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SUNSHINE PEOPLE

Isn't it great to encounter a person who brightens your day? They are happy and enthusiastic and make you feel like a special person.



I met such a person a few weeks back while doing some grocery shopping. It was early in the morning, and there were very few checkout lanes open, so I had to stand in line for a while. Once I got to the checker, I was greeted with a smile and a hardy "Good Morning!" While she scanned my items, we exchanged small talk along with a touch of "people philosophy" mixed in. I ask her if she was this happy all of the time and she replied, "Yes, I try to be."

About that time an older gentleman walked by and said, "Good Morning Sunshine!". "See," she said, "Most people think I'm a happy person. They don't remember my name so they call me Sunshine." I complimented her attitude and thanked her for being so encouraging.

Wouldn't it be great if all Christian people were known as sunshine people? I think that's what Jesus was talking about in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." How will anyone be drawn to Christ if our demeanor is sad and dark?

This week, why don't we try to be sunshine people? Let us show others that we're walking in the light of God's love!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 3: Men's Breakfast at Home Town Café in Syracuse at 8:00 am

Thursday, July 4: Friends, Fellowship and Fun at 1:00-3:30 pm

Sunday, July 7: Holy Communion

Wednesday, July 10: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, July 14: Penny Sunday for ECH; Benevolence Offering

Thursday, July 18: Financial Reports due in the office

Sunday, July 21: Quarterly Congregational Meeting after Morning Worship

Thursday, July 25: Newsletter articles due

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PROJECT

OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Yes, 2024 will be the 25th Anniversary of St. Johns doing the shoebox project! Thank you to God and all of you that we have been able to send 1764 gift-filled boxes as well as the needed postage to send them around the world! WE PRAISE GOD AND EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

I need to tell you that soap will not be allowed in the boxes this year. In extreme heat the soap will mold and that causes problems at customs stations. SO PLEASE DO NOT PUT SOAP IN YOUR BOX THIS YEAR.

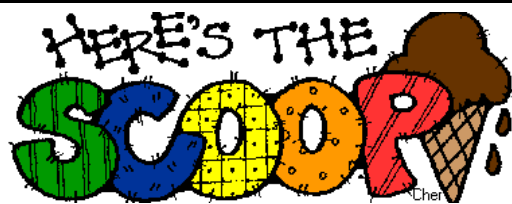
Here's a list of other health/hygiene items you can include: comb or brush (we still have combs left from last year that the Warnke's donated), emery board, nail file or nail clipper, toothbrush, (there are still toothbrushes left from last year) and a washcloth or small hand towel.

Plus, the school supplies, toys, and a WOW item. Let me know if you have questions about this. Thank you for your cooperation. Walmart and other stores have their best bargains on school supplies about the middle to end of July. Please check then and you can save, especially on notebooks, pencils, pens, and crayons. Other items are also cheaper then.

If you have any questions about the shoe box project, go to operationchristmaschild.org and scroll to the very bottom. You will find a section titled FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS. Click on that and you will find detailed answers to many questions. I happened to find this section and I really learned a lot!!!

I recently met with Linda and Carol from the Baptist Church in Boonville. That is where we deliver our boxes. They are very supportive to help us. Linda shared this quote from Samaritan's Purse about the impact each shoebox has. "EVERY MINUTE 5 PEOPLE COME TO ACCEPT JESUS BECAUSE OF ONE SHOEBOX GIFT!" What a fantastic mission and it also brings joy and love to children who have never received a gift! Thank you and God bless you!

Love in Christ,
Marg Scott and my "R" ladies, Rhea, Rita, and Ruth Ann. They have agreed to help me! Thank you, gals!



St Johns Christian Board of Education will hold their annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 7th from 5-7 pm. Please join us for juicy burgers, hot dogs, chips, dessert and of course homemade ice cream!

The congregation is asked to bring dessert or homemade ice cream.

Proceeds from the meal will go to Shelley Kueckelhan Jennings who is going through cancer treatments.

NEW THIS YEAR: The Country Store that is traditionally held during the Harvest Festival will now be open during the Ice Cream Social! There will be baked goods, fresh produce, jams and jellies, and craft items!

Anyone interested in bringing items for the County Store, please do so and please add a price tag to items. The items can be homemade breads, cake, cookies, jellies, garden produce and handcrafted items. They can be placed in the upstairs Sunday School room at anytime before the social.

