

The Voice of Billingsville

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“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

Prospective Pastor to Visit

By Holly Hughes

Pastor Jim Allen will be visiting Boonville on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:00 pm. There will be a “Sunday Morning” style worship service followed by a question and answer meeting at the Evangelical UCC Education building, which is located behind the church at 700 East Spring Street.

Pastor Jim has been at the Shabbona Church for the past 15 years and is “listening” to see if he is called to be somewhere else. Pastor Jim grew up on a farm and his dad was an Ag Teacher. He and his wife, Carol, have 4 children and 12 grandchildren. Pastor Jim and Carol work together in ministry. For recreation they like reading, watching murder mysteries and football. In his life before ministry, Pastor Jim had a career in corporate world which brings a great deal of business understanding, creative problem solving, leadership and teamwork into his skillset. Pastor Jim believes he can grow our church using the tools he has perfected over time in his current church, once small and struggling like ours, now thriving and still growing.

Pastor Jim’s sermons focus on God’s message in the Bible and how we can be more loving. He encourages us to read the Bible and ask ourselves how we can be more like Jesus in our lives. He also includes history and many other Bible references. He does not read his sermon from a script.

If we call Pastor Jim Allen, and if he accepts, this is what we can expect. Pastor Jim and our two churches will be committed to working together for two years. After this time, we will all decide if this is a good thing and we want to continue on or change course. During the first year our goal will be to learn to work as one church with two distinct entities. We will look at a community calendar and set goals. We will take stock of current workers and attract new ones.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 7: Holy Communion during morning worship

Sunday, June 7: Brief Congregational Meeting after worship service

Tuesday, June 9: Church Council meeting at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 10: Worship Service with Pastor Allen at 6:00 pm

Sunday, June 14: Penny Sunday and collection of Benevolence Offering

Sunday, June 14: Congregational Meeting after worship service

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It is important for the church to be a family of all ages and abilities. Older people are to be appreciated; they are needed to mentor the younger ones with special friendships and as foster grandparents. It is important to have babies and children; they are our future. The top priority is to embrace the future and to grow our churches by focusing on children and youth.

Services will be designed not just to please the current population, but for the people that aren't here yet. There will be change. It may feel like our apple cart is turned upside down, but don't be afraid. If you don't like something, or understand something, speak up. Your voice is important. You will be listened to. God has a purpose for you. Part of Pastor Jim's job is to help us thrive in church by sharing our gifts. He believes every church has everything they need for them to be what God wants them to be today.

New things will include lots of humor, music, and technology. Children's Time will likely have science experiments and other props to make it fun for the children. Pastor Jim appreciates all forms of music. There will be both traditional and new music. Our hymnal is one of his favorites we will still be singing our traditional hymns, but he will add other forms of music so there is multi-generational appeal. Pastor Jim has knowledge and experience and is comfortable using technology both online and in church. This may look like a big screen, with slides of images, or words or videos.

A big part of being a Pastor includes counseling. Pastor Jim likes to call it shepherding. He has much experience in this area and would want all people to be comfortable reaching out to him for whatever reason. There is a line where people need to get professional services, and he understands how to deal with that.

As Pastor Jim seeks his calling, he is visiting several churches. His intention is to make a decision by the end of June and make an announcement first week of July.

HEALTH FACTS STAY AT HOME

Our recent "stay-at-home" recommendation from the CDC has been a double-edged sword. It is great to be able to catch up on many projects, but it has put limits on our mobility, choices, and freedoms, including attending church. We must remember that a pandemic is so serious that it compels us to listen and heed to health professionals' instructions to change our habits, which could improve our daily well-being. Remember to take time for yourself, listen to music, and read a book, look at photos you have stored, watch the clouds and birds outside, all while being in prayerful meditation.

