

# **"THE VOICE OF BILLINGSVILLE"**

## **OCTOBER 2018**

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



# Harvest Festival



Thirty-nine years ago Al Erdman suggested this event and he, Nancy Smart, Karen Tempfel and Don Scott made up the first committee. This event has been continued with some slight changes here and there but the core has always remained intact...serve great food, sell homemade goods and offer a gathering place with good fellowship.

In the world we live in, with its numerous challenges and changes, it is nice to have the roots of the Harvest Festival and Homecoming to ground us. Coming to the festival is like the feeling you get when walking in your grandparents or parents home and the delicious smells of homemade goodness greeting you followed by smiles and hugs. It meant people loved you and were willing to go out of their way to show you just how much through their food and hospitality. People need more of that...a place to be comfortable, safe and loved. So, thank you to the current and past people of St. Johns for working hard to provide a place to share God's extravagant welcome.

We look forward to celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> next year!

~Laura

**Shoebox Information:** Please bring your shoebox(es) to church on Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to fill a box, but would like to participate, you may donate funds (\$9 per box) for postage. Please make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse and give them to Marg. Please do not put them in the offering. Reminder: Please NO toothpaste or candy is to be included in the boxes. Thank you for bringing JOY and JESUS to children (and their families) around the world.

God bless you for sharing and caring,  
Marg



# **Hymn History**

## Blest Be the Tie That Binds

John Fawcett (1739-1817), a dissenting Baptist clergyman in England, gave us one of the most beloved farewell hymns of all time. Fawcett's parish in Wainsgate, described by hymnologist Albert Bailey as "a straggling group of houses on the top of a barren hill," may have been typical for many rural pastors in the 18th century.

Fawcett, orphaned at 12, was "bound out" to a tailor in Bradford where he worked long hours. He learned to read and eventually mastered *Pilgrim's Progress*, the devotional classic by John Bunyan.

Fawcett was converted under the powerful preaching of George Whitefield while the evangelist delivered a message to 20,000 people in an open field. It is said that upon telling Whitefield he wanted to preach, the evangelist gave Fawcett his blessing.


John and Mary Fawcett went to live there in 1765 following his ordination. By engaging families house-to-house, he built a congregation that grew. With the addition of four children to the family, a modest salary that was supplemented by parishioners' donations of wool and potatoes was barely adequate, especially during the long winters.

The story is told that a prestigious parish with more financial resources in London, Carter's Lane Baptist Church, extended a call. Mr. Bailey, a vivid storyteller, sets the scene: "[John] and Mary decided to accept. The announcement was made to the church, and the farewell sermon was preached, the bulky items of his furniture and some of his older books were sold and the day of departure arrived. The two-wheeled cart came for the rest of his belongings, and likewise came the parishioners to say good-bye."

The crowd was despondent and in tears. According to Mr. Bailey, Mary is quoted as saying, "I can't stand it, John! I know not how to go." John responded, "Lord help me Mary, nor can I stand it! We will unload the wagon. . . . [To the crowd], We've changed our minds! We are going to stay!" Mr. Bailey describes a scene of pandemonium as the crowd broke out in joyful acclamations.

John Fawcett remained in Wainsgate for 54 years. Fawcett developed a school for the area children by adding on to his home. He was known as an educator and scholar, as well as a fine preacher.

In 1811 Fawcett published his *Devotional Commentary on the Holy Scriptures* and was also honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree from Brown University, Providence, R.I. ~ Written by C. Michael Hawn

 Join us for a Hymn Sing Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> during worship! If you would like to make a request, please contact Julie Kueckelhan.

I am retiring from Secretary/Bookkeeper for St. Johns effective October 2. I have enjoyed my years of church work (except Quick Books). Looking forward to more time with Dalton, Abby, and Lauren and dusting off my sewing machine.

God's blessings,  
Pat



*Thank you to Pat Friedrich for being the church secretary for twelve years and the church bookkeeper for nine years! We appreciate all the time and hard work that you have dedicated to our church!*

## **BIBLE STUDY – Wednesdays at 2:00**

Aug. 22: We are beginning to study the women in the Bible. Ruth, Chapter 1, vs 1-22. This is a history book and is set in the days when the judges ruled, not Kings. Ruth is a Moabite and the great-grandmother of David who would be a King. She is part of the genealogy of Jesus through Joseph. The story tells about Ruth leaving her home, Moab, after the death of her husband, and following Naomi, her mother-in-law and following the teachings of the Israelites. They travel to Bethlehem which literally means “House of Bread”. This is where Ruth works in the barley fields to pick up the heads of grain to support herself and Naomi.

