



# Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye

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### Issue 11 *Pastor's Column*

September seems to be a time of change. The summer is over and the kids are back in school. It may remain hot for a while but it is a different kind of hot! The humidity goes down and the nights get cooler. So, there is change in the air. This has been a wet summer and the grass is still green and the trees, flowers and bushes look great but that will change. Hopefully it won't all happen quickly like some years but gently over a period of weeks. But things will change and we need to be ready.

I have been talking about the NEW JACK! A few people have said they don't want a new Jack but change is always there or we do not grow. Our spirits are never done growing all the days of our lives. So, the "New Jack" may not look different at all but after 6 years I am not in the same place as I was when I started here. In fact, I am excited about a couple of new things on our spiritual journey. One is RightNow Media and I hope you will join me in the journey. Each month I will choose a Bible study for the whole church and invite you to be a part of it while still at home. Also, there will be in house studies I will invite you to. It has been a busy summer so I have not put those ideas together yet but will do so soon, so please stay tuned, it's part of the "New Jack".

Secondly, I am excited about ministry with our Retreat Center (parsonage). We need to keep working on the remodeling of areas that need our attention and plan for the future opening of "Open Doors Retreat Center"! Hopefully spring of 2018 will be our grand opening!!! In the process of that whole ministry I have a vision, a vision I believe could change the whole scope of Open Doors UMC of Blue Eye! That is part of the "New Jack" but I won't overwhelm you with details yet!

Thirdly, we are going to streamline our administration. I will be asking the church council to change its name to Leadership Team. This will be the team to lead us into the future. This team will be responsible for all ministry opportunities open to our church. There will still be a Trustee Committee and a Staff Parish Committee but will be streamlined so as not to obligate a person to too many offices. This is all backed by the Annual Conference of the UM Church. And this is part of the "New Jack"!

I look forward to our 7th year together and even to the changes that are before us. The only way the "New Jack" can operate is by listening to the Holy Spirit. I am asking all of you to do the same. Open yourself up even more to God's plan for our church. It's an exciting adventure in faith development. I am excited!!

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*God's Blessing, Pastor Jack*



# Scriptures for the Month of September

**Sunday, Sept. 3: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21;  
Matthew 16:21-28**

**Sunday, Sept. 10: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20**

**Sunday, Sept. 17: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21;  
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35**

**Sunday, Sept. 24: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Phillipians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16**

## Garage Sale

**Our annual fall garage sale will be in October (the exact date has not been set). We have already received many donations. If anyone plans to donate items we would appreciate it if you would put them in the garage as soon as possible. We will have a detailed article on times for work schedule as soon as possible.**

**Thank you in advance for your help and donations. We could not have a sale without a lot of both.**

**Beverly Gunther**

## Noon Luncheon

The first Noon Luncheon will be September 20 at 12:00. The price of the luncheon is \$3.00 and is for anyone wanting a lunch and some friendly conversation.

Exciting card games follow and once again everyone is invited.

No reservation needed and you don't have to attend every week.

Come when you can. We would love to have you join us.

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

The Sunday morning Fellowship time in the Welcome Center is going very well. We would like to thank everyone that helps out. There is always plenty of great treats to go around. We would ask that everyone bring their leftover treats home with them unless they are individually packaged. When they get put in the freezer at church most of the time it does not get used and we just have to throw it out. So please take it home or give it away. Thanks again to everyone who volunteers and brings the wonderful treats. It is always a fun time to get together and have fellowship. If you are not joining us

Sunday mornings please consider starting.

We would love to have you!!





# 5TH ANNUAL SUMMER SIZZLE BBQ

## Saturday, September 23

### at 5:30 p.m.



Brisket, Baked Beans,  
Chips, Desserts & Drinks

Instead of a set price for the meal  
We will be accepting donations

**7:30 Concert**

**Sons of the Silver Dollar  
of Silver Dollar City.**

**A love offering will be taken**



## Sanctuary Update

The ceiling in the sanctuary that was affected by the leak (which has been fixed), is getting sprayed to repair it. After that is done we will be getting a new speaker system installed in the sanctuary. This will greatly enhance the sound throughout the sanctuary and will also put our speakers in the basement back on line. The front speakers will be used as monitors for the chancel area.



## Update on Parsonage

A lot of work is being done on the parsonage and will continue this fall. Prayer Breakfast is Sat. Sept. 9 at 8:15 a.m. After Prayer Time we will have a work day at the parsonage. We have a number of inside and outside tasks to be done.

Right now we are working at finishing the retaining walls on the east side and putting back the rock. We will then put siding on the front. The deck surface is being replaced little by little in the back of the parsonage.

Please consider coming Sept. 9 at 8:15 for Prayer Breakfast or at 10 a.m. to help at the parsonage. Thanks!!



# Movie Night



We have had a month off from our monthly movie nights. Hopefully everyone is rested up and looking forward to getting back out again. This month our movies are "War Room" on Tuesday, Sept. 12 and "Seven Days in Utopia" on Thursday, Sept. 21. Both movies are at 7:00 p.m. Please make plans to come to at least one of these movies. We always have a great time just getting together. There are usually some great snacks also.



## Worship at the Campgrounds



PLEASE COME!!



## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Sept. 3: Debra Tompkins

Sept. 10: Jack & Peg  
Smith

Sept. 17: Pat Bangert  
Marcia Siefkes

Sept. 24: Bob & Debbie  
Lyon

## GREETERS

Sept. 3: Helen Feuz  
Pat Bangert

Sept. 10: Deloris Bryant  
Neva Mielke

Sept. 17: Barbara Curbow  
Sept. 24: Dennis Thompson  
JD Settles

Our Third Annual Worship at the Campgrounds is coming up. For two years we have used the RV park at the end of UU. Gary & Debbie Hermann co-manage the campgrounds and reserve the shelter for our gathering. We will do it again this year on Oct. 22. Please either meet at church at 9:45 and be shuttled to the campground or if you have a state park pass you can go right down. There will be a potluck afterwards. It is a great outdoor experience. Please plan to attend!!

## Gazebo Update

As you know the gazebo has been turned to face the parking lot. This will open new experiences for the usage of the gazebo. With that the trustees have decided to install two sidewalks to the gazebo. One from the entry area of the church and the other from the parking lot. Also, steps off the back of the gazebo will be installed. This work will be done some time soon so as to be finished for the carcase sale.



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.

August

October



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 COMMUNION	4 No Office Hours	5	6 Office Hours 9-5	7 Office Hours 9-5	8	9 Prayer Breakfast 8:30 Parsonage Work Day
10 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	11 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	12 Movie Night 7:00 "War Room"	13 Office Hours 9-5	14 Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00 "LEOTA" Montana Mike's 12:15	15	16
17 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Church Council 11:45 BLUE SUNDAY	18 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	19	20 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	21 Office Hours 9-5 Movie Night 7:00 "Seven Days in Utopia"	22	23 5th Annual BBQ 5:30 Sons of The Silver Dollar 7:30
24 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Potluck 11:45	25 Office Hours 10-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	26	27 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	28 Office Hours 9-5	29	30 Dine Time White River Fish House 12:15



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>Katie Jensen</b>  <b>Makayla Blake</b>  <b>Tom Kutzner</b>	2
3  <b>Dave Thomas</b>  <b>Ivan &amp; Kathy Reimer</b>	4	5	6	7	8  <b>Jack Mielke</b>	9
10  <b>Bob Bell</b>	11	12 <b>Dennis Thompson</b>  <b>Dave &amp; Sharon Gilliam</b>	13 <b>Jim Perkin</b>  <b>Bob &amp; Sybil Mitchell</b>	14	15  <b>Henry &amp; Ruth Ann Fink</b>	16
17  <b>Steve Fennema</b>	18	19	20	21  <b>Michaela Fransen</b>	22  <b>Mike &amp; Jessica Eckerle</b>	23  <b>Susie Bouchey</b>  <b>Warren &amp; Marilyn Samuelson</b>
24	25	26	27	28	29  <b>Jeff Sletto</b>	30