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EASTER SERVICES

March 30th – Good Friday Services at 7:00

March 31st is the Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00

April 1st we will have Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 A.M. with breakfast to follow worship provided by the Youth Fellowship. Youth and parents need to arrive at church at 5:30

"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Christ Arose!

One of our favorite hymns on Easter morning is Christ Arose! It was written by Robert Lowry who was born in 1826 in Philadelphia. He graduated with honors from University at Lewisburg, PA (now Bucknell University). He was a preacher that served five churches in his lifetime. He was also a professor of literature and in later life, a song writer. During his devotions around Easter in 1874, he pondered on the events dealing with Christ's resurrection that he found in Luke 24:6-8 – "He is not here, but is risen". Lowry sat at the little pump organ in his parlor and spontaneously played and wrote "Christ Arose" putting his thoughts into words and music to be shared. According to C. Michael Hahn, when he asked Lowry about writing a hymn, Lowry said, "It must be readily apprehended by the Christian consciousness, coming forth from the experience of the writer, and clothed in strong and inspiring words." I would say he did just that. ~Laura

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Zandar Roberts	4
Dalton Pannell	4
Jennifer Stegner	4
Abigail Pannell	5
Brittany Woods	11
Aryana Romero-Shelton	12
Jill Helmreich	12
Louise Friedrich	14
Janice Cooper	17
Tammy Carmichael	17
Cathy Bail	20
Tim Kueckelhan	21
Dustin Muse	23
Cate Smith	23
O. C. (Sonny) Friedrich	24
Andrew Grissum	24
Caleb Smith	25
Ethan Waibel	26
Susan Forst	26
Kaylee Naylor	26
Brandon Roberts	27



ANNIVERSARIES

Jamie & Shawn Swalwell	3
Tami & Ben Rold	5
Deanamarie & Daniel Naylor	16
Jenny & Bruce Waibel	18



A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.

Just a note about the food pantry gifts that you donate on the fifth Sunday. That food has been going to a man who has severe eyesight problems. He says your donations are "Gifts from Jesus" and he truly appreciates them. Thank you for serving others. ~ Marg

PRAYER CHAIN

Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child
Josh Bailey
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson
Don Burnett, Katy Manor
Angie Carmichael, cancer
George Chamberlin
Sharon Elliott, cancer
Arlene Friedrich
Bill Geiger
Mary Ann Henke, (friend of Pat & Tracy)
Warren Helmerich
Gertrude & Ernie Herrigon
Vicki Hilden's parents
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother
Harold Kempf, Linda Wassmann's father
Nancy Kueckelhan
Linda Leach, cancer
Ava LeCave
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma
Caleb Miller
DJ Muse
Angie Nave
Erika Sanderson, Pat's niece
Kathryn Schupp, Nancy Meyer's mother
Vicky Simmons
Rick Templemire
Bernadine Wassmann, Hartmann Village

Serving in our military:

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



Lord we pray for those with unspoken prayer requests, those whose hurts are too deep to be spoken, and those whose hearts are too broken. Let them feel Your presence, guidance and peace. Amen

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL - MARCH 6TH, 2018

All council members were present. Pastor Jim gave opening prayer. Minutes were read and approved.

The Gideon's will have a speaker attend our morning worship service on 03-11-2018.

February offering was \$4,244.00. February income was \$4,504.00 and expense was \$5,669.30.

The search committee and church council met with Rev. Tyler Connoley from the Mid-South Conference, prior to the monthly council meeting, to discuss the beginning steps to implement a search for a minister.

The heating and cooling duct work in the basement ceiling will need to be replaced due to old insulation found glued to the inside of the present metal duct work. This is causing the black soot to be blown into the vents and found on the filter. Estimates are being sought.

Next board meeting will be April 4th, 2018, at 7:00PM.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPAIR FUND

We thank all that have donated to our Window Repair Fund. Here are the rest of the 2017 donors that I neglected to get listed in the Newsletter. I'm sorry about that! Pat Friedrich

Janie Taylor
Steve & Joyce Saltzman
Linda Simmons
Leola Schler
Leola Schler – In Memory of George Schler
Steve & Sharon Smith
Ruth Williams
Paula Darling – In Memory of Dan & Margaret (Schler) Jesse, Henry & Laura Gail Schler
Warner Schler – In Memory of Dan & Margaret (Schler) Jesse, Henry & Laur Gail Schler
Dr. Willard B. Avery Memorials
Howard Dick Memorials



Best Choice Labels and Box Tops for Education

We would really appreciate everyone saving your Best Choice UPC labels to benefit our Sunday School. The C & R Market in Boonville and also Snoddy's Store have items with the Best Choice labels. Also please save the Box Tops for Education to give to our local schools. Please give the labels and box tops to Marg or put them in the box on the desk in the church office. If you have questions about this project, please call or email me. Thank you for your time and efforts for this project.

