

“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.”



Memorial Day Service **Monday, May 28th at 9:30 A.M.**

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.

Hymn History

Hymn of Promise was written and composed by Natalie Sleeth in 1985. Natalie was from Evanston, Illinois and began playing the piano at the age of four. She studied music at Wellesley College in Massachusetts and received her Bachelor’s degree in 1952 and later received honorary doctorates from West Virginia Wesleyan College and Nebraska Wesleyan College. Some of her compositions are described in her devotional book, “Adventures for the Soul.”

She was inspired by a T.S. Eliot line, “in the end is our beginning.” Natalie wrote “Hymn of Promise” or also known as “In the Bulb There is a Flower”, as she was “pondering ideas of life, death, spring and winter, Good Friday and Easter, and the whole reawakening of the world that happens every spring.”

This anthem was debuted at the Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg, Florida during a special concert where Natalie’s music was featured and performed by the choir.

The text and melody weave in and out just like thoughts passing through a person’s mind carrying a message of hope no matter what the circumstances. This song reminds us to put our trust in God’s timing and His plan...this song is truly a hymn for all seasons.

~Laura

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Macsen Simmons	4
Alexander Rapp	4
Linda Claas	5
Bob Gerhardt	7
Cindy Vogel	8
Mindy Becker	8
Sonya Farris	11
Rhea Helmreich	12
Cammie Cary	12
Brooklyn Swalwell	12
Ryan Rapp	15
Will Hackman	18
Tami Rold	21
Linda Leach	21
Alicia Gerhardt	22
Megan Kammerich	22
Trevor Jay Thurman	22
Landon Bail	23
Molly Rapp	25
Devin Robinson	26
Laura Grathwohl	29
Karen Bail	30

Happy Mother's Day!



A smile is a
curve that sets
everything straight.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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.



PRAYER CHAIN

Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child
Otto Family – 4 brothers that died in fire at Lake Ozarks
Josh Bailey
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson
Don Burnett, Katy Manor
Angie Carmichael, cancer
George Chamberlin
Sharon Elliott, cancer
Arlene Friedrich
Randell Galloway, heart surgery
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
Kitty Kenney
Dorothy Koestner, cancer
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
Trevor Thurman, Linda Claas' grandson
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

Palm Sunday and Easter

On Palm Sunday, the children marched in the sanctuary waving palm branches while the congregation sang "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna". The children's bell choir performed two songs under the direction of Missy Hundley and accompanied by Dalton Pannell on his trumpet.

Lenten Services concluded on Good Friday. A very special thank you to Pastor Jim and Linda Burnett for their extra time and efforts.

On Saturday, the Easter Egg Hunt was fun for the little ones as they found eggs and a few treats too. 😊

Sunrise Service began at 7:00 A.M. and was full of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! The "Easter Hymn" was played by Dalton Pannell on the trumpet and Abigail Pannell on the piano. A Celebration Choral Group which consisted of Linda Burnett, Kitty Kenney, Birdie Kueckelhan, Nancy Meyer and Marg Scott, sang "Hallelujah". And as always, Linda Burnett filled our sanctuary with beautiful organ music. Following worship everyone enjoyed the breakfast prepared by the Youth Group and their parents. It was an early start of 5:30 a.m. to fix biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, and fruit. