



Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

October 2016 Newsletter

Pastor's Column

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This past month we had some great opportunities to be in fellowship and feel God's presence with us. First of all we have a designated Prayer Time at the beginning of each month. At the moment it is on Saturday mornings but that could change. What is important is people getting together to pray. It is God's spirit empowering our spirit to direct the life of our church. Prayer is the key to Christian growth and direction.

Second, we got together for worship out in God's beautiful country at the campgrounds at the end of UU. Again it is great fellowship but it is also a great spiritual time. We are out in His creation and feel the presence of the Lord differently than inside the church. And the neat part is that we are surrounded by campers. They may not come to worship but they can surely hear. Who knows how many lives we may have touched that day!!

Thirdly, we had our 4th Annual BBQ which brought a number of people from the community. And many stayed for the Sons of the Silver Dollar. It was good fellowship, good food, lots of fun and a spiritual experience as well. The witness of the Sons of the Silver Dollar blended right in with all the good songs. It was a great night.

These were the special moments for spiritual input from our Lord, but we have continuing ministries. Bible Study on Mondays will start again at 10:30 pm Oct. 10 followed by the women's Ministries. There are the Noon Luncheons which gather us for Christian Fellowship and continues with the afternoon card group. There are the two Movie Nights with movies that inspire our spirits. Also, choir is a good source of spiritual input as we sing songs of praise!! And there are the Sunday fellowship experiences from 9:30 to 10:25 and our Worship Services that revive our spirits and give us strength to face another week!

All in all, we are a very active community of faith but there are still challenges before us to do ministry in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We accept those challenges and will work toward future ministries of Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye!!

God's Blessing, Pastor Jack



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Scriptures for the Month of October



Sunday, Oct. 2: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, Oct. 9: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, Oct. 16: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

**Sunday, Oct. 23: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-14**

Sunday, Oct. 30: Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Worship At The Campgrounds

We always have a great time when we get together. For our worship at the campgrounds we had a beautiful day. Worship was great and the food was delicious. Please plan on coming next year. The more the merrier. Thanks to the Herrmann's for putting this together!!



Bonfire Cookout

Last year we had a cookout in late September (Sept. 23) but with the BBQ in September we will have a Bonfire Cookout on Wednesday, Oct 19 at 6:30. This year we have a fire ring so the fire won't get away from us. It didn't last year either but the fire ring will help! Come, bring a chair and chips, desserts or something fun to share. Buns, wieners, drinks and paper goods will be provided. Hope to see you there!!



Communion Prayer Time

Communion for Oct. will be on the 9th instead of the 2nd. Pastor Jack & Peg will be in Clarinda, Iowa to watch our grandson's band.

Also, Prayer Time will be changed from Oct. 1 to Oct. 8 due to Pastor being gone. Please make this change to your schedule.

TRUNK OR TREAT

What a great ministry we have with these young children and youth from the community. We should plan on having at least 100 goblins, ghosts and other creatures too numerous to mention.

We can always use more cars and vans in the parking lot. The more vehicles we have the more visible we are to the community.

Please remember it can be cold out so dress warmly and if you are new, we do decorate our vehicles with something—Spooky!!

We will start at 5:30 on Oct. 31.

There will be food provided for the "Treaters".



Garage Sale--Nov. 3-4-5

The Garage Sale needs donations during the month of October. Please let the church or J.D. Settles know if you need help getting your items to church.

Cut off date for all donations is Sunday, Oct. 23. Anything brought in after the 23rd will be saved for the Spring sale.

We will need help that week of the Garage Sale. More information will be in the November newsletter from Beverly Gunther. For now please look around and see what you have to donate!! Thanks!

4th Annual BBQ

The 4th Annual BBQ was held outside on a beautiful Saturday evening. We served over 130 people and had over 80 stay for the concert by The Sons of The Silver Dollar. This is the second year for them to come and they were great!!

Thanks to all who helped prepare, serve, eat, enjoy the music and cleaned up. A special thanks to Cody West for doing another year of great outdoor cooking. The BBQ meat was delicious!!

Thanks to Peg Smith for organizing the event and keeping everyone going in the right direction. Thanks to Neva Mielke and Susie Bouchey for getting the advertizing out and Debra Tompkins for telling a lot of folks and now putting on a lot of pictures!!

It was a great event!!!





Christmas Play

It's that time of year again. Time to be thinking about a Christmas Play. We have not quite figured out what play we want to do but be thinking about it because if you don't volunteer we will come find you!!!

Movie Night



We have finally finished watching the original 8 movies of the Love Comes Softly Series. Now we have two movies that are about Clark and his first wife before she died. And then finish all up with a Christmas one in December. This month the movie is "Love Begins" which we will be showing on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Then we will watch "The Ultimate Gift" on Thursday, Oct. 20.

I hope you will join us on these nights. If you are not coming you sure are missing a great time with friends.



Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference this year is early—Sunday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Kimberling City UMC. Pre-Conference get together will start at 6:30 p.m. The churches in our cluster are: Open Doors UMC, Branson, Forsyth, Kimberling City and Lifesong UMC in Reeds Spring. It would be great if we had as many as possible come. If you want to carpool come to the church at 6:00 p.m. otherwise just go directly to Kimberling City. Hope to see you all there!

GREETERS WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Oct. 2: Jack & Neva
Mielke

Oct. 9: Pat Bangert
Marcia Siefkes

Oct. 16: Charles Julian
Helen Feuz

Oct. 23: Jan Hensiek
J.D. Settles

Oct. 30: Jack & Neva
Mielke

Oct. 2: Thia Bryant

Oct. 9: Barbara Curbow

Oct. 16: Clair & Beverly
Gunther

Oct. 23: Helen Feuz
Marcia Siefkes

Oct. 30: Bob & Debbie
Lyon

A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?". The girl replied, "it's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, ecc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for a ll the world to see."



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
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2 Welcome Center 9:30 Worship Time 10:30	3 Office Hours 9-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	4 Movie Night 7:00 "Love Begins"	5 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 6:30	6 Office Hours 9-5	7	8 Continental Breakfast/ Prayer Time 8:30
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Happy
Birthday

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Anniversary

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9	10	11	12	13	14 Debra Tompkins	15
16	17	18	19 Jean Florke	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Grace Maxwell	27	28	29
30	31	