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Pastor's Column

I had the privilege to be a part of one of the most awesome church meetings I have ever attended. The spirit of the Lord is upon this church and it seemed like the appropriate time to begin a new faith ministry.

So much went on that night it would be hard to put it all down, but let me say I was amazed!! Twenty people gathered together to begin the work. They were divided into five groups and every group had four people. That almost seems like a miracle in itself. And what I appreciated the most is that these lay people took charge. In all essence they really didn't even need me, so after sulking in my office for an hour or so we got back together to share what each committee had come up with and the reports were awesome. No other word will fit, awesome! I am looking forward to the workings of these committees as they bring a new dimension of faith to our church.

It is spring but the weather has not cooperated very well. The temperature has been up and down like a yo-yo. My body does not know what to think. Today it is 82 degrees and beautiful outside but back to near 50 degrees by Thursday. My allergies are really bad plus I caught a cold last week. So physically my world is not doing so hot. I needed the April 28th meeting to happen. It brought enthusiasm to my spirit and joy to my heart. As I think about it, that is exactly what we all need - a shot of the "Holy Spirit". I do believe we functioned out the Holy Spirit that night.

May 19th is Pentecost and the celebration of the "Holy Spirit" being imparted to us. Most of what we do as a church is founded upon the workings of the Holy Spirit within us or the works become just good humanitarian responses to life. But with the Holy Spirit it becomes an unselfish act done only because God first loved us. That is the difference. With the power of the Spirit we can do great things for the Lord!! But I don't have to tell you that because you have seen it work in our church over and over again.

Folks there is a reason a small group of Christians with Spirit still alive and well on the hilltop. Because God can use you and will continue to use you. God Bless you all!!

~Pastor Jack~

Garage Sale A Success!

A Garage Sale is one of those projects that can only be successful if you have help from many fronts.

First of all we need donations of baked goods and merchandise in every shape, size, and color in all categories.

Secondly we must have MANY workers to sort, organize, and price the items.

And third - we have to have volunteers to sit in the rain and cold to wait on our customers.

Lastly - we have to have buyers!

WE HAD ALL OF THESE

Our final tally for our spring sale is \$1747.25 in sales and "30" workers. We had \$25.00 in late sales changing our previous total of \$1722.25.

And I forgot to count Clair and myself in "workers" (some might say I was right the first time) changing that number from 28 to 30!

I realize many spent numerous hours at the church the week of April 14th to April 20th. I only hope all of you enjoyed the camaraderie and fun as much as I did.

Because our October sale is just five months away! And our garage is filling up!
~Beverly Gunther~

Summer Sizzler - Brandon Beck

June 8th at 5pm the Blue Eye UMC will host "Summer Sizzler". The evening will begin with BBQ brisket and all the trimmings, followed by music, and then a presentation by Brandon Beck, KY3 Early Morning and Noon Weekday meteorologist. Brandon has a passion about giving his testimony and how important fathers are to the family and community. The title of his presentation is "Our Twisted View of God". The dinner will be by donation with net proceeds going to local community charities. Dinner will be served from 5 pm to 6 pm - outside weather permitting - followed by the music and Brandon's presentation in the sanctuary at 6 pm.

Summer Sizzler is for the community and we are expecting about 100. Jim Perkin will be in charge of smoking the brisket. For this event we will need some volunteers to head up four committees.

The committees are:

Chair - Susan Perkin

Publicity - Neva Mielke

Smoking the brisket - Jim Perkin

Fixings (baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, dessert, etc) - ?

Sound/sanctuary set up - ?

Outside Set up - ?

Clean up - ?

If you would like to chair one of these committees, please call me at 593-2093. I would like for each committee chair to recruit their team. I know that we will have lots of help and of course I will be available to help in any and all areas. If you have any questions, please call me. We are hoping to draw many from the community - so spread the word!
~Susan Perkin~

A New Journey of FAITH Begins!!

On April 28 at 6:30pm this church launched into a new journey faith. A joint meeting of 5 committees met with Pastor Jack to begin an all inclusive ministry to our congregation and community.