Marg Scott



Search Committee

Pastor Jim and the Church Council have asked us to become a search committee for the purposes of finding a pastor. We are so blessed to have Pastor Jim for the past four years and he will continue serving our church until we find a replacement. The committee had a meeting with the Church Council and Tyler Connoley, from the UCC Missouri Mid-South Conference, as he will be guiding us in this task.

We will develop a church profile for potential candidates and initiate a search process for a pastor in accordance with our bylaws. With the help of the conference, we as a committee will read ministerial profiles, screen candidates and eventually select a candidate who will be recommended to the entire congregation.

Our goal is for the congregation to elect a new pastor whose gifts God can use with us and among us for His purposes. The tradition practiced in the United Church of Christ of "calling" a pastor affirms the active presence of God's Spirit in the search process.

We will keep everyone posted on the progress through updates at the quarterly meetings, newsletter, and a poster in the hallway marking what stage of the process we are in. Please remember that the committee cannot discuss specifics.

In His Service,

The St. Johns' Pastoral Search Committee,
Cathy Bail, Laura Grathwohl, Vicki Hilden, Holly Hughes-Stegner,
Dalton Pannell, Kenny Stegner, Eddie Wassmann

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

Cate Smith won the K-2nd Spelling Bee at Cedar Ridge Elementary!

Cora Smith won the 3rd-5th grade spelling bee at Cedar Ridge Elementary! She qualified for the regional spelling bee held at the University of Missouri and made it to the 3rd round! The word she missed was Neologism.

Cora Smith was in the Columbia Public Schools math competition and qualified for the regional competition on March 24th. To qualify her score had to be in the top 10% of the 180 fourth graders participating.

Dalton Pannell and several other Boonville Band members received a "1" Rating and will be competing at State in April.



Thank you to all who work to keep our church yard, cemetery, and surrounding roads and parking lots free of litter. March 24th is the day set aside by Boonville to clean up and pick up waste in our community. Rhea Helmreich, Melissa and Derrick Hundley, Wilbert and Nancy Meyer walked around the church, cemetery and roads to pick up trash. Even though we found some trash, we are aware of those who pick up regularly to keep our part of God's country clean and neat. Other church members were volunteering in Boonville. This is the day the Lord hath made, let us keep it clean.

~ Nancy Meyer

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH

The Sunday School hosted a delicious soup and sandwich lunch after church on March 18th. Several people played games after the meal. \$433.00 was raised for the various activities that the Christian Education Board does throughout the year.

Thank you for all that prepared for this annual event!

Jesus Christ, our Savior
 Was crucified for our sins
 And on this day we call Easter,
 Jesus rose again!
 Count your lucky jelly beans,
 Paint your eggs and play.
 Don't forget to paint one for Jesus
 For He is the reason for this day!
 So celebrate this miracle,
 The gift of eternal life.
 Never forget on this holiday
 Why Jesus was revived!



Kids Say the Funniest Things...


It was Palm Sunday, and because he had a cold, five-year old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches.

The boy asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father explained.

"Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed.
 "The one Sunday I don't go, He shows up."

Easter Word Search



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| Angel | Holy | Messiah | Savior |
| Cross | Hope | Resurrection | Third Day |
| Crown of Thorns | Jesus | Risen |  |
| Easter | King | Sacrifice | |
| Empty Tomb | Love | Salvation | |
| Good Friday | Mary | Sunday | |

Jelly Beans at Easter

Black is for the sins I've done.

Red is for the blood of God's Son.

Purple is for the death of The King

Green is for life when Christ rose again

White is for my sins forgiven

Yellow is for my home in heaven

Pink is for my joyful face

Orange is happy for God's grace!

BIBLE STUDY - EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at 2PM

March 7, 2018—2 Corinthians Chapter 8, vs 1-15. The churches in Macedonia had been tested with adversities and now they wanted to be messengers to the God's people in Judea. Paul was elated and asked Titus to help with a service of love by preaching. He says, "God will accept your gift on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don't have."

March 14, 2018—2 Corinthians Chapter 8, vs. 15-24. We discussed how earnest service is similar to sincerity, seriousness, and diligence. We as people of God care about each other and these changes through the years. Our healing touch, spoken words, and good deeds, show an earnest desire to share God's word. Paul and Titus were doing this as messengers of the churches. They would ask for collections of money by which they did receive criticism for but would show how this would be for the churches to continue to spread the Good News.

