

The Voice of Billingsville

September 2023

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FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITES

Our leadership groups have been busy planning several events for us to fellowship together and with our sister church, Evangelical UCC in Boonville.

Friends Fellowship and Fun

We will have another FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN afternoon on Thurs., Sept 7th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm. Bring a friend, your favorite game and a snack to share. Hope to see everyone!

Potluck In the Park

Mark your calendars for a "late summer" combined EUCC and SJUCC Church Potluck at Harley Park, Shelter #2, on Sunday, September 10th! We had such a nice time last time we combined our churches for a gathering that the Pastor Search Committee thought it would be fun to get together for an "after Labor Day" get-together.

During this period of waiting for a pastor, it's important that our congregations remain positive and united and what better way than to commune for a meal in a beautiful outdoor setting! The time is 5:00 p.m. Please bring a main dish, side dish, salad or a dessert to share. Beverages and paper goods will be provided. **See you September 10th!**

Mini Country Store Returns!

Plan to start your holiday shopping and help the Women's Guild at the same time!

On Sunday, September 24, after worship, we will have a Mini-Country Store. Featured will be homemade baked goodies, preserves, craft items, fall decorations etc.

We would appreciate any items you would like to donate; just bring your priced item by 10:00 that day. The sale will be in the hallway by the west entrance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 3: Holy Communion during morning worship

Wednesday, September 6: Men's Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am

Wednesday, September 6: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 7: Friends, Fellowship and Fun at 1:00 pm

Sunday, September 10: Penny Sunday; Benevolence Offering

Sunday, September 10: Potluck supper with EUCC at Harley Park at 5:00 pm

Thursday, September 21: Newsletter articles due

Sunday, September 24: Mini Country Store after worship

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Fall Homecoming Dinner

On Sunday, October 1, there will be a Fall Homecoming covered dish dinner after worship. Meat will be provided. Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. Come and bring a friend.

Committee #3 will be in charge of the meal: Pat Friedrich, Scott & Peggy Grissum, Rhea Helmreich, Garrett Hundley, Jason & Melissa Hundley, Kamrynn Hundley, Ted & Billie Litton, Dave & Ann Muntzel, Abigail Pannell, Dalton & Bailey Pannell, George & Tracy Pannell, Don & Marg Scott, Ed Wassmann



Thank You

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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

August 9, 2023

The council met with all members in attendance.

Western Association Fall Meeting is 9-16-23 and we will ask who would like to attend.

Julie has been very busy with the investment of the money and CD's of the Church. Thank You!

A bulletin board has been made by Dave Munzel and it will be placed in the hallway for use. Thank you!

Scott has been working on a new building and when finished with a proposal, we will bring it before the congregation. Discussion was also held on the building by the propane tanks which will need to be removed.

Next meeting will be 9-6-23.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

UPDATED DINNER COMMITTEES

Committee #1

Carson Bail
Mary Bail
Keith & Cathy Bail
Landon Bail
Jim & Sonya Farris
Bill & Marilyn Geiger
Jake & Corissa Hayward
Donna & Kent Kammerich
Angie Hackman
Nancy Meyer
Kenneth & Janet Stegner
Ginger Wenger

Committee #2

Linda Burnett
Jessica Grathwohl
Laura Grathwohl
Carol Fowler
Pat & Vicki Hilden
Wayne & Rita Kanenbley
Jared Kueckelhan
Justin Kueckelhan
Tim & Julie Kueckelhan
Ed & Lynnd Schler
Linda Simmons
Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes
Don & Ruth Ann Warnke

Committee #3

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Rhea Helmreich
Garrett Hundley
Jason & Melissa Hundley
Kamrynn Hundley
Ted & Billie Litton
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2023 Annual Meeting
2023 Christmas Dinner

2023 New Member Dinner
2024 Annual Meeting

2023 Fall Homecoming Dinner

THANKS TO ALL OUR NON-MEMBER FRIENDS WHO HELP. WE APPRECIATE YOU!



Alliah was orphaned in the Philippines when she was 5 years old. For the next four years, she was transferred from house to house, never finding a permanent home. When she was 9, a pastor and his wife met Alliah at a local market and invited her to an Operation Christmas Child festive outreach event at their church. Alliah was overjoyed with her shoebox gift and when she learned how much God loves her, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. But when the event was over, Alliah was sad. The other boys and girls went home with their parents, but Alliah didn't have a home to go to. The pastor and his wife realized Alliah's situation and then invited her to live with them.

