



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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July is the month that seems to center on the concept of freedom. We begin the month with the July 4th celebration of freedom. It is a busy weekend either prior to or after the 4th. A number of places have fireworks and people are cooking out on the grill or just celebrating by being on the lake. It seems like everyone looks forward to this 4th of July celebration. The rest of the month we enjoy our freedom to go places, see new sights, spend time with family, friends and neighbors. It is summer and a time to get out and enjoy the world around us. I hope you have an opportunity to do so and celebrate your freedom.

Freedom does come with a price. A lot of people have given their lives to protect that freedom. There are thousands of men and women doing that very job—protecting our freedom— by serving in the military. There are millions more doing it as police, firefighters, paramedics, forest rangers, security people and many other types of jobs in our country that protect us and our freedom.

Those are the physical jobs and people we can see but there is one great freedom fighter that we can't see but know He is there working with all believers. Jesus is the biggest freedom fighter. He is the one who helps us to live freely each day so that we might be able to love our neighbor. Jesus is the one who gives us hope that we can have a better world. He helps us to understand that we can have peace on earth. Jesus gives us the peace of mind and soul, both by being our Savior and freeing us from our sin. We can rise each day with a renewed attitude to do our best because He did His best —died for our salvation and was raised to glory so that we might live now and forever.

Freedom is worth the cost. Freedom is worth the effort to preserve and we live our lives as faithful Christians to Jesus Christ. No one and no group can take that freedom from us—Thanks be to God, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit!!

*Pastor Jack*

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# 📖 Scriptures for the Month of July 📖

Sunday, July 3: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20  
Sunday, July 10: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37  
Sunday, July 17: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42  
Sunday, July 24: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13  
Sunday, July 31: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11;  
Luke 12:13-21

## Choir Party

Good food plus great friends equals a really wonderful time! Every year the Joyful Noise choir has a party to kick off the summer months. This year it was at Mary Little's house and what a great time we had. If you have been thinking about wanting to be in the choir you really should. It is not just about singing on Sunday mornings, it's about getting together with Christians and enjoying time together. Thank you Mary Little for letting us into your home.



## Saying Goodbye is Never Easy

We had to say goodbye to Frankle and Jerry Oldani Sunday, June 19. It is always hard to see great friends leave. Come back and visit sometime soon. Many Blessings to you both as you go on to something different.



**Their New Address**

**Jerry & Frankie Oldani  
2852 Carrie Creek Lane  
Toledo, OH 43617**





# Bonfire Cookout???

It wasn't actually a Bonfire Cookout because it was so windy that we thought it would be too dangerous to light up such a big fire. We decided to grill the hot dogs outside and eat them inside. Thanks to J. D. Settles for bringing his grill. Despite the change in plans we still had a great time. As always plenty of good food and great company. There was 22 of us and we had a blast. We will try to reschedule a cookout in the fall and hopefully we can have an even bigger turnout!



## Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Jack will be gone July 18-25 for a family vacation. He and Peg are meeting the rest of the family at Wisconsin Dells for a fun filled week. They have done this before but have expanded the numbers in the family! Also during his absence Debra will be gone with her family to visit other family in Pennsylvania. So, you all will be on your own which should be just fine because it is

Summer Timell

### Continental Breakfast/ Prayer Time

For the summer (July, Aug. & Sept.) we will have a very simple prayer breakfast of rolls, muffins and donuts plus coffee, milk and juice. The important issue is having time together to pray about God's will for our church. There are a lot of things we think need to happen in our church but which of those is God really calling us to do? Praying and listening we can see the doors God is willing to open for us. Therefore, we need as many prayer people as we can gather on Sat. July 2, Aug. 6 & Sept. 3) at 8:30 a.m. With the Prayer and Fellowship we should be done by 10 a.m.

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## 4th Annual BBQ

The 4th Annual BBQ will be postponed until September and with the hot summer on tap that should work out fine. No date is set yet but we are looking at Sat. Sept. 17. We know a few of you are leaving on a fall trip to Maine the end of September so, we will try to make it happen before you leave. Also, the group we would like to have for the evening is on vacation from Sept. 1-14. The group is the Sons of the Silver Dollar. Pray we can work out the details!!



# New Kitchen

Well, after 4 months, a few changes and lots of hard work the kitchen is done!! Thanks to all who helped especially Dave Gilliam, J.D. Settles and Charles Julian. There was an article last month showing it almost done but the finishing touches made all the difference. We are ready to use it on June 26 for our monthly potluck. We also brought down the rest of the new chairs that were stored in the attic room. The kitchen looks bigger and the dining area looks bigger! What a difference a few changes can make!!

## Rose Bushes

Have you seen the rose bushes? Barb Curbow and Pastor Jack cut them way back this spring and look at them now. They are beautiful along with the rest of the bushes and trees. Dave has started the water system up again to give our plants a daily drink to keep them going. It seems like it could be a long hot summer!



## GREETERS

- July 3: Cody & Shery West
- July 10: Charles Julian  
J.D. Settles
- July 17: Pat Bangert  
Jan Hensiek
- July 24: Jack & Neva Mielke
- July 31: Jack & Vivian Jensen

## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

- July 3: Jack & Peg Smith
- July 10: Barbara Curbow  
Deloris Bryant
- July 17: Jack & Vivian Jensen
- July 24: Pat Bangert  
Marcia Siefkes
- July 31: J.D. Settles

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.



# Movie Night

This month's movie nights will be on Thursday, July 7 and Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00. Thursday we will be showing the 6th movie in the Love Comes Softly Series it is called "Loves Unfolding Dream". You do not have to have seen the ones prior to this one to enjoy it so if you can, come on out and enjoy this wonderful inspirational movie. Wednesday we will be showing "A Mile In His Shoes". This is a movie about baseball so come on out and lets have some fun!!



## Congratulations

Katie Jensen was married to Alex Eaton-Williams on May 14 at the College of the Ozarks. We wish them God's Blessing as they start their new adventure.





June

August



# July 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Continental Breakfast Prayer Time 8:30
3 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Center 10:30 COMMUNION	4 	5	6 Office Hours 9-5	7 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Love's Unfolding Dream"	8	9
10 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Center 10:30	11 Office Hours 9-5	12	13 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "A Mile In His Shoes"	14 Office Hours 9-5	15	16
17 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Center 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	18 Office Closed Due to Vacations	19	20 Office Closed Due to Vacations	21 Office Closed Due to Vacations	22	23
24 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Center 10:30	25 Office Hours 9-5	26	27 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 6:30	28 Office Hours 9-5	29	30
31 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Center 10:30 Potluck 11:45		<b>Winter Retreat At The Cliffs January 23-28 Mark Your Calendar Hope You Can Come!!</b>				

Happy  
Birthday

July 2016

Happy  
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	 4	5	6	7 Cynthia Bryant	8 Jeannie Kiewning	9
10	11	12	13	14 Deuane Frazier Susan Perkin	15	16 Alice Jane Helme
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Luz Gunther	25 Merry Jo Bell	26	27	28	29	30 John Bennett
31 Mike Fransen						