

# The Voice of Billingsville

April 2022

St. Johns United Church of Christ  
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“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”



## **Palm Sunday**

On Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> the children will enter the sanctuary waving palm branches.

## **Good Friday**

The Good Friday Service of Sorrow will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This is always a beautiful service to remind us of the price Jesus paid for our sins.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy activities, snacks, and an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.

## **Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. The Youth Group will serve breakfast following the service. The congregation is welcome to bring cinnamon rolls, coffee cake, etc. Youth and their families need to be at church by 5:30 am.

If you plan to bring a lily or make a donation in memory of loved ones, please let Julie know by Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Pastoral Candidate Visit**

On Sunday, April 3, Pastor Smith will give a trial sermon at St. Johns. Our worship services will be at 9:30 am that morning. A congregational meeting will be held following the service to vote on the call of Pastor Smith.

There will be a carry-in dinner & fellowship at the EUCC Education Building on Friday, April 2 at 5:00 pm to meet Pastor Smith. The churches will provide the meat for the meal and the congregations are asked to bring sides and desserts.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, April 3:** Trial Sermon at 9:30 am

**Wednesday, April 6:** Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

**Sunday, April 10:** Palm Sunday; Penny Sunday & Benevolence

**Thursday, April 14:** Lily Memorials due

**Friday, April 15:** Good Friday Service of Sorrow at 7:00 pm

**Saturday, April 16:** Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00 pm

**Sunday, April 17:** Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7:00 am; Holy Communion; Breakfast after worship

**Thursday, April 21:** Newsletter articles and financial reports due in the office

**Sunday, April 24:** Quarterly Congregational Meeting

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## LESSONS FROM THE MOUNT

Part Two Of A Five-Part Devotional

*Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)*

*“Do not judge other people. Then you will not be judged. You will be judged in the same way you judge others. You will be measured in the same way you measure others. You look at the bit of sawdust in your friend’s eye. But you pay no attention to the piece of wood in your own eye. How can you say to your friend, ‘Let me take the bit of sawdust out of your eye’? How can you say this while there is a piece of wood in your own eye? You pretender! First take the piece of wood out of your own eye. Then you will be able to see clearly to take the bit of sawdust out of your friend’s eye.”*

We all know what it’s like to be misjudged. And truth be told, we’ve probably misjudged a few people ourselves. We live in a world full of judgment, and it was no different in Jesus’ day.

In what might be the most quoted section of the “Sermon on the Mount,” Jesus warns us to avoid the temptation of focusing on everyone else’s shortcomings and messes. Instead, we should concentrate on our own issues, because Lord knows we have plenty of them.

One of the things that is fascinating about this section of the sermon is Jesus’ passion about this topic. He calls people who are quick to judge others, “pretenders” or “Hypocrite!” This is one of those occasions where we should pause and look intently to catch the significance of what he’s saying.

What he’s getting at is that we all have problems in our lives – we’re all broken in some way, and we mess up. But I’m not responsible for someone else mess, I’m only responsible for my own, and if I’m going to focus on anybody’s problems, they should be my own. Unfortunately, I tend to downplay my issues until I’m convinced that they are not as big as they really are. So it’s time to take a

closer look at ourselves and stop looking at others.

To be clear, Jesus isn’t saying that we should never try to help others. Not at all. (If your friend has broccoli in her teeth, let her know!) But we should never put other people down. Paul said it this way; we should help people “with gentleness.” In other words, lift them up.

So let’s get practical. Have you been focusing a little too much on someone else’s mess? Have you lost sight of the work that Jesus is doing in you? Today, choose to extend grace rather than judgement to everyone you meet.

I’m willing to bet that is what you would want others to do for you.



The Women's Guild will purchase Easter Lilies for our church this Easter. If you want to donate to the Guild for the purchase, you may do so, but it is not necessary. Remember to let Julie know that a lily is given in memory of your loved one, so she can print that in the Easter bulletin. If you have questions, ask Nancy Meyer. Thank you for your support of the Women's Guild.