Thanks to everyone in advance for their participation and donations. Proceeds will benefit the Women's Guild community service projects

Thank You

To Beth Royston for her donation to the Cemetery Fund.

To Patricia Friedrich for her donation to the Cemetery Fund.

To Venita Foes for her donation to the Cemetery Fund.

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JUNE STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
02	\$3,225	\$100	36
09	\$701	\$45 Penny Sunday: \$36.30	30
16	\$397	\$175	35
23	\$3,282	\$25	102
30	\$1,532	\$50	33

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES	
June 5, 2024	
President Jared Kueckelhan called the meeting to order. Members present: Vicki Hilden & Linda Burnett	
The minutes from the May meeting were read and approved.	
The treasurers' reports were reviewed and approved.	
Jared shared a thank you letter from ECH for our \$200 donation.	
Being no further business, meeting adjourned.	
Respectfully submitted, <i>Vicki Hilden</i> , Secretary	

"Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

Psalm 16:1-2 NIV

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
07	Nancy Meyer	Jason & Melissa Hundley	Rev. Andy Mockridge
14	Rita Kanenbley	Marg Scott & Bill Geiger	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl
21	Rhea Helmreich	Ted & Billie Litton	Dave Muntzel
28	Janet Stegner	Scott Grissum & Ginger Wenger	Rev. Jeff Glandon

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Kamrynn Hundley	02
Bill Geiger	05
Jason Hackman	05
Linda Schler	07
Morgan Carmichael	08
Kenneth Stegner	08
Allie Hayward	12
Mary Grissum	12
Janet Stegner	12
Cedric Alvis	13
Esther Friedrich	16
Sharon Elliott	17
Peggy Grissum	20
Garrett Hundley	21
Donna Kammerich	22
Rosalie Searfoss	23
Chase Grissum	27
Mark Cary	28

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Christian & Megan Kosnopfal	16
Tim & Julie Kueckelhan	16
Kenneth & Janet Stegner	26
Jason & Melissa Hundley	27
Scott & Peggy Grissum	28

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Lakin Elizabeth Rold	18
Landon Friedrich Bail	19
Oscar Carl Friedrich	19

FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will meet on July 4 at 1:00-3:30 p.m. at St. Johns. Since events on July 4 mostly start later, our group voted to go ahead with our fellowship. Those who are off work that day, feel free to come and enjoy playing pitch, Rummikube, and other games. Bring a snack. We will provide water and lemonade.

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

Arlene & Sonny Friedrich

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Ruth Searfoss

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

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

PRAYER CHAIN

- Amy Boyer (Andrew Inskeep's sister) cancer
- Angie Carmichael, cancer
- Jack Deuschle, Parkinson's disease
- Jim & Sharon Elliott
- John Ferguson, heart issues
- Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
- Ayla (Pat Friedrich's niece), recovering from surgeries
- Marilyn Geiger, shoulder surgery
- Iris Gerhardt
- Jim & Sandy Helm (Stacy Friedrich's parents)
- Betty (Vicki's cousin), cancer
- Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
- Holly's brother, open heart surgery
- Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
- Jennifer Kirchner, chemotherapy
- Ava LeCave
- Joe Lohnes (friend of Donald & Ruth Ann) Lou Gehrig's
- Jeanne Muse, broken ankle
- Don & Mary Neckermann
- Marilyn Overstreet, broken hip
- Bob Painter, kidney issues
- Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
- Clifford Richey (Charles' friend)
- Karen Schnetzler
- Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
- Vicki Simmons, cancer
- Charles Stegner, recovering from stroke
- Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
- Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
- Shawn (Ginger's son), recovering from accident
- Darin Walker, cancer
- Don Williams, recovery from fall
- Cora Louise Wisdom
- Serving in our military:**
- Landon Bail Jeff Burgoyne Tony Davis
- Natalie Meng Blayne Vickery James Walker

United States

All the words listed are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

O K L A H O M A M O N T A N A
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WYOMING

CHANGE ONE

Change one letter in each of these two words to form a common two-word phrase. Example:
HAT DOT. Answer: HOT DOG

TWITCH IN

LECTIONARY READINGS

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 14, 2024	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3- 14	Mark 6:14-29
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 21, 2024	2 Samuel 7:1- 14a	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 28, 2024	2 Samuel 11:1- 15	Psalm 145:10- 18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21

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