



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

June 2017 Newsletter

Pastor's Column

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June is the start of summer and also brings a change of pace. Yet this year I would like to keep some things going for June and July and only have August as a time of total rest. I would like the Bible Study to continue on Mondays and hope the Women's Ministries will continue to meet as well. The trustees and Church Council will continue to meet. The mission group will need to meet to decide how to spend the Heifer International money plus decide when to present the mission work of "Compassion". We will need to have a few meetings like Pastor Parish, Outreach, Worship and Hospitality. These will happen sometime in June or July. August will be a month of "Rest". No meetings that month while we relax and get ready to meet for the fall programming in September.

June is Pentecost or the birth of the church. It is a time when the Holy Spirit came over the people who were to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pentecost is one of the most rewarding, interesting, uplifting, inspiring and directional seasons of the year. The Holy Spirit is what empowers us to be the church. It inspires us to do the work that Christ calls us to do. And to give us the direction that ministry should take. We depend on God's Spirit through the Holy Spirit to uplift our hearts, minds, souls and bodies to be the people Christ wants us to be.

I spoke about the fact that those who don't believe in Jesus as the Son of God cannot understand the Bible. It is veiled to them and makes no sense and seems to them as folly. When we believe in Jesus, the Bible becomes the heart and soul of our guidance to the Holy Spirit. Also, to be in spirit does not mean we all have to see Christ in the same way. He comes to us each in our own way as we understand better the gifts and graces He has given to us. The problem lies in not hearing the word, not responding to the call of the Holy Spirit and not using the gifts, talents and graces God has given us. During Pentecost look to the Spirit and rediscover the joy of responding to the call of the Holy Spirit!!

God's Blessing, Pastor Jack

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Scriptures for the Month of June

**Sunday, June 4: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39**

Sunday, June 11: Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

**Sunday, June 18: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8;
Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)**

**Sunday, June 25: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11;
Matthew 10:24-39**

New Members

Warren and Marilyn Samuelson are our newest members. They joined on May 21, 2017 and we welcome them into our family. They have been coming for many years and have been active in the church so it is not too hard to make the transition to being members.

Welcome Warren and Marilyn!!



Let's Eat Out Together Amen!!

Gary and Debbie Herrmann are trying to get together with other church members once a month for eating out and fellowship. The group will be called LEOTA (Let's Eat Out Together Amen). Last month several people from church met at Mr. Gilberti's for a great time. This month we were planning on Drafts Saturday, June 10 at 12:30. Now the date is the same but the place has changed. We decided to go to Grand Country Buffet to accommodate for the busy summer month. Hope to see you there!

Cardinals Ball Game



United Methodist Night at the Springfield Cardinals is June 16 –Friday Night. At the writing of this article there are 36 people signed up to go. We will try car pooling from church on that evening. The pre-game activities are at 6:10 p.m. with game starting at 7:10 p.m. We will have ball caps and T-shirts to wear for the evening with our church name on the back of the shirt. If you have not paid yet, it is \$15 per person. It should be a fun night at the Ball Game!!



Missions



Our mission this spring is Heifer International. Our goal was \$500 to buy a cow to be sent to a needy family. The cow with its offspring will pass this gift on to other families for years to come. Well, we have gone well past our goal. As of this date we have received \$930.00. This will allow us to purchase other animals to send to needy families in other countries. Thank you so much for helping with this worthy mission project.

Heifer Project International is known world wide and does tremendous work with needy families around the world.

Thanks Again!!



Church Finances

Every year about this time, just before summer, I try to give an idea of the financial situation of our church. It is great to be able not to say things in worship about finances. Thank you so much for your commitment to our church.

