

The Voice of Billingsville

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“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here”



Our annual Hanging of the Greens and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be **Sunday, December 4th at 10:30 am** followed by a carry-in dinner in Fellowship Hall.

The children will hang their picture ornaments on the tree during this service and a “special visitor” will arrive after lunch.

Dinner Committee #3 is in charge of the meal: Linda Burnett, Jessica Grathwohl, Laura Grathwohl, Nick Grathwohl, Thomas Grathwohl, Carol Fowler, Pat & Vicki Hilden, Tim, Julie, Jared & Justin Kueckelhan, Ed & Lynnd Schler, Linda Simmons, Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes



The Christmas Eve Service and Pageant, “A Christmas Story,” will be **Saturday, December 24 at 7 pm**. (Anyone participating in the pageant should arrive at 6:30 pm.)

WE WISH YOU A
Merry Christmas

Just a reminder that there will be no Sunday School or Morning Worship on Sunday, December 25.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 2: Tree and Sanctuary Decoration at 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 4: Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:30 am, followed by carry-in dinner in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 7: Men’s Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am; Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 11: Penny Sunday for ECH; collection of Benevolence Offering

Thursday, December 22: Newsletter articles due

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Pageant at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day – No Worship Services

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

November 9, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Jared Kueckelhan, present Scott Grissum, Linda Burnett, Ed Schler, and Vicki Hilden.

Vicki read Romans 12:1-8 for the opening.

Minutes for the October meeting were reviewed and approved.

The October Financial Statement was reviewed and approved. Decision was made to purchase a CD at 4.75% at Edward Jones with some of the funds in savings.

Approved \$200 for the River of Life Church to help support the Cooper County Needy Children and Family Christmas Program.

On Sunday 11-6-22 the Congregation voted to rent out the parsonage. A rental agreement was approved.

Discussion was held regarding the utilities of the parsonage. The parsonage has its own dedicated propane tank and Scott will call Co-Mo to have the parsonage put on its own meter for electricity

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary



Sunday, December 4: Pageant Practice during Sunday School (9:30 am)

Sunday, December 11: Pageant Practice during Sunday School (9:30 am)

Sunday, December 18: Pageant Costume Fitting and Practice during Sunday School (9:30 am)



GIFTS OF GREAT JOY PACKING JOY AND GOOD NEWS OF JESUS IN A SHOEBOX

The miracle of a shoebox is in leading children and their families to Christ. That is exactly what you have done if you packed a shoebox(es) or donated to the postage fund. We collected 111 boxes and received enough postage funds to send ALL of them!

Many thanks for all of your time, money, and efforts to fill and send these boxes around the world. WHAT A BLESSING! That means we have made 1615 children very happy since the year 2000 when we started this project at St. Johns. We pray that many of these special boys and girls and their families also learned to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

I received an email from an Operation Christmas Child project leader. Here is her message and I'd like it to be our vision for this coming year. It is not hard.

From Heather G. Peacock: "During the OCC Vision Trip to Paraguay in South America this year, a mom broke into tears when she saw her child receive a box of pencils. She had been paying RENT for one of her children to use a pencil while at school! Before receiving the shoebox filled with pencils, she could afford to rent only one pencil, which meant only one of her children could go to school."

This is such a heartbreaking true story! Let's see what we can do! We all have pencils and pens lying around. Please check around your house and if you find pencils (nearly new) and pens that you aren't using, please give them to me or save them for your shoeboxes in 2023. We want to make sure we put plenty of pencils and pens in our boxes next year.

If you have questions, please contact me!
THANK YOU again for caring and sharing.
May God richly bless each of you.

Love in Christ, Marg Scott

HEALTH FACTS SUPER-BASIC LIFE SKILLS

Let's look at some of our "automatic" functions and think of the effects of "proper" skills.

- How to breathe: Bring air down toward the belly, through the nose causing the diaphragm to contract and allowing the lungs more room to fill with oxygen.
- Move from a chair to a standing position without using your arms. Use your legs and thighs to lift yourself up.
- Stand with your pelvis over your feet and 60% of your weight on your heels and 40% weight on the toe box area. Keep shoulders above pelvis. Try this while you wait in line.
- Walk by keeping balance with swinging arms opposite of the forward foot.
- Smiling can trigger chemical changes in our brain that can lead to a feeling of happiness. So, smile to make you feel happy.

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

These ideas adapted from Parade magazine, September 11, 2022



The Women's Guild will purchase the memorial poinsettias for our sanctuary this Advent. If you want to donate to the Guild for the purchase, you may do so, but it is not necessary. Please give any memorial names to Julie by Thursday, December 22.

