

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."



On Christmas Eve, the sanctuary of St. Johns was filled with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Abigail Pannell played the piano prelude, "What Child is This" followed by a trumpet solo, "Joy to the World" by Dalton Pannell. After a warm welcome by Pastor Jim, the four Advent candles and the Christ candle were lit. Then, the children, directed by the Board of Christian Education, performed:

"The Christmas Story"

Readers: Jessica Grathwohl, Garrett Hundley, Abigail Pannell, Dalton Pannell, Max Rapp

Angel Gabriel: Cora Smith

Innkeepers: Khale Bohlken, Alex Rapp, Macsen Simmons, Caleb Smith

Mary: Kate Neckermann

Joseph: Grant Neckermann

Jesus: Grace Neckermann

Animals: Charlie Smith

Shepherds: Khale Bohlken, Beau Rapp, Macsen Simmons, Caleb Smith

Angels: Mikayla Bohlken, Kamrynn Hundley, Molly Rapp, Cate Smith, Brooklyn Swalwell

Kings: Will Hackman, Derrick Hundley, Alex Rapp

Soloist: Stacy Friedrich

Candlelighters: Carson Bail, Garrett Hundley, Dalton Pannell, Max Rapp

In a long-standing tradition, the evening concluded with a candlelight singing of "Silent Night."

Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers, Board of Christian Education members, parents and children who helped make this an evening to remember!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 8:

Church Council Meeting at 6 pm

Thursday, January 16:

Financial Reports Due

Sunday, January 19:

Annual Congregational Meeting and Carry-In Dinner following Morning Worship

Thursday, January 23:

Newsletter Articles Due

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Thank you

To Ron and Rita Rapp for their donation to the Cemetery fund

To Willie Branch for her donation to the church

To Marianne Limper Baltz for her donation to the "Voice of Billingsville"



This year we had a beautiful addition to our Advent Candle lighting each week. Holly Hughes and Charles Stegner, with the help of Abigail Pannell and Kamrynn Hundley, created gorgeous "stained-glass" banners for each candle of Advent and the Christ candle. As we lit the actual candles during morning worship and the Christmas Eve service, the banners were "lit" as well!

Stained Glass Window Update

Phase I of the window repair is complete! The last of the repaired windows were installed on December 22. Not only did O'Brien Stained Glass make repairs and replace the mismatched glass, they improved the lines of the lead channels to enhance the design.

The old storm windows were replaced with tempered storm coverings which removed shadows and lets the light shine through! It also makes them look more beautiful from the outside. If you haven't already seen them, please stop by!

Phase II is set to begin in late February. As you can see, we haven't raised enough money to fund Phase II of the project, so donations are still being accepted!

Stained Glass Window Project

Total Collected
\$30,685.00

Balance in Fund
\$-5072.00

Recent Donations

Keith & Cathy Bail

Wilbert & Nancy Meyer

Cliff & Jenae Smith

Donnie & Kathy Wilmsmeyer

Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19. There will be a carry-in dinner following morning worship and preceding the meeting. Committee #2 is in charge of the meal:

Shauna Bohlken, Pat Friedrich, Scott & Peggy Grissum, Rhea Helmreich, Garrett Hundley, Jason & Melissa Hundley, Nancy Kueckelhan, Abigail Pannell, Dalton Pannell, George & Tracy Pannell, Ryan & Emily Rapp, Don & Marg Scott, Kim & Rosalie Searfoss, Ruth Searfoss, Ed Wassmann Family, Dave & Ginger Wenger, Volunteers

Jason Hundley has finished his 2nd term on the Church Council. His replacement will be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Melissa Hundley and Angie Hackman are up for re-election to the Board of Christian Education.

George Pannell is up for re-election to the Cemetery Board.

Congratulations Corral

Justin Kueckelhan graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Systems Management and a minor in Agriculture Business.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2019

Julie gave an update on the window repair project. Mr. O'Brien will return to complete Phase I on December 19.

He will be willing to start on Phase II in February. After discussion that the progress has been acceptable and the repaired windows are now installed and meet expectations, the council voted to give Mr. O'Brien permission to begin Phase II.

The council discussed disbursement of \$1,000.00 from proceeds of the 2019 Harvest Festival. The council recommendations will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January.

The local school program funded by Communities in Schools will be shared with the Women's Guild as a possible project.

