

# The Voice of Billingsville

## May 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.”

## WELCOME PASTOR MELODY SMITH!

On Sunday, April 3, we were joined by Rev. Melody R. Smith for a trial sermon. Following worship services that day, we held a special meeting of the congregation where we elected Pastor Melody to be our settled pastor! We will share her with the Evangelical UCC in Boonville.

Pastor Melody will be moving to Billingsville from Fairbury, Nebraska the week of May 2 and her first worship service with us will be Sunday, May 8 at 10:30 am.

Pastor Melody and her husband, Roger, have been married for 52 years. They have 8 children, 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. The Smiths have served as Foster Parents many times since 1976.

Pastor Melody studied at Manhattan Christian College. She was called into the ministry in August 1993 and has been involved in many types of ministries including Sunday School for ages 1-5, Sunday night youth for ages 6-12, intercessory prayer team, outreach in nursing homes, adult group homes, and clown ministry.

Pastor Melody brings a wide range of experience to St. Johns. She has been a settled and supply minister in various church settings including Congregational, Methodist, Disciples of Christ, Christian, and Presbyterian. Rev. Smith is licensed by the United Church of Christ to serve our churches and perform the sacraments.

Pastor Melody and Roger look forward to being active in the community and reaching out with hospital and home visits.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, May 1:** Carry-in dinner following morning worship to honor Pastor Jim Elliott
- Wednesday, May 4:** Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm
- Sunday, May 8:** Penny Sunday for ECH; collection of Benevolence Offering
- Thursday, May 26:** Newsletter articles due
- Sunday, May 29:** Last Sunday School class before summer
- Sunday, May 29:** Fifth Sunday Food Drive
- Monday, May 30:** Memorial Day Service at 9:30 am

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## HIS PLAN

God is so good to us! When we stumble through life, God is there. When we rejoice at his pleasure, God is there. When we are hurting or are confused, God is there.

All we must do is *listen* to that still small voice, and He will carry us through. Psalm 25:4-5, says this, "Make your ways known to me LORD; teach me your paths." "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; I *wait* for you all day long."

The key words here are *listen* and *wait* in knowing the Will of God. He never leaves us or sets us aside for something more important. He is right there with you, accessible and ready to share his Will, and as we desire to listen and hear his voice, we will know HIS WILL.

This month is a new start for some of us, well, even, all of us. Each day is a new adventure, but don't forget to include God in the plans set before us.

God bless you all!

Pastor Melody R. Smith

## IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Louise Friedrich, our good friend and longtime member of St. Johns, passed away on April 2. Please keep Rob, Jim, John, Tony, and their families in your prayers.

Iva Mae Johnson, Vicki Hilden's aunt, passed away on April 15. Keep Iva's family in your prayers.

Sunday, May 1 will be Pastor Jim's last service at St. Johns. There will be a carry-in dinner following the Worship Service to thank, honor and say, "See you later!" to Pastor Jim. The Church Council and Search Committee are in charge of the meal.

## Easter Lily Memorials

In memory of **Rowdy and Wilma Cary** and loved one from Susan and Mike Hayes

In memory of **Forrest and Kitty Kenney** from Doug & Barb Ayers, Steve & Sharon Smith, and Families.

In memory of **Warren Helmreich** from Jill Helmreich

In memory of **Edward and Anita Helmreich, Glenn Helmreich, & Nancy Wilkerson** from Jill Helmreich

In loving memory of **August Wassmann** by Bernadine Wassmann and Family

In memory of our parents, **Marvin & Kathryn Schupp**, from Nancy Meyer and Shirley Schupp.

In memory of **Peter & Tessie Muntzel**

In memory of **Lawrence & Ruth Muntzel**

In memory of **Loved Ones** by Birdie and Buster Kueckelhan

In loving memory of **Don Bail** by Mary Bail & family

In loving memory of **Barbara Friedrich** by Mary Bail & family

In memory of **Bob Simmons** from Linda, Jamie, Shawn, Brooklyn, Kevin, Heather, Macsen, Remington, Lisa, Cedric, Lachlen & Kyler

In memory of **Carla, Andrew, Herb & Wilma Lou Helmreich** from Donnie, Lauren, Ember, Kieran & Dorean

In memory of **Brett Geiger, Charles, Dorothea & Anne Geiger and Ernest, Andy & Denny Herigon** by Bill and Marilyn Geiger.

