



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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I love this time of the year except for the wind. At times the wind is really bad and things are blowing all over the place. I was trying to work out in my yard (making a rock garden) and everytime I would empty a bag of rock the bag would blow away into the neighbors yard. But when it isn't windy the cold air and the bright sun make for a perfect day.

And when we look around it is a perfect day in the Lord. He made all of this including the wind. It is awesome. The seasons make life interesting to say the least. We have all four seasons in Minnesota but down here we really get four seasons. The beautiful spring with all the trees budding and flowers growing. Then summer and all the great days of outdoor activities and some hot days (I like heat more that cold). After summer we have the beautiful fall with the trees turning colors and the cool evenings with a nice fire. Finally winter which is the hardest season but can be great if you like cold wintery weather. Here it is more like ice than snow but it is a great season.

This winter time will be spent in the basement of the parsonage. Out of much discussion comes "Ministry House". We will be working at the parsonage to create "Ministry House". This ministry will start with pastors and families of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. Any pastor of the Missouri conference can reserve "Ministry House" for a nominal donation and come to enjoy what the Branson area has to offer. This will be a growing ministry to hopefully include the churches as well for youth groups, women's groups, men's groups, family ministries and so on within the frame work of the UMC. We will also take reservations for our own church people for their family and friends.

We are excited about the possibilites. Look in the newsletter to see the ways you can help. Also, if you would like to support the remodeling of the basement please write on your check "for parsonage".

As you can see on the calendar page we are very busy this month and next month with many activities of the church. Please take advantage of all the opportunities you can. May God's blessings be with us!

*God's Blessing, Pastor Jack*

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# Scriptures for the Month of November



**Sunday, Nov. 5: Micah 3:5-12; Psalm 43:1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 • Matthew 23:1-12**

**Sunday, Nov. 12: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13**

**Sunday, Nov. 19: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12;**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30**

**Sunday, Nov. 26: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Matthew 25:31-46**



## Church in the Park

Our annual church in the park became a worship and potluck at the parsonage. The weather was wet and dreary but 20 folks got together at the parsonage and had a great worship experience plus the potluck was really good. There was a good variety of food so what looked like a wash out turned into a fun time for all.

## Charge Conference

This year the Charge Conference is at Ozark UMC in Ozark, Missouri on Nov. 12 (Sunday) at 3:00 p.m. All the forms are sent in so we are ready to go. It would be great if we could have 8 to 10 people go with Pastor Jack. Our conference is with 14 other churches so it is a time of fellowship with other UM Christians. It is also part of our connectionalism with the Conference of the Missouri Annual Conference. Please let Pastor Jack know if you can go!

## Thanksgiving Dinner



The last couple of years we have had a Thanksgiving Dinner for those without family. Due to an active schedule and getting ready for Advent/Christmas we will not have that dinner this year. Thanks to those who helped and made it possible for that meal to take place!

## Trunk or Treat

What a great time everyone had at this year's Trunk or Treat. We had around 110 kids. Some dressed as Princesses, some Fairies, some ghosts and goblins we even saw someone from NCIS. We had a great group of cars with trunks decorated and lots of candy to give out. 12 trunks in all. Thanks to all who participated and thanks to the Gunther's for once again feeding all who came to give out candy. All in all it was a wonderful night.



# Bible Studies

1) The Monday Morning Bible Study-10:30-12:00 is studying the book of Ephesians. RightNow Media makes it easy to study and provides worksheets for our study.

2) The Thursday Evening Bible Study-6:30-7:30 is studying the book of James. It is also a great study. This Bible Study is new and so far not many have attended. Please come on Thursday Nov. 30 and help decide if there is a better time to do this study. Pastor Jack is not giving up because Bible Study and prayer are the backbone of any strong congregation. We need to be in the Bible!

3) The Group Study (studying at home and meeting the last Monday of the month at 6:30 to discuss what we learned) is on The Look at the Book-Bible Study by John Piper. He uses a different approach to study. Take a look at home on RightNow Media.com.

Let's get involved in the Word of God. Amen!

## Military Service

If you are in the military or have served in the past, Neva Mielke would like to have a picture so she can display it at church. You can give it to Neva or leave it in the church office. She will make a copy of it and then give it back to you. Thanks from Neva Mielke! And Thank You for your service!!!



## Prayer Breakfast

Sat. Nov. 4 is prayer breakfast and we will have a full breakfast with prayer time. Things get started around 8:00 a.m. with Pastor Jack showing up between 8:15 & 8:30.