NOVEMBER STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
06	\$2742	\$50	44
13	\$566	\$50	29
20	\$860	\$0	45
27	\$1218	\$0	40

In Christian Sympathy

Floyd Tempfel passed away on November 9. Please keep Karen and her family in your prayers. If you would like to send a card to Karen, her address is:

Karen Tempfel
1609 Sunchase Drive
Warsaw, MO 65355

Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone for participating in our Mini Country Store held earlier this fall. \$1202.25 was contributed to our church.

To Kent & Donna Kammerich, Ed & Lynnd Schler, Larry & Nancy Schler, Leola Schler, Rosie Schler, and Linda Simmons & Donnie Helmreich for their donation to the Schler Educational Endowment Fund in memory of Stan Schler.

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Scriptures
04	Women's Guild Hanging of the Greens Service		
11	Nancy Meyer	Rhea Helmreich Donna Kammerich	James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11
18	Janet Stegner	Donna Kammerich Laura Grathwohl Communion Prep: Scott Grissum	Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25
25	Christmas Day – No Services		

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joan Pannell	01
Jason Gerhardt	03
Lori Woods	03
Kevin Simmons	04
Khale Bohlken	10
Carol Fowler	10
Bob Painter	10
Haley Floyd	11
Cody Gerhardt	11
Bill Forst	11
Pat Hilden	11
Jim Friedrich	16
Noel Schler	16
Pastor Mary Harris	18
Austin Edwards	20
Charlie Jean Smith	21
Cliff Smith	21
Jessica Grathwohl	22
Dee Ann Riley	22
Ruth Searfoss	23
Chris Hawley	25
Kim Searfoss	25
Tracy Pannell	26
Jamie Swalwell	26
Kyler Alvis	29
Nancy Meyer	29

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Julie Ann Miller Kueckelhan	03
Melissa Sue Helmreich Hundley	04
Madilyn Maureen Carmichael	08
Mary Francis Friedrich Bail	11
Charles Edward Schler, Jr.	14
Janice Kathleen Gerhardt Cooper	16
Myrtle Joan Pannell	16
Barbara Maurine Turner Friedrich	16
Aaron Luke Geiger	19
Jace Steven Hawley	22
Carson Reynolds Bail	30

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.

Arlene Friedrich

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Rob Friedrich

Riverdell Care Center 1121 11th St, Boonville, MO 65233

Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)

MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mother)

Nye Point 2700 Laverna St, Fremont, NE 68025

Ruth Searfoss

Hartmann Village 615 Rankin Mill Ln, Boonville, MO 65233

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

Bernadine Wassmann

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

PRAYER CHAIN

Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John Ferguson, heart issues
 Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Shelley Jennings
 Birdie Kueckelhan
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), cancer trial
 D.J. Muse, cancer
 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project children
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
 Karen Schnetzler
 Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
 Vicki Simmons, cancer
 Carol Snyder, lung cancer
 Family of Floyd Tempfel
 Karen Tempfel
 Cora Louise Wisdom
 The people of Ukraine

MARK 11:24 "Listen to Me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it."

Serving in our military:

Landon Bail	Cliff Burgoyne	Jeff Burgoyne
Tony Davis	Chris Hawley	Natalie Meng
Blayne Vickery	James Walker	



Merry Little Christmas



ANGEL
BELLS
BLESSED
CAROLS
CHILDREN
COMFORT
DING DONG
FAMILY

FESTIVE
GLAD
GREETINGS
HOPE
JINGLE
JOLLY
JOYFUL
LIGHTS

MIRACLE
MUSIC
PEACE
REJOICE
SHINING
SINGING
THANKFUL



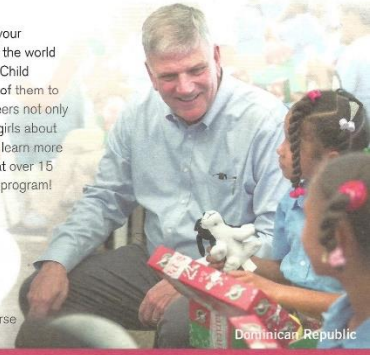


Thank You!

We're so grateful for your partnership as you entrust us with your prayerfully packed shoebox gifts to deliver to children around the world in Jesus' Name. After you drop off your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, we coordinate the processing and transportation of them to ministry partners in over 100 countries. These trained volunteers not only place each gift in the hands of a child, they tell the boys and girls about the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Greatest Gift, and invite them to learn more about Him through The Greatest Journey. Praise the Lord that over 15 million children have come to Christ through this discipleship program! Find out more about it at samaritanspurse.org/tgi

God bless you,


Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse



Dominican Republic

"You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ACTS 1:8, ESV



Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

PRAY!

The journey of every shoebox gift is guided by prayer. Ask God to prepare the hearts of children to experience His love through Operation Christmas Child and receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

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