

# **“THE VOICE OF BILLINGSVILLE”**

## **FEBRUARY 2018**

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In the month of February there is lots of focus on the heart. It is National Heart Month where we learn about ways to keep our vital organ healthy and it's Valentine's Day where we celebrate friendships and relationships. When thinking about this, four of the Ten Commandments deal with our relationship to God and the other six deal with our relationships with people...all ten are about relationships! The paragraph below was found by Marg and it is a great reminder of ways to tend relationships.

“Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person will soon grow up and leave your side. Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember to say “I love you” to your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment, for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. And always remember: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away.” ~ Author Unknown

## **Valentine's Party February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30**

The Christian Education Board will provide drinks and donuts etc.

Khale Bohlken

Will Hackman

Kamrynn Hundley

Skyler Muse

Molly Rapp

Cora Smith

Mikayla Bohlken

Derrick Hundley

Lena Muse

Beau Rapp

Cate Smith

### **Valentine Exchange List**

Teachers: Marg Scott,

Rhea Helmreich

Holly Hughes

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Hilden	2
Andrew Painter	9
Nash McKenzie III	10
Emily Rapp	15
Birdie Kueckelhan	15
Bernadine Wassmann	15
Lakin Elizabeth Rold	18
Jaden Michael Keller	20
Jerred Robinson	25
Blake Richardson	25
Chris Muse	27
Teresa Carlson	28
Lena Michelle Muse	29
Skyler Muse	29

## ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Louise Friedrich 15

A donation was made to the Foods  
Resource Bank by Birdie & Buster  
Kueckelhan in memory of John Baab

St. Johns Cemetery Fund  
received a donation from Kim  
& Marty Graves in memory of  
Roy and Martha Bechtold.

A donation was made in Memory of Karl  
Snider by David and Joyce Bryan.

Clarification: Kent & Donna Kammerich, Linda Simmons and  
Donnie Helmreich's donations were to the Schler Education  
Foundation in memory of George Schler.

## Lost & Found

Found on the West parking lot: Yellow cap with gray lining. Men's size. Under  
Armour Brand. Email Nancy Meyer at [nemeyer@att.net](mailto:nemeyer@att.net) to claim.

## PRAYER CHAIN

California mudslide victims  
Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child  
Jaxs Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson  
Don Burnett, Katy Manor  
Sean Campbell, Marg's friend  
Angie Carmichael, cancer  
George Chamberlin  
Sharon Elliott, cancer  
Arlene Friedrich  
Mary Ann Henke, (friend of Pat & Tracy) bone marrow transplant  
Gertrude & Ernie Herrigon  
Vicki Hilden's parents  
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother  
Harold Kempf, Linda Wassmann's father  
Linda Leach, cancer  
Ava LeCave  
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma  
DJ Muse  
Angie Nave  
Mindy Nave, cancer  
Erika Sanderson, Pat's niece  
Karen Schnetzler, cancer  
Don Scott  
Kathryn Schupp, Nancy Meyer's mother  
Vicky Simmons  
Bernadine Wassmann, Hartmann Village  
Bob Widel

### **Serving in our military:**

James Walker (Rhea's son) Afghanistan  
Colin Jones    Craig Randall    Cliff Burgoyne  
Natalie Meng    Chris Hawley



Velda Burton,  
Sonya Farris' mother passed  
away January 24<sup>th</sup>. Our  
deepest sympathy to Sonya &  
Jim, and all of their family.

# Hymn History

What is the first or nearly the first song you remember singing in Sunday School or church? Chances are it is "Jesus Loves Me". It is a simple song that started as a part of an 1860's best-selling novel! It was written by Anna Warner who lived on Constitution Island. Her home was practically next door to the United States Military Academy at West Point and her family was well aware of the rumors of war. Anna taught Bible class to the cadets every Sunday. It broke her heart to know that many of the boys she knew could be wounded or killed in the war and she took to leading each of them to Jesus with urgency. It became her mission.

Anna was also a writer. She and her sister Susan had written several novels, using the pseudonym Amy Lothrop. In 1860 the sisters wrote a fictional book, "Say and Seal". It was written for the masses and the moment and would quickly pass from the public's attention if it weren't for one special scene which held the essence of the book and Anna's faith. In one chapter a child lay dying. Nothing could be done to ease his pain or give him a second chance at life. As his ultimate fate grew nearer, the novel's main character attempted to comfort the small boy. Looking into the child's eyes, he slowly recited a poem that began, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

"Jesus Loves Me" quickly sprang out of the book and became a beloved poem of the time. It was said on the battlefield, in homes and pulpits, and even at the White House. Anna's short poem had touched many with verses meant only to calm the soul of a dying fictional character.