The Five Committees were:

MISSIONS
HOSPITALITY
WORSHIP
OUTREACH
ENDOWMENT

Each committee was given an agenda and began with opening remarks from Pastor Jack. Then these committees went to work and for a hour and 15 minutes the church was buzzing and humming. At 8pm Pastor Jack called the group together and each group gave highlights of their meeting. It was awesome folks!!

It is NOW time to start the plan and the teams have begun their work, set some goals and we are excited about what Blue Eye UMC is going to do.

I hope you will join in on the activities and events and ministries that are about to unfold. You are part of this church and we want everyone to participate in helping make these ministries work.

Thanks to all those who were able to be a part of this first meeting.

Makayla Mielke to Graduate!

Please join us on Saturday, May 11th from 2 to 4 pm to celebrate Makayla Mielke's graduation from the College of the Ozarks.

The reception will be from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the Blue Eye United Methodist Church.

Please RSVP to Neva at
417-263-1937 or ndmielke@hotmail.com.



43rd Semi-Annual Charity Breakfast



The Branson Masonic Lodge #587 will hold a Charity Breakfast on Saturday, May 18th from 7 am to 11 am. The Branson Masonic Lodge is located on Highway 248 across from the old Mel Tillis Theatre (now known as Tri-Lakes Center). The All You Care To Eat menu consists of Biscuits and Gravy, Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Milk, and Coffee. The cost is \$7.00.

Procees are used to help families in need, especially food & toys at Christmas. They helped 70 area families last Christmas thanks to your contributions!



SCRIPTURES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



Sunday, May 5-Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Sunday, May 12-Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17 17:20-26

Sunday, May 19-Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17, (25-27)



Sunday, May 26-Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15



Joyful Noise Choir

Thanks to all choir members for a wonderful Easter cantata. Especially to Betty Frazier for being our director. It is a lot of hard work but it pays off in great spiritual benefits.

The choir will continue to meet at 6:30 on Wednesdays and continue to minister to our congregation during the summer. Thanks choir for making our worship a meaningful experience!!

Shepherd Center

Shepherd Center will have it's last Wednesday luncheon on May 8 at 11:45. They will break for the summer. Let's finish out the year with a strong attendance for the last two Wednesdays. If you can, please come and join the other folks for food and fellowship.



Lap Quilts

The ladies group is going to make "Lap Quilts" this spring. We need ladies to come and cut out fabric squares to be sewed together to make the top part of the quilt. These will be tie quilts and when we get to that part even the men can help do that (yes, I said the men can help with the tying part). Pastor has actually helped with other men in his last parish in Minnesota.

We will start on Wednesday, May 1 at 10:30 to 11:30 and then decide when would be a good time to meet. And who has sewing machines to put the squares together? We already have the fabrics.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast has been postponed until May 18 at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and 9:00 a.m. to place posts for Nativity and some lawn work. We will be digging holes for permanent post and filling in around them with concrete. So let's gather for breakfast and a short meeting and devotion and then accomplish our work.

Christian Associates Food Pantry

FOR MAY

This month we will be collecting;

Jello-any flavor

Pudding-Box or cups

Cookies-All size packages including the smaller snack size for kids backpacks

Crackers-Box or snack size for home or kids backpacks

They are very thankful that we continually bring over food items to them!! It helps to keep that program going here in Stone County.

* Facebook *

Be sure and check out the Blue Eye UMC Facebook page. You can get information and see the upcoming events if you don't have your calendar handy. You can "like" the page and post things about our church as well. Also be sure and check out our website: www.blueeyeumc.com

Festival of Sharing Kits

We will continue to collect Health Kits for the Festival of Sharing.

The Health Kits contains: a wide tooth comb, a nail clipper, a bar of soap (bath size in wrapper) 6 band-aids, a toothbrush (in original packaging), a washcloth, and a hand towel.

You can bring them to church any time and leave time in the box provided in the entry of the church.

