



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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It seems like July is our patriotic month. We celebrate our independence on July 4 in family get togethers with picnics, hiking, water sports, games etc. And then in the evening there are "The rocket's red glare" which we turn into a fireworks display.

We honor our veterans who served our country to preserve our freedom. "All gave some, some gave all" is a slogan that helps us to see that freedom does not come free but only by dedication and sacrifice. We are grateful for these sacrifices and honor veterans for their call to duty.

We also have the active people serving our country each and every day of the year, putting their lives on the line each day to continually preserve the right to freedom.

I am glad I live in an area of our country that recognizes these people (veterans & active duty) and their families. I am proud to be in an area that has a great attitude towards God and Country. We need to be thankful that we live in an area that shows the Gospel of Jesus Christ and shares the values that come with our beliefs. Jesus was a freedom type of person when He told us we have the freedom to love God and our neighbor. No one can take that freedom away! We have the freedom to worship God in any household of faith. We are free to find salvation in Jesus Christ by accepting Him and the grace He alone provides. And with that acceptance we inherit the Kingdom of God. We also have seen this past month there is freedom in the Holy Spirit; freedom to accept guidance to keep us on the righteous path. God gives us the freedom to work with each other, to take care of the land, and to provide for the animals He has given us.

All of this does not come without sacrifice. We need to stand up for what we believe in, to stand up for God and Country and to preserve that right of freedom for all. I believe that as long as we see our "One Nation Under God" we will truly be free!

*God's Blessing,  
Pastor Jack*

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**God Bless  
America**



# Scriptures for the Month of July

Sunday, July 7: Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 • Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 14: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Psalm 25:1-10 • Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 21: Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15 • Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 28: Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138 • Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13



## Gazebo



The gazebo needs a new roof but our insurance does not cover that very well. So, we need to take off the wood shakes and put plywood and shingles on to put it back in good condition. This is around a \$500 project to complete. If you would like to help with that project please make your check out to the church and in the memo section put gazebo roof. Any amount would help us. Thanks!!



## Convoy of Hope



At the June Council meeting we decided to volunteer a night at Convoy of Hope. It will be July 23, which is a Tuesday night. We will go out for supper first and proceed to Convoy of Hope. We would need to be at Convoy of Hope by 6:15 so we would need to leave the church around 4:00 p.m., eat supper and be on time to volunteer. Hopefully, we can take a van load of 6 to 7 people that night.

## Work Day

At the June Church Council we decided to have an outdoor workday on Saturday, July 20 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We have a number of outdoor projects including landscaping, trimming bushes, work on the gazebo and outside work at the Ministry House. Please bring gloves as one of the main projects is cleaning out the area on the west side of the church where our bushes are and replacing it with new wood chips. We will need 8-10 people to help accomplish the work we have for that day. If you can only come in the morning or afternoon that would be great! Thanks!!



Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the  
Lord is, there is **freedom**.

*Happy Independence Day*



# Christian Family Night



On Sunday, August 11 we will attend the ballgame in Springfield. The game time is 6:10 p.m. but there are things happening before the game. The pre-game speaker this year is Joe White. Joe is president and CEO of Kanakuk Ministries and both Kids Across America and Cross International. He has written many books and speaks to many organizations. Joe will speak at 5:15 p.m.

Also, our \$15 gets us a ticket, a Cardinals/Christian t-shirt (with 20 going, our name will be included on the back) and a Springfield Cardinals Cap. If you have gone the last couple of years you will be adding to your collection!! We need to send our order in before the deadline of July 15. Please sign up before or after church on the table in the Welcome Center! Thanks



## CHURCH



## PICNIC

# Thrift Shop

The all church picnic is coming up soon. The day is July 17, a Wednesday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. This year the picnic will be on the east side of the church near the gazebo area. The hot dogs and buns plus drinks will be provided. Please bring the other things like chips, dips, veggles, desserts, baked beans, cole slaw and potato salad. We will use our fire pit for the first time so smores would work too. Hope to see all of you there. If it rains we will retreat to the Welcome Center!!

Our first try at a thrift store concept went very well. The weather on Saturday was not so great so it wasn't a good test of that time span. But our first opening, was encouraging as we took in a little over \$146.00. So, we will continue the thrift store for the coming months. Dates are: Thursday, July 11, 2:00 to 6:00 and Saturday, July 13, 8:00 to Noon. Thursday, Aug. 8, 2:00 to 6:00 and Saturday, Aug. 10, 8:00 to Noon.

If you have items to donate please bring them to the larger garage near the church. If you would like to volunteer to help with the thrift store, let the office, Pastor Jack or Neva Mielke know. Thanks for your continued support!





**family**  
**MOVIE NIGHT**



This month we will be showing "Finding Normal" on Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. We are only having one movie for each summer month so please try and get out for this movie. We always have a great time and great snacks. Hope to see you there!!



## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

July 7: Susie Bouchey  
Nancy Leahy

July 14: Randy & Laura  
Darden

July 21: Jack & Peg  
Smith

July 28:

## GREETERS

July 7: Peg Smith

July 14: Sybil Mitchell

July 21: Gary & Debbie  
Herrmann

July 28: Pat Bangert

## New Roofs

We had hail damage to all our roofs so we are in the process of getting them replaced. As of this writing the church Welcome Center and Ministry House roofs have been done. The two small sheds need to be done. Also, the guttering on the Ministry House will be replaced, some of the fascia will be replaced and the north side of the main garage siding will be replaced. As soon as we know if the water leak in the women's upstairs bathroom is truly fixed we will proceed to fix the ceiling and floor.



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

# JULY


August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Women's Ministries 12:30	2	3 Office Hours 9-5		5	6 Prayer Breakfast 8:15 Mowing Team 2
7 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 COMMUNION	8 Women's Ministries 12:30	9	10 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 4:30	11 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00 Thriffs Shop 2-6	12	13 Thrift Shop 8-12 L.E.O.T.A Big D's BBQ 12:15 Mowing Team 3
14 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30	15 Women's Ministries 12:30	16	17 Church Picnic 6:00 Office Hours 9-5	18 Office Hours 9-5	19	20 Work Day 9-12 1-4 Mowing Team 4
21 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45	22 Women's Ministries 12:30	23 Convoy of Hope Leave church at 4:00	24 Office Hours 9-5	25 Movie Night 7:00 "Finding Normal" Office Hours 9-5	26	27 Mowing Team 1
28 Fellowship Time 9:30 Praise & Worship 10:30 Potluck 11:45	29 Women's Ministries 12:30	30	31 Office Hours 9-5			



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Cynthia Bryant	8 Jeannie Kiewning	9	10	11	12	13
14 Deuane Frazier Susan Perkin	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Luz Gunther	25 Merry Jo Bell	26	27
28	29	30 John Bennett	31 Susan Winston Mike Fransen	