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



**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
MONDAY, MAY 27TH AT 9:30 A.M.**

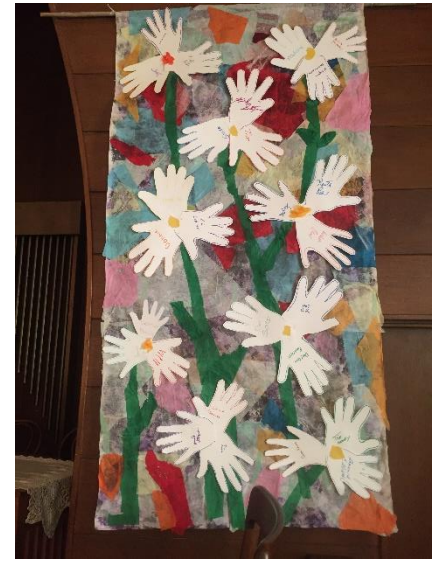
Everyone is invited to the Memorial Service held at the St. Johns UCC Cemetery. The Women’s Guild will provide coffee and juice and attendees are asked to bring their favorite brunch item for the fellowship time after the service.

If you noticed a paper scroll hanging in the front of the church, it is a Lent/Easter banner being made by the Sunday school. The first Sunday of Lent we talked about how this season of 40 days before Easter is to remind us of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. We talked about what kind of things tempt us and what are some kindnesses that we can do during this time. Purple is the universal church color of Lent so we sponge painted our banner purple. Every week as Lent has progressed, we have unrolled a little more of our purple banner so it looks bigger. On the Sunday before Easter it will be full size. For Good Friday we will sponge black over the purple to symbolize Jesus' death.



Thank you Holly and Charles!

On the first Sunday of Lent we also collected hand tracings from the congregation during the soup luncheon. As part of the Easter Egg hunt activities we transformed this purple blackened banner with colorful tissue paper and use the hand prints to make a vine of white flowers. On Easter our banner will celebrate Jesus arising from the dead in full color with all the congregation represented in it. We are also making a "prayer flag" string of colorful scraps of fabric with everyone's hands to hang. For this project we are using materials left over from vacation bible school that Jessica and Megan tie dyed a few years back.



Arriving at church at 5:30 AM on Easter morning to prepare breakfast is not something I look forward to each year. This year as I walked in the basement, late as usual, I find my Youth Fellowship members and their families busy making coffee, cracking and scrambling eggs, frying sausage, baking biscuits and chatting as they work. Due to their hard work we prepared another successful and delicious Easter breakfast. Thank you to the members of the congregation for their donations whether it was monetary or in the form of cinnamon rolls, coffee cakes, etc. Christ has risen, he has risen indeed! ~ Angie Hackman

Thank you to Abby Pannell and Linda Burnett for the special duets for our Sunrise Service!

Altar Flowers:

In loving Memory of Andrew, Carla, Herb & Wilma Lou Helmreich; Bob Simmons; and Charles Schler from Donnie, Lauren, Linda, Jamie, Kevin, Lisa & families and Leola Schler & family

Easter Lilies:

In loving memory of my parents, Rowdy and Wilma Cary, and all of our loved ones by Susan and Mike Hayes.

In memory of LaVaughn Miller and other loved ones by Tim and Julie Kueckelhan & family

In loving memory of Forrest and Kitty Kenney by Sharon and Steve Smith & family and Barb and Doug Ayers & family.

In loving memory of August Wassmann by Bernadine Wassmann and family

In loving memory of Marvin Schupp from Wilbert and Nancy Meyer & Shirley Schupp.

In memory of Lawrence and Ruth Muntzel & Peter and Tessie Muntzel by Louis, Joyce, and David

In memory of loved ones by Buster and Birdie Kueckelhan & family

In memory of Charles and Dorothea Geiger, Brett Geiger & Ernest Herigon by Bill and Marilyn Geiger

Cemetery Fund Memorial Donations:

In loving memory of Forrest and Kitty Kenney by Sharon and Steve Smith & family

In memory of loved ones by Jason, Melissa, Garrett, Kamrynn and Derrick Hundley

In memory of loved ones by Donnie and Kathy Wilmsmeyer

Stained Glass Window Repair Fund Memorial Donations:

In loving memory of Don Burnett by Brandon and Linda Burnett

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild met on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in the Chapel Room. Those present were Birdie Kueckelhan, Pat Friedrich, Nancy Meyer, Rhea Helmreich, and Marg Scott. Everyone contributed to the devotional time. Rhea shared about always remembering that whatever happens, "God is in Control." Birdie told about Fred Rogers and how he always stressed to children to be kind to one another. Nancy told about Easter with a reading entitled, "He is Risen." She said Easter can come as early in the season as Mar. 22, or as late as April 25. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" Marg shared a story about discovering joy in God's promises this Easter. We all sang "Jesus Loves Me for Senior Citizens."