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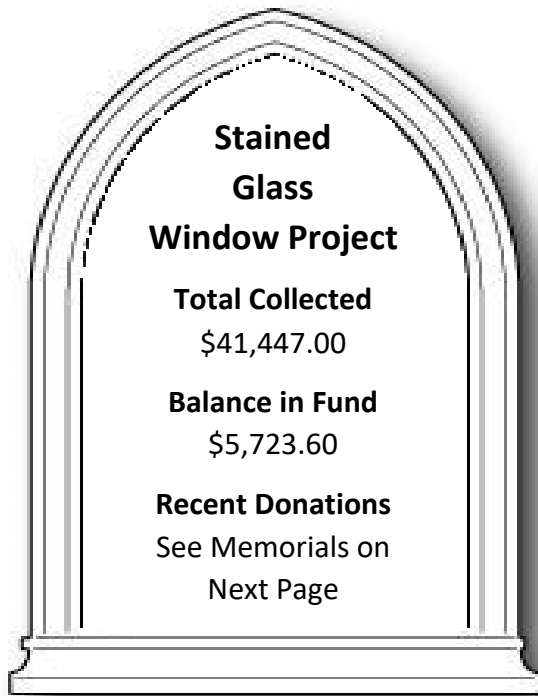
A minister was approached by a man who expressed a desire to become a member of the congregation. The man said that he was rather busy. "I don't want to be called for any service as committee work, teaching in the Bible School, or singing in the choir. I would like to be spared from anything that would take my time. Then too, don't expect me for worship too often."

The minister thought for a moment and then replied, "I believe you are at the wrong church. The one you are looking for is three blocks down the street."

The man followed the preacher's directions and soon came to an abandoned, boarded-up, closed church building. It was a dead church—gone out of business.

May each of us always be alive to the ministry of the Lord's church. Remember, dead Christians make dead churches!

Contributed by Kitty Kenney



IN THE MAIL

We want to thank all our friends and family for their deeds of kindness. Thanks for the prayers, cards, memorials, and visits to Don at the home. The food that was prepared was so delicious. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Mary Bail and family

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the \$50 donation to the BHS Health Office. I purchased girl and boy underwear, combs, some shoes, and shorts. Often these are needed and are things we don't think about donating. The students that are in need always show their appreciation and put the word "appreciation" in perspective for the rest of us. Thanks again and God Bless!

Jayna Brady, Health Aide at BHS

The family of Jerry Gerhardt thanks you for all the wonderful food.

It would be wonderful if everyone could take the time to send cards, drawings, pictures, or notes of encouragement to nursing home residents and those in group homes at Unlimited Opportunities. Thank you for paying it forward with kindness to others who need to know someone cares.

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Boonville 65233

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PO Box 8
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Ashley Manor
c/o Activities Dir. or Administrator
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c/o Jeanette
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Boonville, MO 65233

Bristol Manor
1290 W Ashley Rd
Boonville, MO 65233

Lakeview Care Center
1450 W. Ashley Rd.
Boonville, MO 65233

Hartmann Village
c/o Gina Twenter-Administrator
615 Rankin Mill Lane
Boonville, MO

Saving and turning in those little UPC labels from Best Choice pays off! The Sunday School has received \$60 for our efforts to collect them. Thank you to all of you who put them in the collection box or give them to Marg. Keep saving the labels as we will use those funds for VBS and other Sunday School projects. If you have questions about this, please see Marg. Thanks again.

In Loving Memory of Don Keith Bail

Stained-Glass Window Repair Fund

Doug & Mary Pat Abele
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Eddie & Linda Wassmann
Donnie & Kathy Wilmsmeyer
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Cemetery Fund

Kim & Marty Graves
Charlotte Harvey
Jim Kendrick & Mary Lou Hurt
Kenneth & Janet Stegner

Memorial Fund

Robert & Patricia Bail
Michael & Mary Beth Conway
James & Francine Edwards
Rob & Louise Friedrich
Tom & Brenda Schupp

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 6th, 2020

Decisions regarding the church's upcoming activities were made:

