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THE NEWS AT BLUE RIDGE

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Encouragement...Coming Soon to Blue Ridge Church

With Jesus walking with you, you have the ability and the spirit, to encourage others. Encouraging others is an ancient way to live out our faith. We are to "encourage one another and build up each other."

(1 Thessalonians 5.11)

Beyond simply following scripture, encouragement is something you can do anywhere, anytime. Encouragement does not require a building. Encouragement does require one thing: a person who will choose to encourage. God's choice to encourage us is Jesus.

Choosing to encourage others as God encourages us with Jesus will still have challenges. After all, our culture isn't that encouraging sometimes. Sometimes we are prone to criticize even those close to us. It doesn't have to be that way.

I invite you to follow Jesus by practicing encouragement. To help you we're forming groups to encourage each other. One group will meet Sunday morning. Another is forming Thursday evening. You will have the opportunity to help develop our approach to encouraging encouragers. You will be in on the beginning of a movement of the Holy Spirit in your life, and in the lives of others. As we obey Jesus' commands, we will be guided by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach us what we need to know about encouragement. (John 14.26) We can do this!

Right Before Our Very Eyes...

Seeing with our spiritual eyes is powerful. It's also harder than it looks. If it was easy, we wouldn't need Jesus. Yet with Jesus Christ in our very being we can see with spiritual eyes because the spirit is God's. (Isaiah 32.3)

I've been blessed to have experienced seeing things with God's eyes on occasion. Recently I've seen young people excited to be serving in our mission field. This fall our Wednesday night plan of providing "programming" came to an end. In its place we have youngsters who do mission work in our mission field! Active faith is replacing activities.

Some of the mission field activities include washing windshields at the gas station across the street while distributing Trunk or Treat Flyers and taking Bread of Life loaves with the church's name and address on them to neighboring houses. Whatever the activity, towards the end of their service time each week our youngsters take time with their journals. Journaling is a key part of reflecting on their mission service. The cycle of taking action in Jesus name and reflecting on that action is an ancient and proven method of training disciples.

Right before our very eyes the lives of these young people are being transformed. They will forever carry with them the experience of being excited to serve Jesus in our mission field. I'm thankful that you and I are also being transformed as we serve Jesus by making these experiences available to young people. Thank you!

Chris Cakes November 16!!

After worship on Sunday, November 16, we'll be having a Chris Cakes brunch. I like Chris Cakes! I know you do too! I look forward to worshipping and brunching with you!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Barry

Wednesday Night . . . Kids on a Mission



Each Wednesday night thru Nov. 19th from 6:00 – 7:30, the children’s ministry at Blue Ridge Boulevard United Methodist Church will host a mission’s event designed to fulfill the vision of our church:

CREATING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE MISSION FIELD SO THAT ALL EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

We will meet in the Beatitudes area for a short worship/devotion time (approximately 6:00 – 6:15). Then, we will head out to the mission field to share the love of Jesus Christ. We invite all of the youth and members of the congregation to join us! We will have everything planned and ready to go. All you need to do is show up and serve!

Proposed Schedule:

Date	Event	Facilitator
10/29/14	Bus Tables at McDonalds on Blue Ridge	Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
11/05/14	Hand out “doggie bags” at Petco on Noland Road	Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
11/12/14	Bus Tables at McDonalds by Walmart	Andy, Callie, Missy, others?
11/19/14	Combined evening of worship? Invite church groups up and down Blue Ridge	Andy, Callie, Missy, others?



Blue Ridge:

YOUTH NEWS

By the time this newsletter comes out we will have served the community by raking, sweeping and picking up trash at the strip mall located near the corner of Blue Ridge and 47th and we will watch and review the movie "Heaven is For Real". Our service activity for October was assisting at R.E.A.P. when the scouts brought in their many bags of food.

In case you have not noticed, the youth are our greeters the 3rd Sunday of each month. In September Pastor Barry was our guest leader for Sunday school on greeting day, October was Ms. Connie and November is Mr. Andy. The youth really enjoyed having a lesson led by someone other than me - you know, most of them either live with me or see me fairly often! So it was a fun and interesting change to have another adult involved. If you would be interested in leading one Sunday for the youth please contact me. If you lead on a greeting Sunday then it need only be a short lesson as we are scheduled to be at the doors shortly after 9:30. We will even make you breakfast!

Kennedy DeMoss, Volunteer Youth Coordinator
816-509-9989 - *In Christ's Love - Kennedy (aka Deborah)*



Radical Hospitality

Everyone likes to be greeted by a friendly face on Sunday mornings! Sharing smiles and extending arms to welcome others are a few of the instructions for us to do!

In Romans 12:13 it is stated: “*Share with God’s people who are in need.*” (food, a place to stay, a listening ear, acceptance). “*Practice hospitality.*” And in 3 John:5 it tells us,

“Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you.”

You are invited to be a blessing to others as they enter our doors on Sunday mornings. The sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Four persons to serve as greeters are needed each Sunday morning.

For those of you who feel called to share a snack in the Blue Café on Sunday mornings, may also sign up on the sheet available at the Welcome Center.

A huge THANK YOU for all of the groups and individuals who are helping with both greeting and snacks. And THANK YOU also to Edna Scahill, Beverly Scalet, and Phyllis Harrel for serving as ‘connectors’ (hostess) to persons who visit our church. (We still would love to see a couple of more persons serve as connectors.)