Marg called the meeting to order and she read the secretary's report. Nancy gave the treasurer's report. The reports were accepted as read. It was decided to just hold one Guild meeting a year and that meeting will be the first Wednesday in April. If another meeting is necessary it will be announced in the church bulletin.

The group planned the following upcoming events for this year:

The Memorial Day service will be held in the church cemetery on Monday, May 27th at 9:30 am. The Guild will provide coffee and juice with everyone bringing brunch food.

The Health Kits will be collected on Sunday, August 25, and then taken to the Share Fest in Tipton on Sept. 28.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be collected on Sunday, November 3.

The Blanket Sunday offering will be on Sunday, November 24.

The Hanging of the Greens Christmas Service will be on Sunday, December 1, if the church is decorated by that date. More details about that will be announced later in the year.

We still have a few cherub candleholders for new babies. We decided to honor the baby by placing that candle on the alter when the baby is baptized.

Nancy and Rhea will prepare some health kits for homeless persons in our area. There will be more information about that later.

Everyone brought delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by all.

Margaret Scott, Secretary

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Congratulations Corner

Susan Forst will graduate on May 12th with a Masters in Health Care Sciences!

Jessica Grathwohl and Dalton Pannell will graduate from Boonville High School on May 19th!

Jessica Grathwohl received the Area Star in Agriscience and Area Proficiency in Food Service at the State FFA Convention!

Mother's Day Cards From Kids...

"Thank you Mom for being wonderful, caring, and for not making your meatloaf anymore!" Love, Tiffany

Happy Mother's Day! You are a great...

M – My #1 Mom

O – Over the hill

M – Misses me when I'm at school

Happy Mother's Day! I hope you have a great Mother's Day. Today we were going to make you pancakes but Melanie didn't know who so we were going to make eggs but you didn't get bacon at the store. Well happy Mother's Day.

Love, David

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success!
Thanks to all who "hopped" by for this
annual event and the ones that
organized it!

HEALTH FACTS - STAY STRONG, STAY HEALTHY

People often think that strength training is only for young people. However, studies show that strength exercises are effective for all ages. It's never too late to start because strength training can prevent injuries and make daily life more manageable for older adults.

Muscle loss can cause balance problems. Strength training can build bone, improve strength, and prevent muscle loss.

For help with this type of training, check out missourifamilies.org/sssh or missourifamilies.org/matterofbalance or ask me! Nancy Meyer

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Sunday Mornings at 9:30

Psalm 23: Pastor Jim read this Psalm and then asked these questions:

Vs. 1: What imagery do you have? Most thought of the large stain glass window depicting Jesus carrying a lamb.

Vs.2: Why would sheep lay down? Maybe to chew their cud after finding cool shade. The still waters would be a safe place for sheep to drink.

Vs.3: What does it mean to restore my soul? Each shared their vision of peace, rest, staying calm in the mist of conflict.

Vs. 4: What is a staff? It could be used to corral sheep, catch wandering sheep, or as a weapon for protection. The valley would be a darkness where anxiety and fears can be overwhelming. We can seek comfort in God's presence.

Vs. 5: What is a banquet? That is an easy answer since we are experts at St. Johns in preparing food. This can provide nourishment and even peace in spite of sadness. We can count blessings and be happy.

Vs. 5: Anointing my head with oil is a symbol that you have been chosen and receive a blessing of healing.

Vs. 6: The House of the Lord in this case would be the Temple. This passage has Bible scholars questioning whether David wrote this Psalm because it is more "polished" than his other writings and God did not give permission to David to build a Temple.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – April 10, 2019

Two high school graduates will receive \$250.00 apiece from the Schler Educational Endowment Fund. They are Jessica Grathwohl and Dalton Pannell. Megan Kammerich is eligible to receive her second \$250.00 scholarship as she has completed her first year of college.

Scott Grissum has reported that the stain glass window repair will begin this spring. The O'Brien Stained Glass Company will remove several windows at a time, repair them and return them before taking remaining windows. A protective glass will also be installed on the outside.

The next meeting will be May 8th, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.



THANK YOU!

The Sunday School recently received \$60 from Best Choice labels. This shows that all of you are faithful in small endeavors, because each label only gives us 3 cents, but they do add up and will help in our Sunday School projects. Please place your labels in the box in the west door hall or give them to Marg. We also collect the Box Tops for Education. These are donated to our local schools.

I recently received this information about the Christmas 2018 delivery of the shoeboxes. 10,623,776 boxes were collected internationally. Praise the Lord that so many children will hear the Gospel and be invited to respond. Based on records, those gifts will multiply to more than 106,000,000 people impacted by the Good News and Great Joy (with each box reaching up to 10 people). There were or will be over 60,000 outreach events where children, families, and communities will hear that God wants to transform them into members of His Kingdom! Thank you and God's blessings to you for preparing a box(es) or donating postage funds. They do make a difference in bringing Joy and Jesus to children around the world!

