

Aug. 20: Barbara Curbow  
Debbie Herrmann

Aug. 27: J.D. Settles

Brian Mitchell came to worship to update us on the work of the "Fellowship of Christian Athletes" and the need for bibles to be presented to High School students in our area. Our church made a commitment for 60 bibles or \$720.00. \$375 came out of the general budget which left \$345 to come in by donations. The donations were \$489 so we were able to buy another 12 bibles bringing our mission donation to FCA to 72 bibles!!

Thanks to All!!



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.

July

September



# August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Prasie 10:30 COMMUNION	Office Hours 10-5		Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5		"LEOTA" Dana's BBQ 12:15
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Prasie 10:30	Office Hours 10-5		Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Prasie 10:30 BLUE SUNDAY	Office Hours 10-5		Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5		Jack & Peg's 50th Anniversary Party 2:00-5:00
27	28	29	30	31		
Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Prasie 10:30 Potluck 11:45	Office Hours 10-5		Office Hours 9-5 Floating Cafe Meet at campground 10:30	Office Hours 9-5		

Happy  
Birthday



August 2017

Happy  
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Deloris Bryant	7	8 Jessica Eckerle	9	10	11	12
13 Laura Darden	14	15	16	17 Ivan Reimer	18	19 Steve & Mona Fennema
20 Mike & Gloria Jones	21	22 Gary Herrmann	23 Sue Cella Randy & Laura Darden	24	25	26 Jack & Peg Smith
27 Becky McNabb	28 Jan Hensiek	29	30	31 Cody & Shery West		