By the beginning of the Civil War, Bradbury had fallen in love with "Jesus Loves Me". William Bradbury was a teacher of voice and organ and had formed a piano company with Ferdinand Lighte and Henry Newton. He was a musician and composed his own songs like "Sweet Hour of Prayer", "He Leadeth Me," and "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand". He added a melody to Anna's poem as well as the chorus and his distribution network allowed this children's song to spread all over the North and South. Both sides of the war sang this song which seems ironic during this time of division.

The blend of Anna's poem with Bradbury's music was one of the most beautiful, simplistic and memorable songs ever. It is known all over the world by Christian's and even non-Christians. It is a song that kids easily memorize at a young age and a song that older adults can easily remember. This love song is simple, clear and timeless...Jesus loves each and everyone of us. ~Laura

## Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will play on Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Practices will be the first 15 minutes of Sunday School on March 11, 18, & 25.

These people were omitted from the Christmas Eve Program in the last newsletter: Dalton Pannell played "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" on the trumpet and the readers/candle lighters were Carson Bail, Jessica Grathwohl, Megan Kammerich and Dalton Pannell. My sincerest apologies!



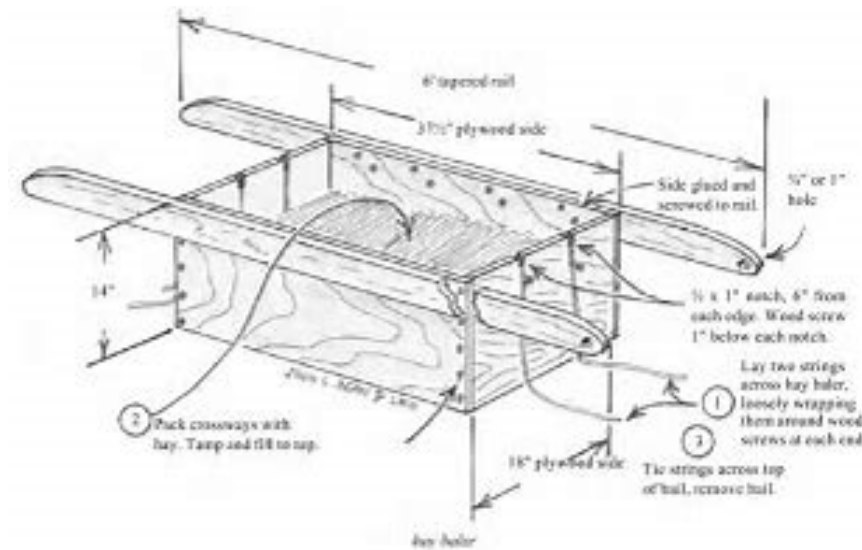
"Quarrel not at all. No man resolved to make the most of himself can spare time for personal contention." ~ Abraham Lincoln (1809-65)



# Foods Resource Bank

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY | GROUNDED IN FAITH

Do you know anyone that lives in Kenya Ngong-Intashat? Me neither but that is about to change. First let me introduce you to Esther. She is one of the recipients of the proceeds from FRB. One of the most beneficial trainings she has received is how to grow vegetables in sacks as a first step in starting her own kitchen garden. She learned of this as she participated in an exercise on how to cut household costs through producing her own food. She has expanded to two sack gardens with plans to expand to ten. In their community training, they learn about seed selection, learning how to apply both organic and inorganic fertilizers, and planting techniques. She said, "My children no longer eat only ugali (a starchy porridge) with tea. We have a balanced diet." She uses the money she saves at the market to cover other household expenses. Esther encourages group members whose sack gardens are at the early stages of development by sharing her experience and suggesting possible solutions to challenges that may arise.



The Maasai communities are making a difficult transition from herding to farming. People are penning the cattle instead of allowing them to roam. Penning also makes it easier to collect manure for use as fertilizer for crops and home vegetable gardens. They are using this low-tech baling box with 4 sides and no bottom, in which the twine is laid in the box and drape enough over the sides to tie up the bale. The grass is cut with a machete and compacted by stepping on it several times and repeating this process until the box is full. Once the twine is tied, you lift the bale out and carry it home. Each bale weighs around 66 lbs. which will feed a cow for 2-3 days. One acre yields about 20 bales of grass that can be cut twice a year.

When the bales are sold in the wet season, it can be sold for about 20 Kenyan shillings (22 cents). In the dry season, it can go as high as 220 shillings (\$2.20). For us, this gives a whole new perspective to those who have ever "baled hay". For the people of Kenya, it gives them a whole new hope for a better tomorrow. This is in an area where most people live on \$2.00 per day.

While we will probably never personally meet Esther and this community of God's people, we are connected...connected by a God that asks us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. FRB is just one organization that allows us the opportunity to help real people with real and lasting solutions. Thank you to the people of this church, Columbia UCC, and the FRB organization!

