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

Summer Activities Wrap Up



St. Johns Ice Cream Social was held on July 1st, 2018. Juicy burgers and hot dogs were served along with numerous flavors of homemade ice cream and various desserts. \$998 in donations were collected for the Christian Education Board. Thanks to everyone who brought dessert and/or ice cream to share during this summer fellowship event.

Maker Fun Factory was held July 9th - 13th, 2018. 19 children participated in fun activities that taught how God Made Us, is With Us, is For Us, and Loves Us. We collected \$209 for Boonslick Habitat for Humanity. Many thanks to the 20 helpers who made Vacation Bible School week possible!

~ Melissa Hundley,
Board of Christian Education Supt.



In the next few weeks, lots of preparation will be done for our children, grandchildren and children of our church and community for the school year ahead. There will be shopping for clothes, backpacks, and school supplies. In the business of preparation, don't forget to prepare the ones you love through prayers.

Here are five back-to-school prayers:

1. Pray that they will know and walk in Truth this school year, no matter the falsehoods and deceptions the culture tries to sell.
2. Pray that they will obey God's Word, no matter what temptations they face.
3. Pray that they will be filled with righteousness and discernment that comes through Jesus Christ, making Him evident in their lives to their teachers, friends, and team members.
4. Pray that God will bring positive relationships and influences into their lives and guard their hearts and minds by His grace.
5. Pray for spiritual and physical safety as they walk through every circumstance and challenge of the year ahead.

What an incredible honor and responsibility to strengthen and support children through prayer. Don't send them back without it!

MISSIONS

Festival of Sharing

The Guild will be participating in the Festival of Sharing regional event on Sept. 22, in Tipton, MO. Please have your kits and or eyeglasses to church on Sunday, August 26th and the children will pick them up during Children's Time.

Health Kit Items:

- 1 hand-towel (15x28 to 16x32) (no fingertip, bath, or microfiber towels, please)
 - 1 washcloth
 - 1 bar of soap (regular or bath size) in original wrapper
 - 1 toothbrush in original packaging
 - 1 wide tooth comb (remove packaging)
 - 10 standard size Band-Aids
 - 1 nail clipper (remove packaging)
- Please put all of these items in a gallon size zipper plastic bag

If you are unable to gather these items you may also make a monetary donation to the Festival of Sharing.

If you would like more info about this year's Festival of Sharing go to Festival@socket.net There are other activities going on that day in Tipton.

God bless you for helping others in their time of need.

~Marg Scott

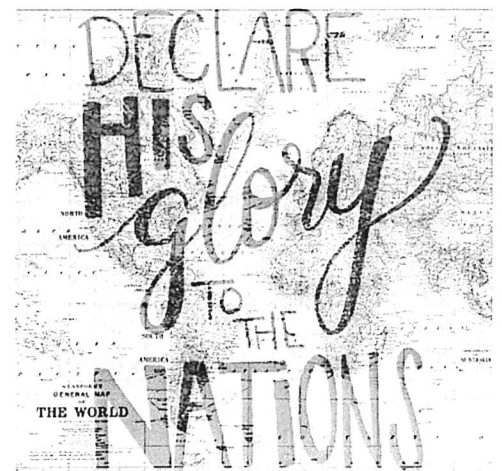
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project

Yes, we will be doing the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project again this year. I am still excited that we have filled and sent exactly 1100 boxes since we started this wonderful project in the year 2000. Thanks to all of you for working so hard to make children happy and bringing Jesus to their lives! Thanks also to everyone who donated postage funds to send these boxes around the world.

We will have a Shoebox Kick-Off sometime in October and then will collect the boxes in early November. There are a couple of changes to be aware of. Please do NOT include TOOTHPASTE OR CANDY in your boxes. I think the reason is that extreme heat can affect the quality of these items.

I have some empty boxes that are ready, so please see me if you want a box or boxes before October 1st. This is a very good time to get the school supplies for your boxes. because several stores have them at reduced prices. I will also put some pamphlets on the front pew so you know what goes in the boxes. If you have any questions, please let me know. God bless you for caring about children who need joy and Jesus in their lives.

Many thanks,
Love in Christ,
Marg Scott





Hymn History



What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Irish born Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1896) was 25 years old, in love and to be married. The day before his wedding his fiancée died in a tragic drowning accident. Heartbroken, Joseph sailed from his homeland to start a new life in Canada. While in Canada working as a teacher, he fell in love again and became engaged to Eliza Roche, a relative of one of his students. Once again, Joseph's hopes and dreams were shattered when Eliza became ill and died before the wedding could take place.

