

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.”

From The Desk of Pastor Melody

Matthew 5:14-16, “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.” “No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather the lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house.” “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

The new school year approaches shortly, it seems that many folks are busy to begin a new year. It is always the beginning of a new stage in our live, as we send our children off to high school or off to college. What happens when these stages in life are brought to a halt, because of graduation, marriage, parenthood, retirement, empty nesting, going into a nursing home, finding your first job and home? Life still goes on.

Years ago, early in my walk with the Lord, I had a very dear friend, who was an elder of the church I attended. We spent a lot of time together, because we did outreach to the nursing homes and apartment buildings, parades as Christian clowns, visiting the shut ins, and more. In this time we spent together, we would share our concerns and our praise reports in life. His name was Toby. I miss him so much, but he’s been gone many years now. When we got into a conversation and I was having some issues with my older children, or my MS became obvious, or when the church plant we were involved in was slow coming, I’d say something like this, “When is this ever going to end?” “Why do we have to go through these things over and over and over?” He would say, “Life goes on.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 3: Men’s Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am
Sunday, August 7: Holy Communion during morning worship
Wednesday, August 10: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm
Sunday, August 14: Penny Sunday for ECH; Benevolence Offering
Sunday, August 21: Sunday School Kickoff Fellowship Breakfast at 9:30 am
Thursday, August 25: Newsletter articles due
Sunday, August 28: Regular Sunday School Classes resume at 9:30 am

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Toby taught me much! He taught me how important it is to go forth and pray, seeking God for help when needed, and praising him when the answers came. He and his wife were avid prayer warriors, every morning and every evening, they would sit down and hold hands and pray and seek God, praying for others in the family, the church family, the folks that are confined in the nursing homes, the homeless, the finances of church members, and the needs in the church family that needed a little more help in the prayer department. They taught Roger and I that we cannot give up on God, nor his grand plan for us all. Toby and I would pray before we began our outings into the community, and we prayed daily interceding for those that called or came to see us about this or that matter.

We cannot give up. It is something that we must do, to move forward but stay in the moment while we are there. I was part of a zoom meeting the other day, and boy howdy! I picked up on some things that are not only going on nationwide, but locally. Equipping our teens and young adults for the world, to go into the world and show their light, the light of God, in their lifestyles and their actions. This is a cruel world!

My hope is that somehow, we can organize an intercessory prayer group or even two, to lift up our youth and their families, and to lift up our church families and our neighbors, as we come together in prayer and supplication. I will post a sign-up list, for both churches, and see if we can develop prayer groups that will show their light in all the world, by seeking God in as many ways that we can.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
July 6, 2022

President Jared Kueckelhan called the meeting to order at 6pm. Present: Ed Schler, Linda Burnett, Vicki Hilden, and guest Roger Smith; absent Scott Grissum.

Roger opened the meeting with a Prayer.

Minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

A report was provided by Roger with Pastor Melody's visits, activities and milage. Pastor will be meeting by Zoom with the Committee on Ministry on July 27, 2022.

The internet service and a landline have all been installed in the parsonage.

The Quarterly Meeting will be Sunday, July 17 following Morning Worship.

Being no further business Linda made a motion to adjourn, second by Ed.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

2nd QUARTERLY MEETING NOTES
Sunday, July 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 11:25am with 19 in attendance.

Financial Reports and Minutes were read and approved.

Pastor Melody requested we add a youth member, age 15 to 21, to the Church Council. After much discussion, it was agreed that the Council change the Constitution's wording to include this position. A draft will be brought before the Congregation at the September 18th meeting and voted on by the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January.

Scott will have Church basement sprayed for bugs.

Discussion was held regarding passing of the Communion and offering plates. A motion was approved that we start passing the offering plate and Communion trays. We will still have the sealed cups available at the doors.

Meeting adjourned a 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

HEALTH FACTS SUICIDE HOTLINE

Many people learn to manage their mental health conditions just as they would other conditions. Becoming knowledgeable about mental health helps live life more fully. It's important for people who experience suicidal struggles, to find interventions developed specifically to help manage suicidal ideation and behavior.