## Easter Cemetery Fund Memorials

In loving memory of **August Wassmann** and loved ones by Eddie & Linda Wassmann and family

In memory of **Charles Schler** from Leola Schler & Family

In memory of **Loved Ones** by Donnie & Kathy Wilmsmeyer

*In Loving Memory of Thelma Louise Bishop Friedrich*

**To the Memorial Fund**

Mary Bail	Nancy Meyer
Dan Bishop	David & Ann Muntzel
Carolyn Borgman	Jan Helmreich Palmer
Steve & Sarah Friedrich	Dan & Pam Pointer
Gary & Rhonda Fogelbach	Emma Stover
Jim Irey	Valerie Windsor
Buster & Birdie Kueckelhan	Cora Louise Wisdom
Wayne & Pam Jaeger	

**To the Sunday School / VBS Program**

Carol Fowler	Fred & Patty Semke
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**To the Cemetery Fund**

Keith & Cathy Bail	Kent & Donna Kammerich
Shirley Bechtold	Tim & Julie Kueckelhan
Linda Burnett	Linda Potter
Roy Cary	Beth Royston
Jim & Sonya Farris	Ed & Lynnd Schler
Patricia Friedrich	Leola Schler
Sonny & Arlene Friedrich	Von & Brenda Semke
Bill & Marilyn Geiger	Vernon & Brenda Sharp
Marty & Kim Graves	Linda Simmons
Scott & Peggy Grissum	Steve & Sharon Smith
Tim & Karen Harvey	Kenneth & Janet Stegner
Donnie Helmreich	Ed & Linda Wassmann
Rhea Helmreich	Donnie & Kathy Wilmsmeyer
Kenneth & Helen Huth	Mary Young
Jason & Melissa Hundley	Vernie & Barbara Zeller

The family of Louise Friedrich would like to thank the members of St. John's for their thoughts and prayers, providing a wonderful meal, and coming to Louise's service. You are a blessing to our family!

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, in the upstairs Sunday School room. Those present were Nancy Meyer, Rhea Helmreich, Pat Friedrich, Ginger Wenger, and Marg Scott. Marg read THE FROG WHISPERER based on the fruits of the spirit in Galatians 5:22. The meeting was called to order and the secretary's report was read. Nancy gave the treasurer's report. The reports were accepted as read.

For our community project this year we voted to give \$150. to the Baby Grace Project which is based at the Methodist Church in Boonville. This project helps parents by sharing clothes, toys, books, diapers, wipes and spiritual & parenting advice. We do this because Jesus gave His life to give us grace. For more information see [www.babygrace.org](http://www.babygrace.org).

The Guild voted to buy lilies for our church for Easter Sunday. 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, please ask Nancy Meyer. Thank you for your support of the Women's Guild.

We decided to schedule our Blanket Sunday Offering on Mother's Day, because we thought that would be a comforting way to honor and remember our Mothers. We will have more info about that right after Easter. Mother's Day this year is Sunday, May 8.

Instead of preparing Health Kits this year, we voted to send \$250. to Samaritan's Purse for their work to help the refugees from Ukraine and people still in Ukraine. Samaritan's Purse is giving food, medicine and have set up several field hospitals, as well as spreading the Good News of the Gospel to the people there. Members of our church may also donate to this project. If you wish to do so, please make your check to Samaritan's Purse put it in the designated envelope which will be available in the hymnal rack in your pew or see Nancy

Meyer. Please turn in your donations by May 1.

The group planned the following upcoming events for this year:

The Memorial Day service will be held in the church cemetery on Monday, May 30, at 9:30 am. We will have a brunch following the service with the Guild will provide the coffee and juice.

The Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project collection will be Sunday, Nov. 6.

The Hanging of the Greens Christmas Service will be Sunday, December 4. The Guild will be in charge of the service with volunteers helping. There will be a covered dish meal following the service with committee #2 in charge of the meal.

Meeting adjourned.

Marg Scott, Secretary

### HONORING AND REMEMBERING OUR MOTHERS

Since Mother's Day is May 8, the Women's Guild decided that a comforting way to observe that wonderful day would be to have our Blanket Sunday Offering. There will be offering envelopes in the hymnal racks, and you can donate anytime during the month of May. This offering goes to Church World Service to buy blankets for people in need here in the USA as well as all around the world. Each blanket costs \$10. Thank you for sharing and caring!