Although one can only imagine the turmoil within this young man, history tells us that his faith in God sustained him. Soon after Eliza's death Joseph joined the Plymouth Brethren and began preaching for a Baptist church. He never married, but spent the remainder of his life giving all his time, money and even the clothes off his own back to help the less fortunate and to spread the love and compassion of Jesus wherever he went.

Around the same time that Eliza died, Joseph received word from Ireland that his mother was ill. He could not go to be with her, so he wrote a letter of comfort and enclosed one of his poems entitled *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*.

Many years later a friend was sitting with Joseph, as he was very ill. During this visit, the friend was very impressed when he ran across his poems, including *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. As a result of this visit, almost 30 years after his letter of comfort to his mother, Joseph's poems were published in a book called *Hymns and Other Verses*. Soon thereafter, noted musician Charles C. Converse (1834-1918) put music to one of those poems: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. ~Written by Michael Boutot

Kids Say...

Teacher: Daniel, I've had to send you to the principal every day this week. What do you have to say for yourself?

Daniel: I'm glad it's Friday!

Math teacher: A man from Los Angeles drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour and a man from New York drove toward Los Angeles at 150 m.p.h. Where did they meet?

Johnny: In jail!

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible -- Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd . . . and that's all I need to know!"

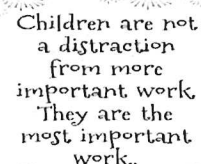
Congratulations Corner

Cora Smith – 10 & Under 3rd Overall individual high points in the City of Columbia!
1st in 100 Individual Medley, 2nd in Butterfly, 6th in Freestyle, 1st Freestyle Relay, 2nd Medley Relay, 10 U Girl MVP of her team.

Cate Smith – 2nd Freestyle Relay, 6th Freestyle, 10th Breast Stroke, 8U Girl MVP of her team.

Both girls qualified for All Star Swim Meet for the City of Columbia. Congratulations!

Jessica Grathwohl received 2nd place with her hog at CCYF.



Children are not
a distraction
from more
important work.
They are the
most important
work.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 11, 2018

The Evangelical UCC church in Boonville is also searching for a pastor. It was suggested by a congregation member that our search committee meet with theirs and possibly conduct a search together for a full-time “yoked” pastor. After much discussion, the Church Council decided it was worth looking into and will be discussed at the next quarterly meeting.

Financial reports: June offering was \$3,618.00; June income was \$715.97; June expense was \$15,116.84. Balance in checking account: \$7,024.67. The collective total for the window repair is \$21,125.55.

Pastor Jim was absent on Sunday, September 23rd. The Council agreed to give the message that morning.

The next church board meeting will be August 8th, 2018, at 7:00pm.

~Nancy Meyer

NOTES FROM SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING - JULY 22, 2018

The meeting opened after worship service and Scott brought the meeting to order with prayer by Pastor Jim. The minutes were read from the April 15th meeting and there were no corrections.

The financial reports were reviewed and discussed. Copies are available to church members in the church office. The stained-glass window repair fund continues to grow. We need \$35,000.00 available before any company is hired to repair the windows. The cemetery board was thanked for keeping the cemetery grounds beautiful.

The basement ductwork has been completed under budget at \$9,250.00. Everything went well. Three extra 1500 watt outlets have been added in the kitchen. St. Johns UCC was listed as having unclaimed property. This will require filing of required forms to determine what this means. The air compressor that was stolen will be replaced.

It was brought before the members present, that the Evangelical UCC church in Boonville is also searching for a pastor. The council would like to have authority to discuss with them the possibility of collaborating for the purpose of finding a minister that would work for both churches. This may increase our chances of hiring a full-time minister. A motion was made and passed that gives St. Johns council permission to meet with the Evangelical UCC’s council for the purpose of discussing a “Yoked Minister”.

~Nancy Meyer

ST. JOHNS HEALTH FACTS – NUTS AND YOUR HEART

Eating nuts as part of a healthy diet may be good for your heart. Nuts contain unsaturated fatty acids and other nutrients. And they’re a great snack food. One drawback is that they are high in calories.

Eating nuts may reduce your risk of developing blood clots since they reduce inflammation of the blood vessel lining. Nuts have Omega-3 which helps prevent dangerous heart rhythms. Fiber and Vitamin E are in nuts which also are heart healthy.

The American Heart Association recommends eating about four servings of unsalted nuts a week. Use raw or dry-roasted nuts rather than those cooked in oil. A serving is a small handful (1.5 ounces) of whole nuts. The type of nuts doesn’t matter. Walnuts contain high amounts of omega-3 fatty acid. Almonds, macadamia nuts, hazelnuts, and pecans are healthy. Keep in mind, you could end up canceling out the heart-healthy benefits of nuts if they’re covered with chocolate, sugar, or salt.