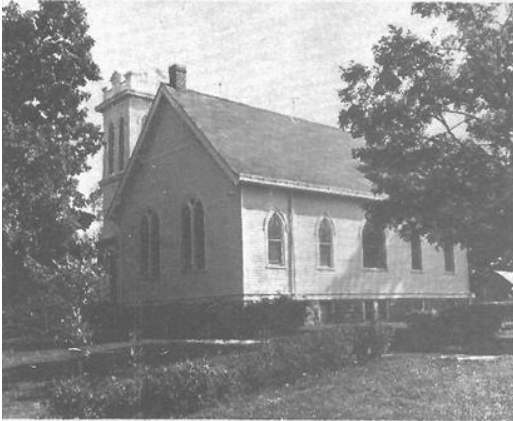
Alliah is now 15 and has grown into a precious servant of the Lord. She regularly teaches The Greatest Journey to children at the church. During the pandemic, she went from house to house to teach the discipleship lessons and helped conduct graduation ceremonies in their homes. Many children have come to know Christ through Alliah's faithful witness. To God be the glory!

"Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21:22

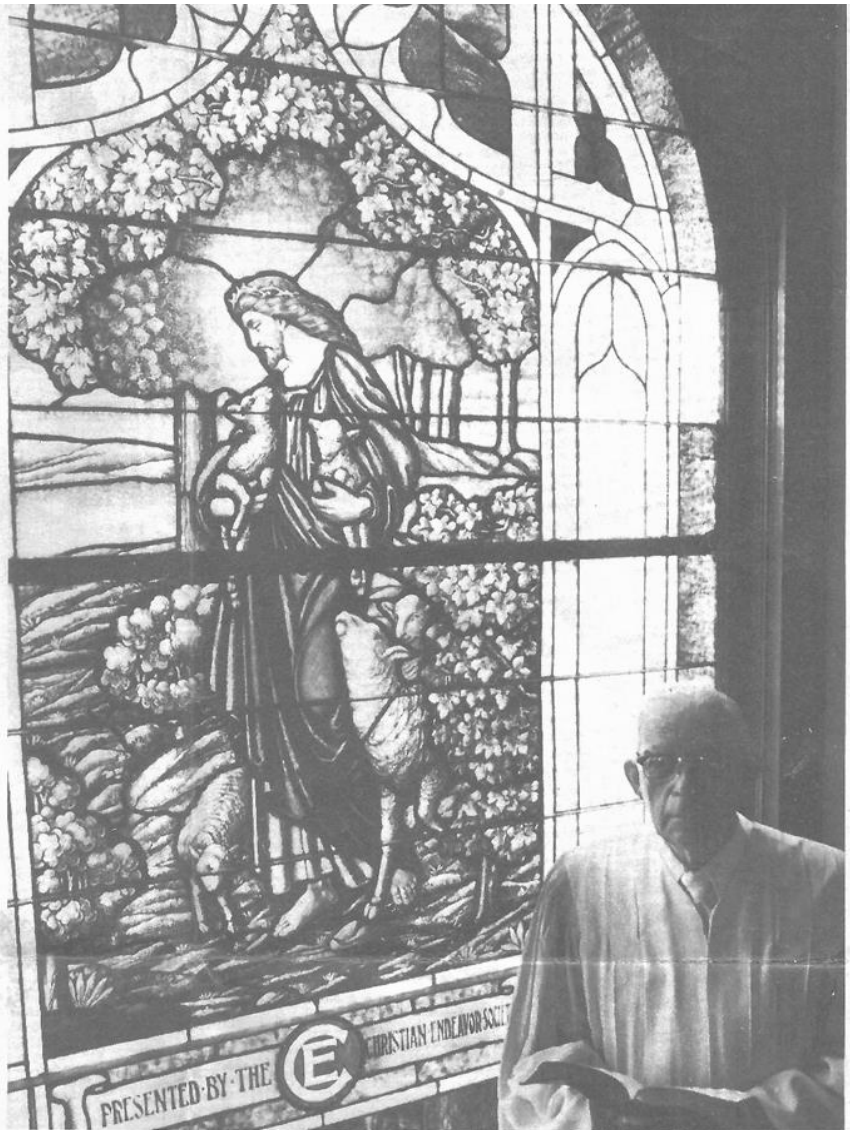
Shoebbox Kick-off Sunday will be October 8, during Children's Time, but there are boxes in the hall if you wish to start packing them now. Give Joy and Jesus to a child and change their life eternally.



**SHARING GOOD NEWS,
GREAT JOY!**



ST. JOHN United Church of Christ is located at Billingsville, southwest of Boonville in Cooper County, Mo. It was established in 1853, when two German immigrant families—the Stegners and Hoflanders—came to the area. Descendants of those families still are active in the church. Of many activities which once busied the community of Billingsville, only the church continues. The present building was erected in 1916. About 130 members regularly attend Sunday services. The Rev. Otto Schroedel, pictured at right, has served as pastor since 1971.