The next council meeting will be January 8th, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

The 2020 Annual Meeting will be January 19, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Meyer, Secretary

Serving in our military:

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

STATISTICS			
Dec	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
01	\$2969	\$25	50
08	\$945	\$215 Penny Sun: \$50	38
15	\$516	\$30	25
22	\$699	\$25	60
24	\$1,461	Chr. Fun. \$305 Win Rep: \$450	162
29	\$813	\$25	30

Best Choice Labels & Box Tops for Education

We would really appreciate everyone saving your Best Choice UPC labels to benefit our Sunday School.



	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers		Scripture Readings
Jan 5	Bill Geiger	Marg Scott	Julie Kueckelhan	Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18
Communion Prep: Julie Kueckelhan Communion Servers: Julie Kueckelhan, Marg Scott, Vicki Hilden				
Jan 12	Jason Hundley	Vicki Hilden	Cathy Bail	Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17
Jan 19	Angie Hackman	Rhea Helmreich	Laura Grathwohl	1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42
Jan 26	Vicki Hilden	Angie Kueckelhan	Nancy Meyer	1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
Marty Eastman	01
Max Rapp	04
Thomas Grathwohl	06
Linda Potter	08
Holly Hughes	10
Daniel Viertel	11
Marilyn Geiger	12
Terry Schler	12
Don Bail	14
Greg Friedrich	18
Derrick Hundley	22
Melinda Richardson	22
Cora Louise Wisdom	22
Mark Dick	25
Pat Friedrich	25
Lynndora Schler	25
Melanie Gerhardt	30
Jenea Smith	31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES	
Jim & Sonya Farris	21

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠	
Jason Wayne Gerhardt	18
Kevin Dale Simmons	24
Charla Jenae Fowler Smith	28

If you were baptized in another church, please send your baptism date to Julie so your anniversary can be included too!

PRAYER CHAIN

- Don Bail
- Kelly Lou Campbell
- Angie Carmichael, cancer
- Family of Jerry Comegys (Rosalie Searfoss' dad)
- Jeff Elliott (Pastor Jim's son)
- Pastor Jim Elliott
- Sharon Elliott, cancer
- Olivia (Sharon's niece), cancer
- Arlene Friedrich
- Jared Friedrich
- Rob Friedrich
- Bob & Linda Gander
- Art & Vera Gelder
- Family of Leonard Gibson
- Grey, 6 yr. old friend of Holly's
- Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)
- Maria Hardy, stomach issues
- Jolene Harwood
- Mary Ann Henke (friend of Pat & Tracy)
- Laura Holman, recovering from aneurysm
- Family of Aaron Imhoff
- Shelley Jennings, bone cancer
- David Keltner (Jeanne's brother)
- Jenny Kirchner, cancer
- Ava LeCave
- Lynda Lyles, heart and lung problems
- Marcos @ ECH (SS Sponsor Child)
- Kevin McGuire (Rhea's Cousin), brain tumor
- Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), undergoing chemo
- David Muntzel, back surgery
- Angie Nave
- Bobbie Perry (Pat Friedrich's sister), diabetes
- Family of Sawyer Quinlan
- Clifford Richey (friend of Charles Stegner)
- Marilyn Rethemeyer, brain cancer
- Virginia Reynolds (Cathy's mom), breast cancer
- Erika Sanderson (Pat's niece)
- Charlotte Schanzmeyer
- Karen Schnetzler
- Kathryn Schupp (Nancy's mother)
- Laverne & Shirley Schmidt (Vicky's parents)
- Lois Shaw
- Vicky Simmons
- Family of Gary Unterschultz
- Rhea Vickery
- Marjorie Vieth
- Nancee Waibel, cancer
- Bernadine Wassmann





Martin Luther King Jr.

Alabama
Assassination
Brotherhood
Change
Civil rights
Dream
Equality
Freedom
Georgia
Integration
January
Justice
Minister
Nobel
Nonviolence
Peace
Rosa Parks
Segregation
Speech

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In the Mail

Dear members of St. Johns,

I want to express sincere thanks for adding Andrew to your prayer list. God was truly watching out for him when he fell, and we appreciate your prayers for strength and healing. God bless all of you!

Sandy Brennen; Andrew, Ashley and Ace Painter

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Worship 10:30 a.m.