



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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Pastor's Column

"April showers bring May flowers". Well, we didn't just get showers but heavy rain and thunderstorms. The good thing is no more drought, but the bad thing is the lake is rising. The good thing is the lake will be up for boaters this summer. The bad thing is the gates on the dam need to be open. The good thing is the tourists like to see the water come down the spillway. The bad thing is that it might flood Lake Taneycomo.

As you can see life is full of good things and bad things. It is much easier to handle the good things in life. Sometimes we don't ever give God the credit. We just keep on moving through the good times of our lives. Maybe we should stop and take a look around and give God the praise for the goodness He has given to us. Let's not leave God out of the good times but share with Him how grateful we are for His steadfast love.

In the bad times we are quick to turn to God for help or to blame. We again don't always see God helping us with the bad times. More often we do turn for help because we are helpless and do not know what to do next. So we stop and ask for guidance and help. We find a very steadfast God waiting to help us in time of need. So, when bad things happen we do need to turn to the Lord. He is our Rock and Shield to help protect us and see us through.

Sometimes we also blame God for the bad things. And the good thing is He does not shy away from us but waits patiently until we realize He did not cause the bad thing to happen but is there to see and help us through, to raise us up and carry us when the burden is too great.

Whatever the happenstance good or bad—God is always there to protect, support, sustain and guide us through. We need only to reach out and let Him take us by the hand! Thanks be to God who walks the road of life with us!

God's Blessing, Pastor Jack

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Scriptures for the Month of May

Sunday, May 7: Acts 2:42-47 • Psalm 23 • 1 Peter 2:19-25 • John 10:1-10

Sunday, May 14: Acts 7:55-60 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 • 1 Peter 2:2-10 • John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 21: Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 28: Acts 1:6-14 • Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 • 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 •
John 17:1-11



Mike Fransen in the Pulpit

Usually Mike speaks for me when I am gone, but this time I get to hear him. May 14, Mother's Day, Mike will bring the message and I will be the worship leader, switching roles. It should be a fun morning of worship!

Pastor Jack

Small Groups

Small groups will be meeting in May if they have not already started. We are asking each group to meet once a month. The focus of the groups is to get to know someone better. Sharing who we are, where we came from, with a little about our family and how we came to Open Doors UMC would be good discussion starters.

Also, within the meeting time there should be a short devotional time. You can pick a scripture or topic. One will be provided as well. A topic for discussion is Psalm 23. Read and discuss what God is saying to us in those verses.

These small groups are for faith development and not evangelism. You will not be asked to go out and share your faith journey. You will find as you share with each other in the small group that you will grow in faith to our Lord Jesus Christ!!

The first group to get together was Gary and Debbie Hermann's group. They got together with Jean Florke, Devin Florke, Delores Bryant and Becky Babbler. As you can see from the pictures it looks like they all had a great time. So if you have not made plans with your group yet you should really be thinking about getting together soon. It will be a great "getting to know each other better" experience!!



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Our Church Council approved a new program called "Right Now Media". This program will provide literally thousands of new programs for the church. My main interest in using this program is "Faith Development" within our church. The church will be able to offer numerous studies that we can do at church and home. Right Now Media has the largest streaming video Bible study library in the world. Everyone in the church can be involved in this program one way or another. Over the next few months we will explore the use of this program. Over 15,000 churches world-wide are using this program. I will share more details as I get used to using the materials.

Pastor Jack



Church Picnic

We have a large burn pile in the fire pit out back of the parsonage. We need to burn it before it gets too hot so let's have a hot dog roast on Wednesday May 31. Most people are with family on Memorial Day but have leftovers from the weekend. Well!!!, just bring your leftovers of chips, salads, desserts or whatever. Hot dogs, buns, condiments and pop will be provided. Also, bring a lawn chair!! See you at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. We might even sing camp songs!!



Mission Focus Heifer International

During the month of May we will be taking donations for Heifer International. Our goal is \$500.00 which would provide the gift of a heifer.

With a heifer, families can generate income by selling milk. That income translates into food, clothes, school fees and medicine. Then when the heifer has a female offspring they can help another family in need. This promise to pass on the gift means your generosity will continue to grow for years to come!

Heifer International also has other animals for various cost. They have animals like goats, sheep, pigs, a trio of rabbits, flock of chicks, honeybees, etc.

Donations need to be labeled "Heifer International" on checks or offering envelopes.
Thank You!!

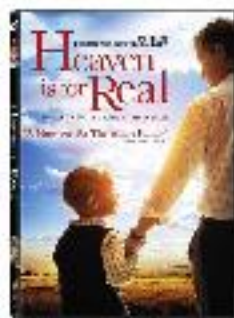


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"Best Choice" labels are needed! Save only the UPC symbol from Best Choice products. Cut the UPC symbol from labels or cartons. With glass items you may need to soak them in warm water. Save your labels and bring them to church!!

AMAZING
LOVING
STRONG
HAPPY
SELFLESS
GRACEFUL

Movie Night



Over the past two years we have had nights with several people and we have had nights with not so many. We have had a lot of great movies, some not so great, some sad, some happy. We have had a lot of great goodies including root beer floats, cotton candy, homemade caramel popcorn, hot chocolate, shakes and malts. The last movie we had at the parsonage because of the garage sale. I think we had more at that one than we have had in a while. It was a great time. The most consistent thing though is that we have always enjoyed each other's company.

Tuesday, May 2 will be "Where Hope Grows". And then on Thursday, May 18 for the first time ever we will have a rerun. We will be showing "Heaven is for Real" again. So if you missed it the first time please put it on your calendar and come on out and enjoy a great show with us. Both nights we will start at 7:00.

WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

May 7: Debra Tompkins

May 14:

**May 21: Jack & Peg
Smith**

**May 28: Jack & Vivian
Jensen
Jan Hensiek**

GREETERS

May 7:

May 14: Debra Tompkins

May 21: J.D. Settles

**May 28: Jack & Vivian
Jensen
Jan Hensiek**

Parsonage Update

We still need volunteers! The parsonage repair is coming along but we still need people to help. The living room ceiling is the only spot inside that needs work soon.

The outside needs: Siding in front replaced, Front storm door replaced, Floor decking on back deck replaced.

We are still trying to get these repairs done so we may begin a ministry to the families of pastors of the Missouri Conference of the UMC. The trustees are putting together the plan of what is expected of the people who would use our facility. We are not able to rent property as such but a price will be listed as a suggested donation to the church. That way it stays as a ministry.

Please help get ready for this ministry to happen! Thanks!!

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.

April

June

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	2 Movie Night 7:00 "Where Hope Grows"	3 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	4 Office Hours 9-5	5	6 Prayer Breakfast 8:30
7 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 COMMUNION	8 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	9	10 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	11 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	12	13
14 Happy Mothers Day Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	15 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	16	17 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 6:30	18 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Heaven is for Real"	19	20
21 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	22 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	23	24 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 6:30	25 Office Hours 9-5	26	27
28 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	29  Memorial Day	30	31 Office Hours 9-5 Picnic 6:00			

Happy
Birthday



May 2017

Happy
Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Monika Bennett	5	6
7	8	9	10 Sean Phillips	11	12 Beverly Gunther	13
14 Cole Riggs Ben Johnson Jerry & Frankie Oldani	15	16 Jerry Oldani Kathy Reimer	17 Sybil Mitchell	18 Bob & Debbie Lyon	19	20
21	22 Cody West	23	24 Dwane Smith	25	26	27
28 Tammy Walker Mike & Shelly Fransen	29 Jonathan & Makayla Blake	30 Neva Mielke Tom & Phyllis Kutzner	31			