

The Voice of Billingsville

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A BOX FULL OF BUTTONS

My cousin Christie's husband gave her a box of used buttons. The following are her thoughts about the box full of buttons. Christie writes...

"I see so many things when I look at these buttons. First and foremost, I think of my sweetheart who thought of me when he came across them. He knew I'd love them. He knew I'd be as proud of them, as if they were silver or gold. They were a wonderful surprise and I've already spent a great amount of time looking over them. I could never pick one favorite. Each one, beautiful in its own way. Thank you, Mr. Poole, for thinking of me.

I think about what the clothes must have looked like from which they came. No doubt, some from women's dresses, baby clothes, and men's shirts. Where did they go, what did they see? Did the lady wearing these buttons stand in front of a wood cook stove 3 times a day? Did a little one take her first steps in a dress adorned with those? Someone took the time to remove them from their garments before disposing of them. Some of these buttons are so old, they started to crumble when handled. Some are as strong as when they were made. Some are worn and scratched. Others are shiny and bright. Many are soiled and need a little TLC. Some are still carrying the thread that attached them to the garment.

This got me to thinking. Aren't we a lot like these buttons? All so very different. Some of us needing just a little TLC so we can shine again. Others looking bright as a new dime.

Some of us are bound by threads we just can't seem to get free from. Oh, but God! He can cut those threads away. Like an old button, he can clean us up and give us purpose again. He can see the beauty in each individual, no matter the flaws. I'm thankful for His grace and love because I fall short every day. I'm glad to know He loves me, just as I am." – Christie Launius Poole

"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased." (1 Corinthians 12:18)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 4: Holy Communion during morning worship; Strengthen the Church Offering

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

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

Thursday, June 22: Newsletter articles due

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES May 10, 2023

Jared called the meeting to order, with all council members present.

We are looking forward to May 28th when we have new members join. On June 4th we will have a potluck for them after morning worship.

The council is looking at striping the west parking lot.

On Saturday June 16th we have been invited to the EUCC Church for worship and a potluck.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

HEALTH FACTS MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

Myasthenia gravis is a neurological disease, causing weakness of muscles because of a breakdown of communication between nerves and muscles.

Muscles commonly affected are eye, facial, and throat muscles. The neck, arms, and legs can be affected which reduces your ability to walk and even hold up your head. The voice can change along with ability to swallow or chew. The smile can turn into a snarl.

The cause is when the normal immune system produces antibodies that block or destroy neurotransmitters causing fewer nerve signals getting through to the muscles. The thymus gland can trigger these antibodies.

Tests can be done to diagnosis Myasthenia gravis, such as blood analysis, EMG (electromyography), CT scans, and other neurological tests.

Treatment which can relieve symptoms are oral drugs, steroids, and IV medications. Home physical and occupational therapy may be required.

Recovery is possible. Always inform care givers of this diagnosis before any treatments, diagnostic screening, and/or immunizations are given.

Nancy Meyer,
Health Minister

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION!

Join us as we celebrate our EIGHT new members with a carry-in dinner on Sunday, June 4



Committee #2 is in charge of the meal: Linda Burnett, Jessica Grathwohl, Laura Grathwohl, Carol Fowler, Pat & Vicki Hilden, Jared Kueckelhan, Justin Kueckelhan, Tim & Julie Kueckelhan, Ed & Lynnd Schler, Linda Simmons, Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 5-9 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Immanuel United Church of Christ
112 W. Church Street, New Franklin



Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Twists & Turns™ is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to strategy games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS in fun locations such as the Bible Study, Crafts, Music, and Snacks!

Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. He helps us know His ways and teaches us His paths. (Psalm 25:4) Following Jesus changes everything!

Classes are open to all children ages 3 through 6th Grade.

For more information, call: Nichole Wilmsmeyer 660-888-0120 or email ntwenter09@gmail.com

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MAY STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
07	2135	\$175 Penny Sun: \$44	36
14	\$801	\$0	43
21	\$702	\$0	28
28	\$902	\$75	49

Congratulations

Congratulations to Garrett Hundley who graduated from Boonville High School on May 21. Garrett will be attending the University of Missouri in the fall.

Congratulations to Blake Richardson who graduated from Boonville High School on May 21. Blake plans to enter the workforce after graduation.

***Deuteronomy 31:6** – Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.*

Karen Tempfel's New Address & Contact Info

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Karen's cell phone 660-596-1399

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
04	Nancy Meyer	Donna Kammerich & Laura Grathwohl	Kurt Grathwohl
Communion Prep: Vicki Hilden		Communion Cleanup: Donna Kammerich	
11	Donna Kammerich	Marg Scott & Scott Grissum	Lynnd Schler
18	Rhea Helmreich	Holly Hughes & Charles Stegner	Jason Hundley
25	Janet Stegner	Rhea Helmreich & Scott Grissum	Bible Study Group

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mariah Carmichael	01
Frank Eastman	03
Shawn Riley	05
Wilbert Meyer	07
Tricia Robinson	07
Jared Kueckelhan	08
Clinton Shelton	08
MiKayla Bohlken	10
Michael Grissum	10
Donnie Helmreich	10
Wayne Kanenbley	13
Gage Rold	19
Linda Burnett	20
Megan Baker	21
Brandon Burnett	21
Susan Farris	22
Josiah Searfoss	24
Connor Floyd	26
Mason Hayward	26
George Pannell, Jr.	27
Shawn Swalwell	27
Jenna Helmreich	29

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Susan Forst	01
Jim & Lori Woods	01
Shawn & Shauna Bohlken	05
Jason & Samie Gerhardt	05
Don & Marg Scott	05
Joseph & Megan Baker	10
Bob & Mary Painter	10
Buster & Birdie Kueckelhan	19
Cliff & Jenea Smith	21

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Caleb Duane Smith	01
Linda Carol Schler Simmons	02
Eugene Earl Painter	08
Dalton Friedrich Pannell	17
George Pannell, Jr.	17
Cindy Lou Schler Vogel	17
Mindy Lea Schler Becker	17
Abigail Frances Pannell	20
Andrew Tyler Grissum	22

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

Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)

MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

Ruth Searfoss

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

Karen Tempfel

701 Blue Ridge Rd., Rm. 218, Columbia MO 65202

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

Bernadine Wassmann

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PRAYER CHAIN

Family of Kaye Brinkmeyer
 Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John Ferguson, heart issues
 Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
 Dalton Hazlett and family
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 D.J. Muse, cancer
 Don & Mary Neckermann
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
 Clifford Richey (Charles' friend), moved to Katy Manor
 Family of Carri Risner
 Karen Schnetzler
 Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
 Vicki Simmons, cancer
 Carol Snyder, lung cancer
 Charles Stegner, tumor
 Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
 Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
 Cora Louise Wisdom
 Family of Andy Zeller

Serving in our military:

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

Card Games



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PYRAMID

ROOK
RUMMY
SKAT
SLAP JACK
SNAP
SPADES
SPIT
WAR
WATTEN
WHIST

LECTIONARY READINGS

	First Reading and Psalm	Alt. First Reading and Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
June 4, 2023 First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8		2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 11, 2023 Second Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
June 18, 2023 Third Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
June 25, 2023 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24

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