See Marg or Nancy if you have questions.

### *Thank You*

To Kenneth & Janet Stegner for their donation towards purchasing the appliances for the parsonage

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES**  
**April 6, 2022**

Present Linda Burnett, Vicki Hilden, Ed Schler, Jared Kueckelhan and Pastor Jim Elliott and guest Cathy Bail.

Cathy Bail presented ideas from the Christian Education Board for Sunday School.

The new mailbox will be put up after the trees are removed.

A building request from Missy Hundley was approved.

The purchase of a laptop and Office 2021 for Pastor Melody was approved.

The addition of Internet to the parsonage was approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vicki Hilden*, Secretary

<b>APRIL STATISTICS</b>			
	<b>Offering</b>	<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
03	\$2820	\$0	47
10	\$1020	\$75 Penny Sun: \$31.12	52
17	\$1187	\$75	101
24	\$1020	\$25	58

**HEALTH FACTS**

Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet

Did you know there is a “National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day”? It occurs annually on the third Friday in April. The goal is to raise awareness and rid homes of unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medication that may be sitting in medicine cabinets, nightstands, or kitchen cabinets.

Check the bottles for expired dates. Many medications lose their effectiveness after the expiration date, and some may even become toxic. Discard any prescriptions that are more than one year old. The best way to discard meds is the take them to a local DEA approved center. Our local center is the Boonville Police Department and/or the Boonville Fire Department. Both will be receiving medication April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 10am to 2pm.

If you need more information, go to [www.deatakeback.com](http://www.deatakeback.com)

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

***Congratulations!***

To Kamrynn Sue Hundley and Molly Jane Rapp who were Confirmed in Christ on Sunday, April 24.

To Lakin Rold, granddaughter of Jim and Sonya Farris, who is graduating from Lee’s Summit West High School with a 4.0 GPA!

	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>	<b>Scripture Readings</b>
May 01	Marg Scott	Melissa Hundley	Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
May 08	Vicki Hilden	Cathy Bail	Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
May 15	Rhea Helmreich	Volunteers	Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
May 22	Janet Stegner	Vicki Hilden & Lynnd Schler	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29; John 5:1-9
May 29	Melissa Hundley	Donna Kammerich	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

CannaRassa Jennings	01
Elizabeth Dick	03
Alexander Rapp	04
Macsen Simmons	04
Linda Claas	05
Tim Harvey	06
Brody Herman	06
Sonya Farris	11
Cammie Cary	12
Rhea Helmreich	12
Brooklyn Swalwell	12
Ryan Rapp	15
Will Hackman	18
Tami Rold	21
Jace Hawley	22
Megan Kammerich	22
Trevor Thurman	22
Sandy Williams	22
Landon Bail	23
Casten Jennings	24
Molly Rapp	25
Devin Robinson	26
Laura Grathwohl	29
Evelyn Grissum	29
Karen Harvey	30

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

D. J. & Jeanne Muse	07
Pat & Vicki Hilden	11
Ryan & Emily Rapp	28
Kim & Rosalie Searfoss	29

## ✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Clinton Wayne Shelton	06
Brooke Elizabeth Stegner Fieth	08
Margaret Louise Stegner Scott	08
Angela R. Kueckelhan Hackman	09
Timothy Joseph Kueckelhan	13
Derrick Andrew Hundley	20
Blake Maxwell Richardson	29
Louis Albert Muntzel	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*

### 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  
 Family of Louise Friedrich  
 Eula Brown Gowan  
 Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke  
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)  
 Shelley Jennings  
 Family of 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



# BASEBALL

## Word Search

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UNIFORM  
WALK

There was a workday at the Parsonage on Saturday, April 23. Twenty-one people, from both St Johns and Evangelical, came to help! We cleaned from top to bottom and painted the entire upstairs. A huge thank you to:

Carson Bail  
Cathy Bail  
Gale Boller  
Linda Burnett  
Mike & Debbie Friedrich  
Laura Grathwohl  
Thomas Grathwohl  
Rhea Helmreich  
Vicki Hilden

Donna Kammerich  
Justin Kueckelhan  
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