



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye July 2017 Newsletter

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Pastor's Column

The summer goes by quickly and before you know it school is back in session and it is September. We are a very active church including worship, missions, Bible study, Women's Ministries, prayer time, small groups and events like a baseball outing to Springfield, a bonfire cookout, eating out together, and of course our twice a month movie nights. Along with all those comes a monthly Church Council and Trustee meetings. For a small congregation we are very much alive and I want to keep it that way.

Everyone needs R&R once in a while. Our rest and relaxation is to clear our minds of all the things we need to do to keep our church alive and take a breather. Now there are things we will do during August like worship and fellowship time on Sundays and the fourth Sunday potluck to kick off the fall programming. Other than that we will take a short break (August only!).

Why? Sometimes the programs we do become too routine and they are more of a burden than a help. Take a short break from them and we can come back renewed physically and spiritually. Summer is also a time when most people would like to take a vacation. Well, I will take that back. With most of us being retired we take trips almost any time of the year. Peg and I are planning to be gone 3 to 4 weeks next February and March. Kind of a short renewal leave so to speak.

So, what I would like to see this August is a laid back and relaxed month. I think the Blue Eye Burger and card playing Wednesday will continue. You can't stop a group from eating and having fun. Also, the out to eat group (LEOTA) will continue, well, because United Methodists like to eat!!

I hope that September is met with renewed enthusiasm to do the work of the Lord. We usually have a busy fall schedule and with Right Now Media I propose it could be more active and rewarding. I hope to use Right Now Media as a Faith Development program for all of us with the church. The deeper our faith and its commitment the more we are visible to the community at large. We are never done learning about what God would have us do. What would Jesus want us to do this fall to glorify His name, bring honor to our Father God, and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit? It will be an exciting fall at Open Doors United Methodist Church of Blue Eye!!

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God's Blessing, Pastor Jack



Scriptures for the Month of July

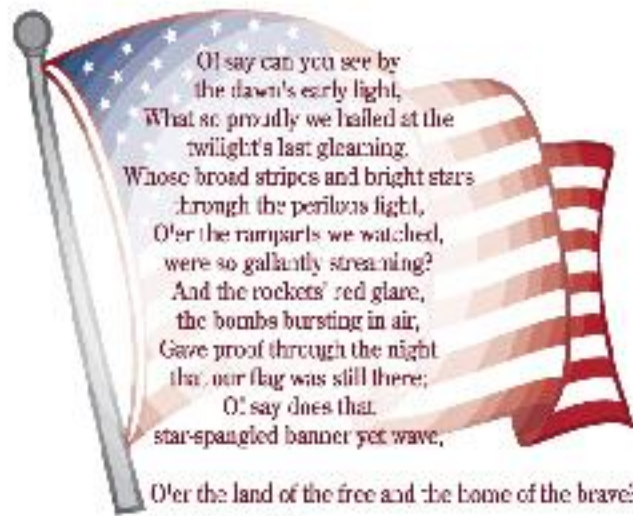
Sunday, July 2: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 9: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 16: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 23: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 30: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Jack and Peg will be gone July 10-15 for a vacation to Hot Springs, Arkansas. They along with Dwane and Beverly Smith are taking their second vacation to Hot Springs. Debra will be going to Texas over the 4th of July but she will be back in the office while pastor is away.

Let's Eat Out Together
Amen!!

For the month of July "LEOTA" will meet on Tuesday, July 11, 11:30 at Florentina's Italian Restaurant on Green Mountain Dr. in Branson. There is a list on the board in the hallway for the next few month's eating locations.



Cardinals Ball Game



It was another night to be outside. This time it was a ballgame in Springfield on Friday, June 17. 37 people showed up at Hammons Ball Park to watch the Springfield Cardinals beat the Arkansas Travelers. It was a pleasant night and everyone had a great time. We wore white Methodist Springfield Cardinals T-Shirts with blue and red ball caps. There were around 400 Methodists there so we made up about 10%! Thanks for a great night!



Picnic at the Fire Pit

On May 31 at 6:00 p.m. 23 of us gathered by the fire pit behind the parsonage. It was a beautiful evening in the Ozarks. The fire pit was too hot to use for cooking so we built a smaller fire to roast our hot dogs. We gathered in a circle around the food (and there was plenty of food) with our lawn chairs and everyone enjoyed just being together and outdoors. There were a few sprinkles but nothing to keep us from having a great time.



Right Now Media

Hopefully we are using the Right Now Media and getting used to it. If you did not receive an email from me and the church about how to get on to the program let me know. Right Now Media offers the largest online Bible Study library in the world. The cost to each of you is free! The church as a whole pays for the subscription. This fall I will be using the program for different studies offered by the church. Hope you find a study you enjoy!!

Pastor Jack

August is Time Out

August is a really good time to relax so I am suggesting we take a break. There will be no meetings (Church Council, Trustees, Bible Studies, Women's Meetings, movie night, choir or Prayer Time—you can do that on your own). But we will have potluck the last Sunday to kick off the Fall. Relax but not for long!!
Pastor Jack

LOVE INC

Love INC is collecting donations for the Stone County Readiness Fair. This is to supply backpacks, school supplies, shoes, socks, dental and vision screenings and other things for the children of Stone County. We will have a donation box to collect basic school supplies. Please bring your items by August 4. Thank you for anything you can do.

Mission

Two mission events have happened early this summer. First, Heifer International. We set a goal of \$500 and raised \$1,145!! Thanks to all who gave to this worthy project. How it is to be spent has not been determined yet but the next letter will have those details. Thanks again for a tremendous response!!

The second mission project was FCA— Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Our goal was to provide 60 student Bibles for FCA. We have reached that goal and were able to provide a total of 72 Bibles. Thanks for caring about our young people!



Movie Night

The movies for this month will be "Heaven Sent" on Wednesday July 19 and "Badge of Faith" on Thursday July 27. Both are at 7:00 p.m. Please try to make it to at least one of these movies. We enjoy the fellowship as much as we do the movies. We will be taking the month of August off so no more movies until September.



5th Annual BBQ

Our 5th Annual BBQ will be Sat, Sept 23. The format for the BBQ will follow the same as last year. The only thing is that we are cooking the meat now instead of then. Our cook is available now and not in September. We will freeze the meat and be ready with that in September. More details of who needs to do what will be in the September newsletter but put it on your calendar and save the date. And begin spreading the word to those in your neighborhood. Word of mouth is still the best advertising. We are looking into having the Sons of the Silver Dollar again this year. They have been well received in past years so hope they can come. More later!!

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

July 2: Pastor Jack

July 9: Barbara Curbow

July 16: Dennis Thompson

July 23: Randy & Laura Darden

July 30: Jack & Neva Mielke

GREETERS

July 2: Sharon Gilliam

July 9: Jack & Vivian Jensen

July 16: Deloris Bryant Pat Bangert

July 23: Barbara Curbow

July 30: Sybil Mitchell

Thank You



Thank You

Karen Pizzurro would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers concerning her move here to Branson and selling her house. Also a huge thank you to all who helped her move.

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.

June

August

July 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Prayer Breakfast 8:30
2 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 COMMUNION	3 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30		5 Office Hours 9-5	6 Office Hours 9-5	7	8
9 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	10 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	11	12 Office Hours 9-5	13 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	14	15
16 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	17 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	18	19 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Heaven Sent"	20 Office Hours 9-5 Boys Ranch working at Parsonage 8:11:30	21	22
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30 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Potluck 11:45	31 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30					

Happy
Birthday



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Happy
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Luz Gunther	25 Merry Jo Bell	26	27	28	29 
30 John Bennett	31 Mike Fransen					