After prayer time 10:00 a.m. is work day at the parsonage. We have some outside work to get done before the winter sets in. We could really use some help!

# Garage Sale

The Garage Sale got started a day early due to weather. This was a huge garage sale with many, many items. We had a good group of workers and we will see what we made for all our efforts. Thanks to all who helped out the past two weeks!!



## United Methodist Student Day

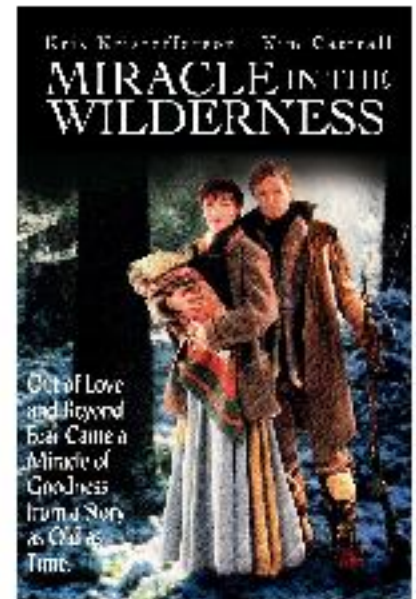
November 26 is UMSD so there is an enclosed envelope in the newsletter for your use. The gift you make helps support scholarships and the UM Student Loan Fund. It is also a supportive network for young people to realize the church is behind them in their education. We are encouraging students not only to get an education but to also be involved with the church to nurture and grow in their faith in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. It is truly a very good way for us to help the next generation. Thanks for your gift!!

## Starting in November

Every Thursday and Saturday will be work days at the parsonage getting it ready for "Mission House". During the winter months we will be working on the basement. Other work times might be needed but we will need to schedule them two or three days ahead of when we want to work. We can surely use anyone's help, we can give you on-the-job training!! Thanks!

# Movie Night

The movies for the month of November will be "The Polar Express" Nov. 7 and "Miracle in the Wilderness" Nov. 16. As you can see we are getting ready for Christmas but that's ok some people like to watch Christmas movies all year round. Please come on out and have some fun and fellowship with these two great movies. Who knows you might even become like a child again.



## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Nov. 5: Clair & Beverly  
Gunther

Nov. 12: Debra Tompkins

Nov. 19: Gary & Debbie  
Herrmann

Nov. 26: Jack & Vivian  
Jan Hensiek

## GREETERS

Nov. 5: Sybil Mithcell  
Jan Hensiek

Nov. 12: Dennis Thompson  
Helen Feuz

Nov. 19: Barbara Curbow

Nov. 26: Warren Samuelson  
Jan, Jack & Vivian



## Hanging of the Greens

This year Hanging of the Greens is on November 26 right after church and potluck. This is Thanksgiving weekend but we need to be ready for Advent on December 3. This church has beautiful decorations for the Advent/Christmas Season. Many workers make light work so please come and help. It is a special time of the Christian year.



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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	2 Office Hours 9-5 Parsonage Work Day 10-4	3	4 Prayer Breakfast 8:30 Parsonage Work Day 10:00
5 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 COMMUNION	6 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	7 Movie Night 7:00 "The Polar Express"	8 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	9 Office Hours 9-5 Parsonage Work Day 8-11 Trustee Meeting 10:00 "LEOTA" Olive Garden 12:15	10	11 Parsonage Work Day 10-4
12 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Charge Conference Ozark at 3:0	13 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	14	15 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	16 Office Hours 9-5 Parsonage Work Day 10-4 Movie Night 7:00 "Miracle in the Wilderness"	17	18 Parsonage Work Day 10-4
19 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	20 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	21	22 Office Hours 9-5 Choir 6:30	23 	24	25 Parsonage Work Day 10-4
26 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 11:45 Potluck Hanging of the Greens	27 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30 Group Bible Study 6:30	28	29 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	30 Office Hours 9-5 Parsonage Work Day 8-11 Dine Time Red Barn Cafe 12:15 Bible Study 6:30		



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Debbie Lyon	3	4
5 Jack Jensen	6	7	8	9 David Pratt Dwane & Beverly Smith	10	11
12	13	14 Marcia Siefkes	15	16	17 Randy Darden	18 Megan Riggs
19	20	21	22	23 Dave Gilliam 	24 June Johnson	25 JD Settles
26	27	28 Barbara Curbow Helen Fuez	29	30 		