



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye January 2017 Newsletter

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## Pastor's Column

**We have just celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. There were a few obstacles this year to the celebration. The play needed to be postponed due to health issues. One Sunday was cancelled due to weather. And the weather has been up and down so the colds and flu have been around. All in all we still did the prep and celebration of Jesus coming into the world. Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds, the Wise Men all were there! And through our celebration of Advent and Christmas we were there as well.**

**Now it is a new year and what do we do now that the celebration is over?? Our temptation is to take the winter off, just take a break and do very little until the Lenten Season. But that is not the command that we are given. The command to love God and one another is to be done 365 days a year and 366 on Leap Year!! So, we take a deep breath and keep on going, looking for ways to make Jesus special this year. We do need to take a moment to listen to that "still small voice" and see and feel what God is asking us to do this year "2017"!**

**It may be about family, friends or neighbors. It may be about jobs, finances, future places you might go. Life is always moving never, at a stand still. So, what can we do? What are the Words God is speaking to each of us? We need to listen to that "still small voice" inside all of us!!**

**Have a great 2017! With God's help and guidance we will work wonders in the name of Jesus!**

*God's Blessing, Pastor Jack*



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# Scriptures for the Month of January



**Sunday, Jan. 1: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46**

**Sunday, Jan. 8: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17**

**Sunday, Jan. 15: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42**

**Sunday, Jan. 22: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23**

**Sunday, Jan. 29: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12**



## 4th Annual Christmas Party

This year's party was bigger and better than last year. We had 23 people. Lots of great food and fun games. We had fun with pin the nose on Rudolph. There were some that didn't want to play. They got Grinch pills. Thanks to Debbie Lyon for holding Rudolph for us. The battle this year was over a huge summer sausage. It got stolen more than anything. What fun!! Thanks to all who came and for all the wonderful food.



## Long Creek Retreat



We are having another winter retreat at Long Creek. What happens is two families use timeshare points and reserve two 5-bedroom units so we have lots of room. We bring food and stay over night. Last year we had wonderful attendance but we can handle a few more. The dates are January 23-26 (4 nights). Again, last year some were able to stay all four nights, some only came during the day to visit, play cards, games or just relax with friends. Please let us know if you can come and if you can stay. Contact Pastor Jack, the church office, Dennis Thompson or JD Settles! Lets get together and celebrate being a part of the Open Doors United Methodist Church Family.





# New Members

We are thankful to have four new members join here in December. Randy and Laura Darden, Margaret (Peg) Smith and Alex Williams (Katie Jensen Williams' husband)! We are very glad to have them as part of our family of God. "Welcome" new folks we are glad you are here!!

## DD Day (De-Decoration Day)

DD Day will be a little later this year due to Pastor Jack and Peg having Christmas with their kids on Sunday, Jan. 15. The sanctuary is so beautiful that it will be nice to leave it up a little longer!! Pastor Jack will provide the pizza on Jan.22. As we take things down we need to sort them and put them into new containers and label them as we put away for next year. It will be a fun time!!



**Did you know this?** The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ. -Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments. -Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love. -The four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. -The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of ...the Old Testament. -The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation..... -Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. -The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes. -Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. -The ten lords a-leaping are the ten commandments. -The eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples. -The twelve drummers drumming symbolizes the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed. So there is your history for today. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!** ♡ yes, I said **MERRY CHRISTMAS** because Christmas is not without **CHRIST!**



## *The Twelve Days of Christmas:*

The choir along with Dave Thomas was able to bring the real message of the Twelve Days of Christmas. This was a meaningful way to celebrate Christmas. A lot of people did not know the real meaning of the 12 days of Christmas. A copy of it is on this page. If you would like a DVD of the choir just bring a DVD +R to the office and we can get one made for you. Thanks choir for presenting a message in song. Thanks to Dave Thomas for being a great narrator!





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# Movie Night



We were able to send \$150.00 along with three calling cards for Service Persons who can not get home for Christmas. This will allow three units of soldiers to call home and celebrate Christmas with their families. Thanks!

Wow! What a great year of movies we have had. If you are not coming, you sure are missing a real treat. We will start the year off with "By God's Grace" January 10 at 7:00. This is a Christmas Carol story of family, grace and the power of love. Then on January 19 we will watch "Decision". Billy Dean plays in this movie about a family in despair who rediscovers their faith. Please try and come out to these movies, I know you will be blessed.

## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Jan. 1: Jack Smith

Jan. 8: Clair & Beverly  
Gunther

Jan. 15: Barbara & Gerald  
Curbow

Jan. 22:

Jan. 29: Jack & Vivian  
Jensen

## GREETERS

Jan. 1:

Jan. 8: Clair & Beverly  
Gunther

Jan. 15: Charles Julian

Jan. 22: Sharon Gilliam  
Barbara Curbow

Jan. 29: Jack & Neva  
Mielke

## Thanksgiving Dinner

We gathered on Thanksgiving at noon for turkey and all the trimmings. There were 23 people attending which filled up our Welcome Center nicely. There was lots of good food and desserts and everyone enjoyed the fellowship. Actually Pastor Jack cooked the first turkey (Peg helped but could not be there for the meal)! Thanks to all who came and donated the food!!



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.



December

February

# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30</b>	2 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	3	4 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 6:30	5 Office Hours 9-5	6	7 Continental Breakfast/ Prayer Time 8:30
8 <b>Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 COMMUNION</b>	9 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	10 Movie Night 7:00 "By God's Grace"	11 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	12 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	13 <b>Pastor with Family for Christmas through the 15th</b>	14
15 <b>Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 BLUE SUNDAY</b>	16 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	17	18 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	19 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Decision"	20	21
22 <b>Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Dedecorating Pizza Party</b>	<b>Retreat at Long Creek Condos</b>					
23	24	25 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	26 Office Hours 9-5	27	28	
29 <b>Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Potluck and Games</b>	30 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	31				

Happy  
Birthday



January 2017

Happy  
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Marilyn Samuelson	4	5 Ruth Ann Finck	6	7 Keith Bouchey
8	9	10 Morgan Johnson	11	12	13	14 Shery West
15	16	17 Jim & Susan Perkin	18	19	20 Warren Samuelson Jack & Neva Mielke	21
22	23	24	25 Richard Burrows	26 Gary & Debbie Herrmann	27 Valerie Sletto	28
29	30 Beverly Smith	31				