You can also make a monetary donation to be used to purchase these seven items. We would like to take as many kits as possible to Sedalia in October when the festival is being held.

Thank You for helping.

There will also be "School Kits" that we will put together starting in August when back to school items go on sale. Look in the July and August Newsletter for that information!!



No Potluck on May 26

May 26 is the last Sunday of the month and is Memorial Day Weekend. Therefore, we will not have our regular potluck. People will be out and about for the holiday weekend.

We will have potlucks during the summer and the dates are: June 30, July 28 and August 25.

Blood Drive

Community Blood Drive of the Ozarks will be here at Blue Eye United Methodist Church:

Tuesday, May 28

3:00-6:00 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

Please spread the word and give blood that day!!

Thank You for giving to your community!

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If you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please give that information to the church office, church secretary or pastor.

We would like to increase the number of people who receive our publication.

Thank You!

As we begin this New Year pray about the direction of our church. We will have "outreach meetings" each month. We will be asking God's help in bringing other people to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

We are alive in Jesus Christ but we need to share that with others to bring them into our midst.

Hand Bell Concert

Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m.
At Shepherd of the Hills Luthern Church
71 Kimberling Blvd., Kimberling City

It will be combined Bell Choirs from:
College of the Ozarks
Faith Lutheran, Branson
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran



HOME RUN

A new Christian movie is out called "Home Run". It is a story of a professional baseball player, Cory Brand. Cory has problems that cause him to be suspended from the team and cut back to his small home town to coach the local Little League team. Not only that, but he is also forced to spend eight weeks in a local recovery program. These two together cause Cory to look at his life and to discover truths more powerful than he ever imagined. This would lead him toward the most important play of his life.

It started April 19 and plays daily at Branson Meadows Cinema at 12:45-3:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m. Fri. & Sat.)
417-331-0464



Pastor To Be Gone

Jack and Peg will be going again this year to see their son Michael May 3-6. Actually the whole family is getting together in Brookings South Dakota for Mike's graduation from South Dakota State University with a B.A. in Mathematics. Mike will be moving to Mankato, Minnesota after graduation.



Stone County 14th Annual National Day of Prayer

Garage Sale A Success!

Thanks to all who made it possible!
Thanks to our leader- Beverly Gunther!
Garage Sale Report

Baked Goods	\$95.75
Food Booth	\$89.05
Jewelry	\$45.85
Sat. Sack Sale	\$153.50
Sales	\$1338.10
Total	\$1722.25!!

WHERE: Galena
Courthouse Lawn

WHEN: Thursday, May
2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

COME JOIN US!!

Pray for America- "In
His Name the Nations
will put their Hope."
Matt. 12:21

AND 30 WORKERS!!! THANKS AGAIN!!!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 9:30 Women's Ministries 10:30 Shepherd Center 11:45 Card Fellowship 1:00 No Choir 6:30	2  National Day of Prayer Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	3 Pastor out of town	4 Pastor out of town
5 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 No Communion Pastor out of town Hand Bell Concert 2:00 See Article	6 Pastor out of town	7	8 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 9:30 Women's Ministries 10:30 Shepherd Center 11:45 Card Fellowship 1:00 PPR 5:30 Choir 6:30	9 Office Hours 9-5 Radical Hospitality 6:30 Al-Anon 7:00	10	11
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19 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday	20 Office Hours 9-5	21	22 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 9:30 Women's Ministries 10:30 Card Fellowship 1:00 Choir 6:30	23 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 No Pot Luck	27  Memorial Day	28 Blood Drive 3:00-6:00	29 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 9:30 Women's Ministries 10:30 Card Fellowship 1:00 Choir 6:30	30 Office Hours 9-5 Al-Anon 7:00	31	



HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY May 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 MAYHEM!			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Beverly Gunther		Ben Johnson Jerry & Frankie Oldani		Jerry Oldani Kathy Reimer	Sybil Mitchell	Bob & Debbie Lyon
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	 MAY DAY OF THE VALLEY
		Mike & Shelly Fransen		Neva Mielke		