Therapy, medication, exercise, getting solid sleep, and staying connected to others, are all ways to take care of our mental health.

July 16th, 2022, Missouri launched a hotline, phone number 988, to use to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Gov. Mike Parsons said, "We know that when individuals are experiencing a crisis, the sooner we can connect them to support and provide assistance, the better. The launch of 988 is an important step in addressing the mental health crisis and saving lives."

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

Congratulations!

To Megan Kammerich and Christian Kosnopfel on their marriage July 16!

Will Hackman showed 3 heifers at the Cooper County Youth Fair. Two placed 1st in their classes and one placed 2nd!

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUG		
	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers
07	Jason Hundley	Kenneth Stegner Janet Stegner
14	Rhea Helmreich	Jason Hundley Donna Kammerich
21	Melissa Hundley	Abigail Pannell Rhea Helmreich
28	Nancy Meyer	Laura Grathwohl Marg Scott

JULY STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
03	\$2690	\$25	28
10	\$2048	\$105 Penny Sun: \$23.58	No record
17	\$2480	\$0	26
24	\$267	\$25	26
31	\$1185	\$0	44

Thank You

To Carl & Judy Gerhardt for their donation to the Herman & Ida Gerhardt Memorial Fund.

In the Mail

Dear St. Johns UCC,

Thank you for the \$250 scholarship. I graduated from Boonville High School on May 22nd within the top twelve of my class. I am currently halfway through my summer classes at Central Methodist University (CMU). I am majoring in Accountancy with a minor in Business. I will continue in the fall through CMU's online program while working part-time.

Another thank you for the opportunities that St. Johns UCC has provided me with. When completing applications for scholarships and organizations throughout high school I was able to proudly write down voluntary acts I have done through this church. I have enjoyed being a part of the church and am appreciative of the support that has been given to me. Thank you for allowing me to play the piano during church services, teach Sunday School and help at church dinners & events.

Thank you,
Abigail Pannell

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Alyssa Grissum	01
Leola Schler	04
Debbie See	06
Braxten Inskeep	08
Buster Kueckelhan	08
Tyson Robinson	08
John Baker	09
Jason Helmreich	09
Scott Grissum	11
Ed Wassmann	15
Hattie Baker	17
Deanamarie Naylor	19
Ann Muntzel	21
Keith Bail	26
Morgan Hawley	27
Samie Gerhardt	28
Gerald Dick	29

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Wilbert & Nancy Meyer	03
Chris & Morgan Hawley	04
Ed & Linda Wassmann	07
Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes	28

† BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES †

Karen Marie Bail Harvey	07
Trevor Jay Thurman	19
Lena Michelle Muse	23
Kenneth Edward Stegner	26

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
 Roy Cary
 Jim & Sharon Elliott
 Family of Geraldine Snider Ferguson
 John Ferguson, heart issues
 Eula Brown Gowan
 Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Shelley Jennings
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), chemotherapy
 Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer
 Karen Schnetzler
 Hunter Simmons, 5th grader with Leukemia
 Vicki Simmons, cancer
 Carol Snyder, lung cancer
 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 Natalie Meng Blayne Vickery

Back to School

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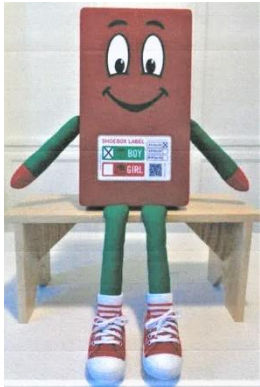
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Lectionary Readings for This Month

	First Reading and Psalm	Alt. First Reading and Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
August 6, 2023	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
August 13, 2023	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 20, 2023	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
August 27, 2023	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20

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"Hi, I'm Happy Shoebox and yes, we are packing shoeboxes again at St. Johns!" Boxes will be available on the bench by the West door the first of August.

Happy Shoebox says, "Have fun gathering school supplies, hygiene items and toys to bring Joy & Jesus to children."

Please see Marg Scott for more information.

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