March 21, 2018—2 Corinthians Chapter 9, vs. 1-7. Paul is talking about Saints who have claimed Jesus Christ in their lives and follow Jesus' teaching wherever they work and play. In fact, this describes us at St. Johns. Have you ever thought of yourself as a Saint? Paul also opens discussion about our "willing gifts" to the church. Each one of us will decide what to give. We need to see ourselves as cheerful givers because this is the way God sees us.



David Wrenn represented the local Gideons chapter on March 11th. He shared how they are a group of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ. David brought along his "official timer", his wife Donna. We appreciate the work of the Gideon's and it was good to have the Wrenns join us for worship!

St. Johns' Health Facts

Walking Benefits

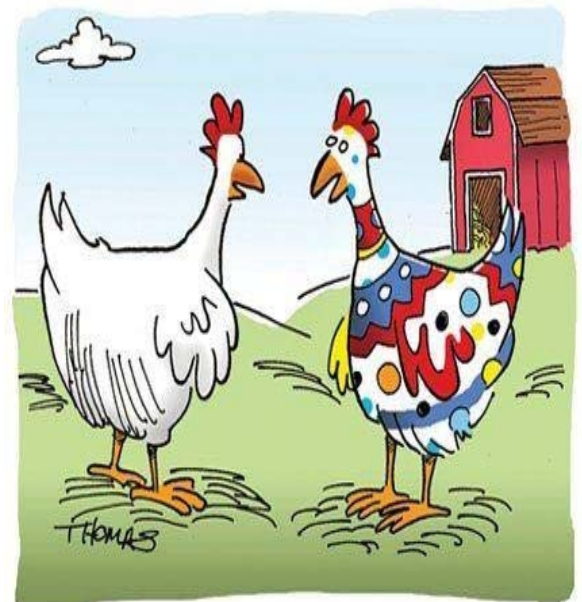
Walking can help control blood pressure, reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke, and keeps your heart healthy. It reduces your risk for diabetes and osteoporosis by controlling your weight. A daily brisk walk also may improve sleep, lower stress levels and help prevent depression and anxiety.

Start a walking routine slowly, for 15 minutes and work up to the recommended minimum of 30 minutes a day, five or more days a week.

Invest in a pair of well-cushioned, supportive shoes. Blisters will prevent the pleasure of walking.

To stay motivated, walk with a friend or vary your route and use a pedometer or a phone app to keep track of how much you are walking.

~ Nancy Meyer, Health Minister



"I was an Easter egg."

April	Worship Leaders	Greeters/Ushers	Scripture Reading
1	Lynnd Schler	Julie* & Tim Kueckelhan, Linda Simmons, Kenny Stegner	Acts 10:34-43, I Cor 15:1-11
8	Rhea Helmreich	Volunteers	Acts 4:32-35, I Jn 1:1-2
15	Jason Hundley	Bob & Mary Painter	Acts 3:12-19, I Jn 3:1-7
22	Julie Kueckelhan	Angie Hackman & Melissa Hundley	Acts 4:5-12, I Jn 3:16-24
29	Janet Stegner	Linda Simmons & Donna Kammerich	Acts 8:26-40, I Jn 4:7-21
Communion Servers:		Scott Grissum* Vicki Hilden Ed & Lynnd Schler	
Communion Clean-up:		Donna Kammerich, Ed & Lynnd Schler, Linda Simmons	



- Mar. 28:** Bible Study at 2:00
- Mar. 30:** Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 31:** Easter Egg Hunt 2:00
- April 1:** Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. with Youth Fellowship breakfast to follow
- April 4:** Adult Bible Study 2:00
- April 10:** Financial reports are due to Pat
- April 11:** Adult Bible Study 2:00
- April 15:** 1st Quarterly Meeting following worship
- April 18:** Adult Bible Study 2:00
- April 20:** Newsletter articles due
- April 25:** Adult Bible Study 2:00
- April 29:** 5th Sunday Food Drive
- July 9-13:** Vacation Bible School

MARCH STATISTICS

	OFFERING	BENEVOLENCE	ATTENDANCE
4	\$1,903	-	45
11	\$1,055	\$130	37
18	\$ 950		53
25	\$		51
	Penny Sunday \$50	Gideon's \$158	

Stained Glass Window Repair Fund Balance \$21,035

Thank you

to Marianne (Limper) Baltz for her donation for the newsletter.

Please mark your calendars that Vacation Bible School has been moved from June to July 9 - 13