**HEALTH FACTS  
BETTER SLEEP**

Time change in the Fall and Spring can bring adjustment in our personal sleep habits. Here are some tips to improve sleep health:

- Be consistent. Go to bed at the same time each night and get up at the same time each morning, including on the weekends
- Make sure your bedroom is quiet, dark, relaxing, and at a comfortable temperature
- Remove electronic devices, such as TVs, computer, and smart phones, from the bedroom
- Avoid large meals, caffeine, and alcohol before bedtime
- Get some exercise. Being physically active during the day can help you fall asleep more easily at night.

These tips are from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

<b>MARCH STATISTICS</b>			
	<b>Offering</b>	<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
06	\$2660	\$50	44
13	\$1140	\$0 Penny Sun: \$32.05	43
20	\$100	\$25	29
27	\$470	\$55	29

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES  
March 9, 2022**

Present Jared, Ed, Linda, Scott, Vicki and Pastor Jim.

Thank You notes were received from ECH, CWS and the Harvest House for our donations.

We would like to thank Scott for having Brian Jobe extend the banister downstairs, looks great!!

Building request made by Marj and Don Scott for November 24th was approved.

The Council went into closed session to discuss the matter of a potential new Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vicki Hilden*, Secretary

<b>THANK YOU</b>
To David & Ann Muntzel for their donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Louise Overstreet.

	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>	<b>Scripture Readings</b>
April 03	Marg Scott	Volunteers	Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8
April 10	Jason Hundley	Volunteers	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40
April 17	Nancy Meyer	Jared Kueckelhan & Tim Kueckelhan	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18
April 24	Kamrynn Hundley Molly Rapp	Marg Scott & Volunteer	Psalm 118:14-29 Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-31

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dalton Pannell	04
Abigail Pannell	05
Shane Jennings	10
Brittany Stretz	11
Jill Helmreich	12
Louise Friedrich	14
Janice Cooper	17
Cathy Bail	20
Tucker Floyd	21
Tim Kueckelhan	21
Cate Smith	23
O. C. (Sonny) Friedrich	24
Andrew Grissum	24
Heather Simmons	24
Caleb Smith	25
Susan Forst	26
Kaylee Naylor	26

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jamie & Shawn Swalwell	03
Tami & Ben Rold	05
Deanamarie & Daniel Naylor	16

## ✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Teresa Diane Kueckelhan Carlson	09
Cora Louise Stegner Wisdom	09
Noel Katherine Schler	10
Linda Anne Atkinson Potter	13
Mary Jane Atkinson Fudge	13
Jaden Michael Keller	13
Douglas Eugene Johnston	14
Stacy Lynn Million Reuter	14
Karen Hibbard Johnston	20
Melinda Ellen Edwards Richardson	25
Sophia Ruth Carmichael	28

**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 & Louise 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*

**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  
 Pastor Jim & Sharon Elliott  
 Carol (Pastor Jim's sister-in-law), lung cancer  
 John (Sharon's brother-in-law), heart issues  
 Louise Friedrich  
 Eula Brown Gowan  
 Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke  
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)  
 Shelley Jennings  
 Iva Mae Johnson (Vicki's aunt)  
 Nancy Kueckelhan  
 Ava LeCave  
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), chemotherapy  
 Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer  
 Karen Schnetzler  
 Carol Snyder  
 Sandy Upton (Dave & Ann's niece), chemotherapy  
 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
Lakoda Davis	Tony Davis	Chris Hawley
Natalie Meng	Blayne Vickery	James Walker



# Easter Story

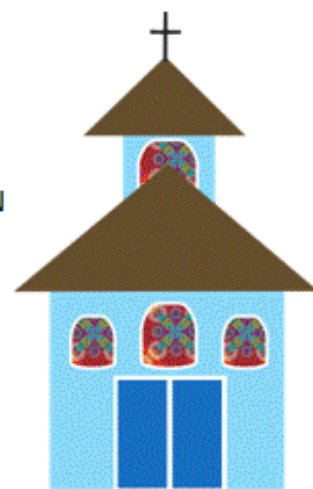
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