August 29: Ruth, Chapter 2, vs 1-23 - Ruth is working in the fields, when Boaz, a rich and influential man, saw her walking behind the workers, picking up the heads of grain which they left, also referred to as “gleaning”. He asked about Ruth and found out she was a hard worker and treated her mother-in-law well. He wanted to keep Ruth in his fields and protect her from danger. He shared a meal with her. Naomi felt she had been treated well and wanted her to stay in Boaz’s fields.

September 5: Ruth Chapter 3 and 4 - We completed the book of Ruth. She was instructed by Naomi to lay beside Boaz because Ruth wanted her to find a husband. She followed the instructions. Meanwhile Boaz wanted to buy Naomi’s land and Ruth would be part of the property. He discussed this with the elders and they gave him permission to buy the land and to marry Ruth. Ruth then bore a son named Obed who became the grandfather of David.

September 12: Esther, Chapter 1 - This is the beginning of learning about Esther. She traveled to a country where the Persian emperor enjoyed parties, drink, and pretty women. The queen was a beautiful woman and when the king wanted to “show her off” among the men in the city of Susa, she refused. The king and the men believed every husband should be the master of his home and speak with final authority, so he took the queen’s crown and went to search for a new wife.

September 19: Esther, Chapter 2 & Chapter 3 vs1-6 - Esther was adopted by Mordecai. She had kept her ethnicity a secret. She became part of a harem, supervised by Hegai, a eunuch, which liked her and gave her a special place in the harem. She went before the King Xerxes and he fell in love with her.

**SPECIAL NOTE: BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET ON OCTOBER 3, 10 AND 17.**

Submitted by Nancy Meyer

### *Kids Say the Darndest Things About the Bible...*

Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.

Moses died before he ever reached Texas.

### **Congratulations Corner**



Landon Bail and Thomas Grathwohl received the FFA American Degree. This is the highest award an FFA member can receive and is given on the national level.

The Women’s Guild placed a cherubim candle on the altar in recognition of the birth of Lachlen Robert Alvis, son of Lisa Simmons and Cedric Alvis, born Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Grandmother is Linda Simmons and Great Grandmother is Leola Schler.



## **NOTES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sept. 5, 2018**

Upcoming events: Harvest Festival, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The church council will conduct the service when Pastor Jim takes vacation September 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>. The third quarterly meeting will be October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Financial reports: August offering was \$4,984.64. Other income was \$655.00 from Harvest Festival donations; \$300.00 for window repair; interest income \$343.46. August expense was \$3,793.48. Balance in checking account: \$12,206.33. The collective total for the window repair is \$20,314.46.

The State of Missouri Treasurer has issued a check to St. Johns for \$64.00 as unclaimed money from Olan Mills, Inc. The church building has been sprayed to control insects and spiders. The new lamp for the lectern is pending.

The next church board meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Submitted by Nancy Meyer

Julie Kueckelhan will be the new church secretary/bookkeeper. Please contact her at: 14444 Joe Town Rd, Boonville, MO 65233, [jkueckel@gmail.com](mailto:jkueckel@gmail.com), or by call or text at 660-888-2370. Thank you, Julie!

The Schler Educational Endowment Fund received a donation by Bonnie Marshall in memory of Rev. George Schler. Thank you!

St. Johns Cemetery Fund has received a donation in Memory of Don Burnett from Eric and Susan Lidholm. Thank you!

### **Festival of Sharing**

Marg Scott and Rhea Helmerich went to the Festival of Sharing in Tipton on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. They delivered the 36 Health Kits and 6 pair of eyeglasses that was donated by our church. Thank you both!!!

### **Best Choice Labels and Box Tops for Education**

We recently received \$60! Thank you to everyone for saving your Best Choice UPC labels to benefit our Sunday School!

## **ST. JOHNS HEALTH FACTS**

### **SHINGLES VACCINE: SHOULD I GET IT?**

People looking to receive the shingles vaccine now have two options. The FDA in 2017 approved Shingrix, an alternative to Zostavax. Both vaccines are approved for adults age 50 and older for the prevention of shingles and related complications, whether they've already had shingles or not. You may get the Shingrix vaccine even if you've had Zostavax.

Shingrix is a nonliving vaccine made of a virus component. It is given in two doses, with two to six months between doses. The most common side effects of either shingles vaccine are redness, pain, tenderness, swelling and itching at the injection site, and headaches.

Zostavax has been shown to offer protection against shingles for about five years. Studies suggest protection against shingles with Shingrix may extend beyond five years. The cost of the shingles vaccine may not be covered by Medicare, Medicaid or insurance. Check your plan.

~Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

## OCTOBER

### BIRTHDAYS

Aimee Hurst	1
Dale Wassmann	2
Justin Kueckelhan	3
Steve Cooper	5
Ed Schler	9
Cayley Schler	10
Cora Smith	10
Adam Million	11
Luke Geiger	12
Carson Reynolds Bail	12
Jeanne Muse	25
Marie Zaugg	26

### ANNIVERSARIES

Aaron & Brooke Fieth	6
Kent & Donna Kammerich	6
Terry & Linda Schler	8
Bill & Marilyn Geiger	11
Rodney & Melinda Richardson	15
Warren & Jill Helmreich	25

### *In Sympathy*



Ernie Herigon passed away Sept. 16th at the age of 92. He is Marilyn Geiger's dad. We offer our deepest sympathies to her and all of the family. He will be dearly missed.

Shane Ashpaugh, a senior, was killed in a tragic car accident on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. We offer our deepest sympathies to his family and friends and send special prayers for the days ahead.

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



## PRAYER CHAIN

Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child  
Family of Shane Ashpaugh  
Earthquake victims  
Josh Bailey  
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson  
Pastor Andrew Bronson  
Angie Carmichael, cancer  
Sharon Elliott, cancer  
Arlene Friedrich  
Esther Friedrich, Peace Corps  
Rob Friedrich  
Mary Ann Henke, (friend of Pat & Tracy)  
Warren Helmreich  
Vicki Hilden's parents  
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother  
Kitty Kenney  
Harold Kempf, Linda Wassmann's father  
Jenny Kirchner, cancer  
Dorothy Koestner, cancer  
Nancy Kueckelhan  
Linda Leach, cancer  
Ava LeCave  
Linda Lyles, bone marrow transplant  
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma  
Angie Nave  
Jan Palmer  
Cathy Barton-Para, cancer  
Clifford Richey, friend of Charles Stegner  
Marilyn Rothemeyer, brain cancer  
Erika Sanderson, Pat's niece  
Kathryn Schupp, Nancy Meyer's mother  
Vicky Simmons  
Trevor Thurman, Linda Claas' grandson  
Bernadine Wassmann, Hartmann Village  
Chad Wolfe family

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

James Walker   Colin Jones   Craig Randall  
Cliff Burgoyne   Jeff Burgoyne   Natalie Meng  
Chris Hawley   Landon Bail   Blayne Vickery





<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
7	Ed Schler	Kenneth & Janet Stegner	Heb. 1:1-4;2:5-12 & Mk 10:2-16
14	Donna Kammerich	Ed & Lynnd Schler	Heb. 4:12-16 & Mk 10:17-31
21	Dalton Pannell	Nancy Meyer & Rhea Helmreich	Heb. 5:1-10 & Mk 10:35-45
28	Keith Bail	Abigail Pannell & Pat Friedrich	Heb. 7:23-28 & Mk 10:46-52
	<b>Communion Servers:</b> Nancy Meyer*, Holly Hughes, Lynnd Schler, Donna Kammerich		
	<b>Communion Clean Up:</b> Tim & Julie Kueckelhan, Scott & Peggy Grissum		



- Oct. 3:** Women's Guild Meeting at 1:30  
**Oct. 7:** Hymn Sing during worship  
Pastor Appreciation Sunday  
**Oct. 10:** Church Board Meeting 7:00  
**Oct. 14:** Hymn Sing during Worship  
**Oct. 18:** Quarterly Reports due to Julie K.  
**Oct. 21:** Quarterly Congregational Meeting  
World Communion Sunday  
Neighbors in Need Offering  
**Oct. 24:** Bible Study 2:00  
Newsletter articles due  
**Oct. 31:** Bible Study 2:00  
**Nov. 4:** Shoebox Collection  
Daylight Savings Time Ends

#### Window Repair Donors

- Mark Dick in Memory of Don Burnett
- Chrysanne Casteal
- Debbie Schuster
- David Wenger
- Kenny & Janet Stegner
- Don & Mary Bail
- Scott & Peggy Grissum
- Donnie Helmreich
- Louis Muntzel
- Ed & Linda Wassmann
- Nick & Laura Grathwohl
- Karen Bail

#### SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

	OFFERING	BENEVOLENCE	ATTENDANCE
2	\$ 2,101		30
9	\$ 730	\$ 144	40
16	\$ 628	\$ 30	28
23	\$ 302		22
30	\$ 1,697		42
	Penny Sunday \$20		



Stained Glass Window Repair Fund Balance \$26,274.46