Information from Mayo Clinic foundation for Medical Education and Research.

~Nancy Meyer

DONATIONS TO ST. JOHNS CEMETERY FUND IN MEMORY OF DON BURNETT

Bill & Marilyn Gieger, Betty Snoddy, Chris & Beth Vonderahe, Dick & Nancy Casanova, Stanley & Debra Serck, Larry & Rosemary Wilmsmeyer, Jim & Sonya Farris, Bill & Pam Rapp, Russell & Susie Kennison, Janet & Kenny Stegner, Mark & Barbara Wooldridge, Sandy Brennan, Ricky & Kathy Ray, John & Liz Biesmeyer, Jill Ross, Nick & Laura Grathwohl Family, Keith & Cathy Bail Family, Virgil & Delores Stegner, Scott & Peggy Grissum, Donnie & Kathy Wilmsmeyer, Boonville Firefighters Association, Don & Joy Baragary, Kitty Kenney, J.D. & Gretchen Twenter, Gina Biesemeyer, Jason & Melissa Hundley Family, Darrell & Nancy Harris, Tim & Anna Marie Smith, Wilbert & Nancy Meyer, Edna Harris, David & Ann Muntzel, Don & Mary Bail, Elaine Gramlich, Jody & Laura Gramlich, Dough & Sharon Gramlich, Eveleth Hill, Tim & Julie Kueckelhan, Larry & Betty Sieckmann, James & Sherry Meissert, George & Annie Chamberlain, David & Janie Nunn, James & Jane Jordan, Joan Walther, Steve & Sarah Friedrich, Marvin & Pat Gries, George & Joan Schupback, Tim, Dawn & Carter Taylor, Ken & Linda Schuster, Jerry & Loretta Quinlan, Jerrie Eickelberger, Ernie & Kathy Raub, Scott & Kathryn Schuster Family, John & Gail Sponaugle, Bob & Letha Scott, Daryl & Kelly Bowles, Eddie & Linda Wassman, Bernadine Wassman, Kent, Donna & Megan Kammerich, Pat & Vicki Hilden, Romie & Darlene Wirths, George, Tracy, Dalton & Abby Pannell, Ron & Rita Rapp, Virgil & Linda Brengarth, Frank & Lillian Oswald, Patricia Friedrich, Dick & Beth Royston, Ernie & Sharon Walther, Russell & Cherly Imhoff, Scott & Deborah Sodergren, Joe & Diane Chitwood, Gregory & Donna Gaines, Susan Greschner

Donation to St. Johns Memorial Fund

Roberta & Raymond Kueckelhan

Rhea Helmerich

Donation to Window Repair in Memory of Don Burnett

Linda Burnett

To the Women's Guild: Thank you all so very much for the wonderful luncheon you prepared and served at Don's service. As always everything was delicious and I truly appreciate your hard work and loving support of Don's family and me. I am lucky to be a part of this caring fellowship. Love, Linda



Mark your calendars...September 15th is the Harvest Festival!

We are again asking for a \$25.00 donation to offset the cost of food, two pies and a donation to the Country Store. You may give your checks or cash to Pat Friedrich. Any donations for the auction may be put in the parsonage garage. If you have any questions, please contact a council member.

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

Leola Schler	4
Debbie Derboven	6
Amber Carmichael	6
Buster Kueckelhan	8
Azile Barbi	8
Jason Helmreich	9
Scott Grissum	11
Ed Wassmann	15
Harriet Baker	17
Deana Naylor	19
Mark Geiger	22
Keith Bail	26
Morgan Hawley	27
Sophia Grace Waibel	27
Gerald Dick	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Wilbert & Nancy Meyer	3
Chris & Morgan Hawley	4
Ed & Linda Wassmann	7
Jerry & Samantha Gerhardt	26
Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes	28

In Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathies to the family of Don Burnett who passed away July 9th after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

It was a joy to have so many members of the Schler and Gerhardt families at church today. Please come back soon!!!



PRAYER CHAIN

Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child
Branson boat accident victims and families
Josh Bailey
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson
Pastor Andrew Bronson
Angie Carmichael, cancer
Sharon Elliott, cancer
Arlene Friedrich
Rob Friedrich
Mary Ann Henke, (friend of Pat & Tracy)
Warren Helmreich
Gertrude & Ernie Herrigon
Vicki Hilden's parents
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother
Harold Kempf, Linda Wassmann's father
Jenny Kirchner, cancer
Dorothy Koestner, cancer
Nancy Kueckelhan
Linda Leach, cancer
Ava LeCave
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma
DJ Muse
Angie Nave
Tracy Pannell
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
Madison Walker
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



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



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 Return Service Requested

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

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
 All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

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