As of 5/21/17 the finances look like this:

Balance 1/1/17	\$7,592.20
Income 1/1/17-5/21/17	<u>\$28,544.25</u>
	\$36,136.45
Expenses 1/1/17-5/21/17	<u>\$25,476.87</u>
Balance 5/21/17	\$10,659.58
Savings Balance	\$7,200.45
Building Fund	
A. Insurance Claim Money	\$1,348.31
B. Sound System Money	\$2,380.00
C. Janice Memorial	<u>\$3,156.00</u>
	\$6,884.31
Building (Funds available for mortgage)	<u>\$345.71</u>
	\$7230.02

Building Payments are \$538.57 monthly

Right Now Media

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MEDIA

Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye is offering a free program called Right Now Media to all those who wish to use it and have an email address along with connection to the internet. An email from Jack Smith, Blue Eye UMC will tell you how to get into the program. Any questions please call the church on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday for help. Right Now Media offers a variety of religious media like Bible studies, men's and women's studies and things for children and youth. There are five libraries to choose from. This is an exciting program for the church as we will be using the programs in a larger format. Get signed in and start browsing the contents and if you see something that would benefit the whole church let us know. All of this is by subscription to Right Now Media that the church pays for and offers free to you!



Ongoing Mission

Last month we reminded you of an ongoing mission of "Best Choice" food labels. We need for you to turn them in. You need only to save the UPC symbol. Again, you may need to soak glass products in warm water to get the label off.



Movie Night

We have ordered some new movies from Christian Cinema that sound really good. On Tuesday, June 6 we will watch "Savannah Sunrise" and on Thursday, June 22 our show is "Heaven Bound" which is a Christian Comedy! Both movies start at 7:00 p.m. We always have a good time at these movies so consider putting it on your calendar now! See you at the movies.



WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

- June 4: Pat Bangert
Marcia Siefkes
- June 11: Randy & Laura
Darden
- June 18: Bob & Debbie
Lyon
- June 25: Debra Tompkins

GREETERS

- June 4: Sharon Gilliam
- June 11: Deloris Bryant
Pat Bangert
- June 18: Barbara Curbow
- June 25: Sybil Mitchell



**Mary Little is now at
Ozark River View Manor
her new address is:
1200 W Hall St
Ozark MO 65721**

**She would love to hear
from you!!**



*A friend
is like a mirror,
reflecting back
to you the very
best of who
you are.*



*Friends
smooth out the
bumps on the
road of
life.*



*Friends
help each other
through the
Big things
but cherish
together the
little things.*



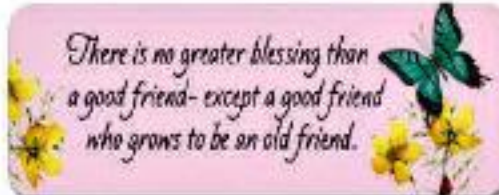
*Special times
with cherished
friends are
treasures of
the heart.*



*Friends are
the closest
thing to angels
this side
of heaven.*



*There is no greater blessing than
a good friend- except a good friend
who grows to be an old friend.*



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.

May

July

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Prayer Breakfast 8:30
				Office Hours 9-5		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 "LEOTA" will meet at Grand Country Buffet 12:30
Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 COMMUNION	Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	Movie Night 7:00 "Savannah Sunrise"	Office Hours 9-5 Choir 6:30	Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Boys Ranch working at Parsonage 8-1
Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30		Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5	Cardinals Game in Springfield starts at 7:10	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Happy Father's Day Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 BLUE SUNDAY	Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30		Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Heaven Bound"		
25	26	27	28	29		
Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:00 Potluck 11:45 Church Council	Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30		Office Hours 9-5	Office Hours 9-5		



Happy
Birthday



June 2017

Happy
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Gerald Curbow Lori Johnson	3
4	5	6 Butch Looper	7	8 Mike Jones Sharlee Gunther	9 Leamon & Jo Roberson	10
11 Clair & Beverly Gunther	12	13 Chris Nelson Lola Looper Gary & Luz Gunther	14 Mona Fennema	15 Ben & Lori Johnson	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Jo Roberson	23 Deuane & Betty Frazier	24 Bill Mitchell
25	26	27	28 Gerald & Barbara Curbow	29	30	