~ Marg Scott

Marg would like to thank everyone for all the jelly jars that you have given her for preserves for the Harvest Festival. It really helps her so she doesn't have to buy jars. Please plan to buy your preserves on Sept. 22, at the Harvest Festival. She will have blackberry, strawberry and peach preserves. Thanks again!

Our friend, who receives the 5th Sunday food donations, wants to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone. He really appreciates everything and says they are "Gifts from Jesus." He is also sharing some of it with a friend who needs some help with food. Thank you and may God richly bless you for sharing and caring.

Dear Friends of St. Johns UCC,
Greetings to all at St. Johns UCC! I have many fine memories from the years of being a member of this church and many friends I will always cherish in my heart. I think back on some of the wonderful events and projects at St. Johns from Harvest Festival, new well for the parsonage, to the remodeling and addition of the fellowship hall. I was so glad to be part of the congregation and church council that successfully helped complete all of the projects to improve the church, the community and fellowship in the church. I miss the church services, fellowship dinners, Easter Sunrise service and breakfast, Harvest Festival, the fine people of Billingsville and Christmas time at the church.

I wish you success in finding a new pastor for the church. The community and people of Billingsville are special and I am so thankful I could experience this Christian bond.

I am retired and reside in Saint Charles, Missouri. I do not have the opportunity to attend or be part of the special Christian community of Billingsville anymore. Please update your records and remove me from your membership roll. You never know when I might show up as a guest at a Sunday service. Wishing you the very best. Your friend in Christ and Christian fellowship,

Robert Mueller

BIRTHDAYS

CannaRassa Jennings	1
Elizabeth Dick	3
Alexander Rapp	4
Macsen Simmons	4
Linda Claas	5
Tim Harvey	6
Brody Herman	6
Bob Gerhardt	7
Mindy Becker	8
Cindy Vogel	8
Sonya Farris	11
Cammie Cary	12
Rhea Helmreich	12
Brooklyn Rae Swalwell	12
Ryan Rapp	15
Will Hackman	18
Toby Nash	21
Tami Rold	21
Megan Kammerich	22
Trevor Thurman	22
Landon Bail	23
Casten Jennings	24
Molly Rapp	25
Devin Robinson	26
Laura Grathwohl	29
Harper Scalia	29
Maddison Scalia	29
Karen Bail	30



ANNIVERSARIES

D. J. & Jeanne Muse	7
Pat & Vicki Hilden	11
Ryan & Emily Rapp	28
Kim & Rosalie Searfoss	29



As a new safety measure, the church doors will be locked after the service begins. If you are running late, don't worry... just knock on the front door.

PRAYER CHAIN

Nebraska, Iowa & Missouri flood victims
Sri Lanka bombing victims and families
Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson
Kelly Lou Campbell
Angie Carmichael, cancer
Sharon Elliott, cancer
Arlene Friedrich
Rob Friedrich
Bob & Linda Gander
Grey, 6 yr. old friend of Holly's
Mary Ann Henke, (friend of Pat & Tracy)
Vicki Hilden's parents
Pam Jaeger
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother
Jenny Kirchner, cancer
Dorothy Koestner, cancer
Nancy Kueckelhan
Ava LeCave
Linda Lyles, bone marrow transplant
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma
Isaac Naranjo, brain injury
Angie Nave
The family of Cathy Barton-Para
Jill Pflantz, friend of Marg's
Clifford Richey, friend of Charles Stegner
Marilyn Rethemeyer, brain cancer
Erika Sanderson, Pat's niece
Kathryn Schupp, Nancy Meyer's mother
Kevin Simmons
Vicky Simmons
Rick Templemire
Trevor Thurman, Linda Claas' grandson
Bernadine Wassmann

Serving in our military:

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



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

	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers/Communion Servers</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
5	Jason Hundley	Eddie Wassmann & Kenny Stegner	Rev 5:11-14, John 21:1-19
12	Cathy Bail	Bill & Marilyn Geiger	Rev 7:9-17, John 10:22-30
19	Sharon Elliott	Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes	Rev 21:1-6, John 13:31-35
26	Julie Kueckelhan	Bob & Mary Painter	Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29
	Communion Clean Up:	Ed Schler*, Jason Hundley	

STATISTICS



APRIL	OFFERING	BENEVOLENCE	ATTENDANCE
7	\$1,255.00	\$ 25.00	40
14	\$ 859.25	\$128.00	44
21	\$1,759.00	\$25.00	109
28	\$ 703.00		29
PENNY SUNDAY \$26			
STAINED GLASS WINDOW REPAIR FUND BALANCE \$28,874.46			

- May 8: Church Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- May 12: Mother's Day
- May 19: Boonville High School Graduation
- May 21: Newsletter articles due to Laura
- May 26: Last Youth Sunday School Class until August.
- May 27: Memorial Day Service at the cemetery 9:30 a.m.



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

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