Blessings to all,

Laura

## **ST. JOHNS UCC HEALTH FACTS AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**

An automated external defibrillator or AED, is a portable electronic device that will diagnose an irregular heart beat that causes death. It will “shock” the heart’s electrical system which can reset the heart’s natural regular rhythm.

The AED is designed to be used by anyone. It is helpful to attend a first aid class where the audio and visual commands on the AED can be explained. These classes also included CPR training which augments the AED.

The purpose of the AED is to shock the unconscious and pulseless person within the first 1-2 minutes of pulselessness. This improves the chance of surviving a heart event. Usually the AED is hung on a wall where it is visible. Maintenance is required periodically to check the battery and electrode pads.

~Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

### **AED TRAINING AND CPR CLASS**

At the Annual Meeting, the congregation voted to purchase an AED for the church. Morgan Hawley has volunteered to install the defibrillator and provide training on how to use it. After worship on February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Board will provide a light lunch and Morgan will demonstrate how to operate the AED and give a CPR class. The CPR class is free to anyone and if a person wishes to earn certification there will be a slight fee. Feel free to invite friends to attend this life saving training. A huge thank you to Morgan for donating her time and expertise!

### **LENTEN SERVICES**

The Annual Meeting of St. Johns UCC voted to return to holding “Mid-Week Lenten Services” this year. Services will last about 30 minutes, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

While all of the details remain to be worked out, the overall theme will be: “The Seven Deadly Sins: You Are What You Eat!”

The service sub-theme for Ash Wednesday, February 14, will be: “I Love You With All My Liver!” The imposition of ashes will also be included in this service for anyone wishing to receive the ashes. Pastor Jim

#### **NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING 1/10/18**

Scott replaced the switch on the organ and replaced batteries in the West door lock. December offering was \$3,821.00. December income was \$9,326.00 and expense was \$5,865.96, leaving a balance in the checking account of \$19,373.61. Copies of the final Constitution and Bylaws will be available on the front pew for members of the congregation to pick up. Discussion for the annual meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, will include purchase of an AED, selection of 5 members for the pastor search committee, and dividing a donation \$1000.00 from the 2017 Harvest Festival to Shoebox project, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Every Child’s Hope, and Emmaus Home. The next church council meeting will be February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS CORNER**

*Jessica Grathwohl, Megan Kammerich, Dalton Pannell, Ethan Waibel, and Sophie Waibel all made the First Semester Principal's Honor Roll at Boonville High School!*

*Great Job!!*



February	Worship Leaders	Greeters/Ushers	Scripture Reading
4	Angie Hackman	Donna Kammerich & Linda Simmons	Isa 40:21-31 & I Cor 9:16-23
11	Nancy Meyer	Louis Friedrich & Eddie Wassmann	2 Kings 2:1-12 & 2 Cor 4:3-6
18	Pat Friedrich	Rhea Helmerich & Jessica Grathwohl	Gen 9:8-17 & 1 Peter 3:18-22
25	Melissa Hundley	Tim & Jared Kueckelhan	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16 & Rom 4:13-25
<b>Communion Servers:</b>		Nancy Meyer*, Bill Geiger, Nick & Laura Grathwohl	
<b>Communion Clean-up:</b>		Jim & Sonya Farris, Angie Hackman, Jessica Grathwohl	



**Feb. 7:** Bible Study 2:00 & Church Board Meeting 7:00

**Feb. 11:** Valentine's Party

**Feb. 14:** Bible Study at 2:00 & Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00

**Feb. 19:** President's Day

**Feb. 21:** Bible Study at 2:00 & Lenten Service at 7:00

**Feb. 23:** Newsletter articles due

**Feb. 25:** AED and CPR Training after worship

**Feb. 28:** Bible Study at 2:00 & Lenten Service at 7:00

**Mar 18:** Sunday School Soup & Sandwich Lunch With Youth Fellowship Card/Game Party to follow

**Mar 24:** Clean Up Boonville

**Mar 25:** Palm Sunday – Bell Choir performs

**Mar 31:** Easter Egg Hunt 2:00

**April 1:** Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. with Youth Fellowship breakfast to follow

### JANUARY STATISTICS

	OFFERING	BENEVOLENCE	ATTENDANCE
5	\$931.00	\$0	
7	\$0	\$0	Cancelled due to weather
14	\$ 1,726.00	\$47.00	26
21	\$ 1,670.00	\$60.00	47
28	\$	\$	42
	Penny Sunday \$20		



Stained Glass Window Repair Fund Balance \$20,775



Church "snow days" will be announced to the TV stations: KOMU, KRCG, and KMIZ, by Facebook and email.

Smile, it is the key that fits the lock of everybody's heart. 