If you have any questions or need more information about hospitality at our church, please contact Donna Teachman, Edna Scahill, Barbara Parrent, Ruthie Schwieterman or Barbara McCready.

Office Angels Needed

As many of you may know, the outer office is supported by volunteers who answer the door bell, greet people as they come toward the office, answer the phone and take messages or get you to the right person to answer your questions. This takes a team effort and currently our team is depleted. We need a few folks to help out for anything from 2-4 hours. Help is needed in mornings and afternoons.

It’s not a hard job, and you’ll have time to visit with others as they come and go. If you are willing to be a temporary helper for a time, or a sub that can be called once in a while, let the office know. If you would enjoy helping staff and those who come through the doors, this might just be right for you!

*Mark your calendars now
so you don’t miss the upcoming*

Pancake Breakfast

November 16

Generosity Sunday

in Fellowship Hall

featuring



This breakfast / brunch is a gift to the people of Blue Ridge from the owners and development company of Willow Bend to show their appreciation for grounds, building and office use during the development of their new apartment complex to our south.

Status of Prayer Shawl Ministry

To date 359 prayer shawls have been given out by our own United Methodist Church Prayer Shawl Ministry. A scrapbook has been created containing thank you notes and is available for viewing, which shows the many hearts Prayer Shawl Ministry has touched in so many ways.

Participating as an Usher

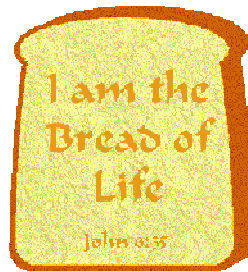
If you are called to help with something in our church, this might be just the thing you can do as a sub or a regular member of one of our three teams. Each team serves every three months. Our subs are only contacted if someone is not available for their scheduled week. Ushers help with our services in many ways, from greeting guests and members, collecting the offering, counting attendance, and making sure those who can not go up for communion are served in their seats, and cleaning the sanctuary after the service every Sunday. We welcome anyone who may be interested.

Thank You

Kids on a Mission: Bread of Life

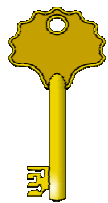
Thanks to the kids, Andy Wanager and other adults who blitzed our mission field with a loaf of bread and an invitation to visit our church. What a wonderful example you are for others to follow.

And Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven."
John 6:51. - *Blessing Edna Scahill*



Bridge Team Thanks!

The Bridge Team thanks everyone that came out with their cars and candy to meet and greet families and make new friends of those that attended our Trunk or Treat. And to thank all those that donated candy helping to make our night a big success. We couldn't have done it without you! And special thanks to Bernie Bixler, Connie Turnipseed, Jan Bond and Susan Landers who donated to the three Wal-Mart gift cards. At this time, we don't yet know who the winners are, but are confident they'll be very happy when they receive a phone call telling them they won one of the three \$50.00 gift cards!!



Golden Key

The Golden Key Club meets on the second Thursday of every month at Blue Ridge Boulevard United Methodist Church in the Dining Room on the lower level at 12:00 noon. This month we meet on November 13. The menu for the November luncheon is potluck! The entertainment will be Nathan Dergan from "Simply Home". He will play well known piano tunes for us. He will also tell how "Simply Home" might be able to help us or a loved one. We will also honor our veterans with their military song. Join us for fun and fellowship! The food is great...and the entertainment is fantastic.

Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm in the Library discussing *A Girl From Yam Hill* by Beverly Cleary. This discussion will be led by Jane Wilkes. All are welcome!

CHARGE CONFERENCE:

Our Fall Charge Conference will be Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014 at 2:00pm at our St. Luke's Church at the corner of James A. Reed and Bannister.

Church Family News

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Warren Goodall who died October 25.

Mark Your Calendars:

Men of Blue Ridge	7:00am, Ginger's Restaurant	Sat. Nov. 1
Pantry Sunday		Sun., Nov. 2
UMW: Evening Circle	6:30pm, Dining Room	Mon., Nov. 3
Girl Scout Troop 305	6:30pm,	Tues., Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
Breaktime	9:30am, Dining Room	Mon., Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
Boy Scouts & Cub	7:00pm	Mon., Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
Church Council	6:00pm	Tues., Nov. 4
Prayer Shawl	10:00am, Narthex	Tues., Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25
Kids On a Mission	6:00-7:30pm	Wed., Nov. 5, 12, 19
Golden Key Breakfast	8:00am Ginger's Restaurant	Thurs., Nov. 6
Girl Scout Troop 23	5:30-6:45pm	Thurs., Nov. 6, 20
Women's Bible Study	10:00am, Library	Thurs., Nov. 6, 20
Girl Scout Troop 4027	6:30pm,	Mon., Nov. 10, 17, 24
Women's Book Club	7:00pm, Library	Tues., Nov. 11
UMW: Unit Meeting	10:00am, Dining Room	Wed., Nov. 12
Golden Key	12:00noon, Dining Room	Thurs., Nov. 13
Girl Scout Lock In		Fri.-Sat., Nov. 14 - 15
UMW: Priscilla Circle	10:00am Room 201	Wed., Nov. 19
Grief Care	10:00am Conference Room	Wed., Nov. 19
UMW: Ruth Circle	1:00pm Library	Thurs., Nov. 20

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