- Church services will begin May 17, 2020, with social distancing of 6 feet apart. Families may sit together. Face masks are optional. Those who are sick are to stay home. Avoid handshakes and lingering in groups before and after services. The children's sermon and Sunday school will remain suspended. The collection plates will be at the exit doors and only one usher will take the plates to the altar during the doxology.
- Communion will be served on the first Sunday of the month as usual with the use of prepackaged communion cups. Instructions on how to open the cups will be given by the worship leader during the announcements.
- It will be recommended to the Christian Education Board to cancel the 2020 Vacation Bible School and postpone the ice cream social planned in June.
- The first quarterly meeting was scheduled April 19, 2020 but was not held due to the pandemic. This meeting and reports will be combined with the second quarterly meeting on July 19, 2020.
- The Memorial Service will be held at the cemetery, May 25, 2020, with social distancing. Refreshments will not be served.
- The church and parsonage siding will be power washed this spring. Other repairs on the outside of the church will be done.
- The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 6:00pm at the church.

Nancy Meyer, Secretary

MAY STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
03	No Service		
10	\$1780	No Service	
17	\$2,940	\$58 Penny Sun: \$35	31
24	\$1,185	\$30	23
31	\$1542	\$50 STC \$30	32

THANK YOU	
To Barbara Miles for her donation to the cemetery fund in memory of Helen Nash.	
To Heather Hayley and the Gerhardt family for their donation to the cemetery fund in memory of Wanda Haley.	
To Scott Grissum for fixing the gutter on the west side of the church!	
To Vicki Hilden, Holly Hughes and Nancy Meyer for cleaning the parsonage from top to bottom!	

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Scripture Readings
June 07	Janet Stegner	Jason & Garrett Hundley	2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
June 14	Rhea Helmreich	Linda Simmons & Angie Hackman	Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8
June 21	Marg Scott	Bill & Marilyn Geiger	Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39
June 28	Melissa Hundley	Marg Scott & Volunteer	Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

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
Gage Rold	19
Linda Burnett	20
Megan Baker	21
Brandon Burnett	21
Susan Farris	22
Josiah Searfoss	24
Connor Floyd	26
George Pannell, Jr.	27
Shawn Swalwell	27
Jenna Helmreich	29
Roger Kueckelhan	29

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Susan Forst	01
Jim & Lori Woods	01
Shawn & Shauna Bohlken	05
Jason & Samie Gerhardt	05
Don & Marg Scott	05
Luke & Ashley Geiger	08
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
Jennifer Jill Farris Waibel	08
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

Ashley Manor 1630 Radio Hill Rd. Boonville, MO 65233

Rob Friedrich

1331 Lyric Court Boonville, MO 65233

Kathryn Schupp (Nancy's mother)

Katy Manor 205 Prospect Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mother) Her birthday is June 24.

Nye Point 2700 Laverna St, Fremont, NE 68025

Marjorie Vieth

Riverdell Care Center 1121 11th St. Boonville, MO 65233

Bernadine Wassmann

Hartmann Village 615 Rankin Mill Ln Boonville, MO 65233

PRAYER CHAIN

Kelly Lou Campbell
 Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Paula Darling
 Pastor Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John (Sharon's brother-in-law), heart issues
 Olivia (Sharon's niece), cancer
 Bob & Linda Gander
 Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)
 Maria Hardy, stomach issues
 Laura Leach, recovering from aneurysm
 David Keltner (Jeanne's brother)
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Marcos @ ECH (SS Sponsor Child)
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), undergoing chemo
 Alan Murphy (Jan Palmer's friend)
 Angie Nave
 Michael Pauley
 Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer has returned
 Erika Sanderson (Pat's niece)
 Dan Schler
 Karen Schnetzler
 Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mom)
 Ruth Searfoss
 Lois Shaw
 Vicky Simmons
 Nancee Waibel, cancer

Serving in our military:

Landon Bail	Cliff Burgoyne	Jeff Burgoyne
Lakoda Davis	Chris Hawley	Collin Jones
Natalie Meng	Blayne Vickery	James Walker



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