Religion is rooted in rural life

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FROM the beginning, our Christian religion has had its roots deep in the life and aspirations of rural people.

Moses received his call from God while herding sheep. He was moved by the marvel of a bush that appeared to be burning, but was not consumed.

Many of the prophets were rural men; and Jesus' parables, in which he reveals the truths of God, deal with rural life images—the good shepherd, the farmer who sows good grain, the weeds among the grain and the mustard seed. Jesus also points to the birds and flowers as a study in order, and God's nature.

People with rural backgrounds are referred to throughout the Bible. Even today the rural church persists and continues to be the nucleus of rural community life.

An early sermon outlining the beginning of good moral conduct and its rewards is found in the following words from Leviticus 26: "If you obey all of my commandments, I will give you regular rains, and the land will yield bumper crops, and the trees will be loaded with fruit long after the normal time and grapes shall still be ripening when sowing time comes again. You shall eat your fill and live safely in the land, for I will give you peace and you will go to sleep without fear," God promised.

Our admonitions to folks have changed little throughout the centuries. Obey the laws of God as we read them in nature, and in our concern for the earth and our fellow man. If we do so, our harvest shall be abundance and peace.—□ Rev. Otto Schroedel, pastor

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AUGUST STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
06	\$1358	\$25	No Record
13	\$1547	\$80 Penny Sun: \$45.59	42
20	\$1506	\$25	47
27	\$747	\$50	36

HEALTH FACTS DEHYDRATION

In order to function properly, humans need to drink water. The human body is composed of 50% water.

As temperatures rise, it is important to stay hydrated. Drinking water can cool you down, keep bowel movements consistent and help skin stay soft and smooth.

Dehydration occurs when you lose more fluid than you take in. We lose fluid naturally through sweating, breathing, urination, and saliva.

Symptoms of dehydration are:

- Thirst
- Less frequent urination
- Dark-colored urine
- Fatigue
- Dizziness
- Flushed skin
- Decrease appetite
- Muscle cramps
- Confusion
- Headache

If these symptoms occur, use oral rehydration such as Gatorade and water. If nausea and vomiting begin, seek medical attention.

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
03	Ed Schler	Donna Kammerich &	Rev. Andy Mockridge
Communion Prep: Vicki Hilden Communion Cleanup: Ginger Wenger			
10	Jason Hundley	Ted & Billie Litton	Kurt Grathwohl
17	Rhea Helmreich	Vicki Hilden & Marg Scott	Dave Muntzel
24	Marg Scott	Melissa Hundley & Rhea Helmreich	Rev. Andy Mockridge

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Johnston	02
Fletcher Grissum	03
Nancy Kueckelhan	09
Billie Litton	09
Paul Carlson	10
Lisa Simmons-Alvis	12
Lachlen Alvis	14
Robert Friedrich	15
Steele Hawley	15
Kent Kammerich	16
Julie Kueckelhan	16
Edison Baker	17
Jim Farris	20
Melissa Hundley	20
Jason Hundley	21
Dalton Grissum	22
Madilyn Carmichael	24
Karen Johnston	26
Mary Bail	30
David Muntzel	30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jody & Mariah Carmichael	09
Tyler & Brittany Stretz	21
Jerred & Tricia Robinson	22
Kevin & Heather Simmons	22
George, Jr. & Tracy Pannell	25

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Mark Lee Dick	01
William Kelly Hackman	02
Mark Kenneth Cary	03
Megan Marie Kammerich	04
Alexander Dean Rapp	06
Max Joseph Rapp	06
Molly Jane Rapp	06
Cody Wayne Gerhardt	07
Steele Joseph Hawley	18
Jared Timothy Kueckelhan	20
Edison Joseph Baker	30
Jenna Nicole Helmreich	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

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

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

PRAYER CHAIN

- Angie Carmichael, cancer
- Jim & Sharon Elliott
- John Ferguson, heart issues
- Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
- Dalton Hazlett, recovering from serious ATV accident
- 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
- 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
- Darrin Walker, cancer
- Cora Louise Wisdom

Serving in our military:

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| Landon Bail | Jeff Burgoyne | Tony Davis |
| Natalie Meng | Blayne Vickery | James Walker |

Labor Day

Word Search



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VACATION

WAGES

WEEKEND

LECTIONARY READINGS

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
September 3, 2023	Exodus 3:1-15	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
September 10, 2023	Exodus 12:1-14	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 17, 2023	Exodus 14:19-31	Genesis 50:15-21	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 24, 2023	Exodus 16:2-15	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16



Return Service Requested

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 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 10:30 a.m.

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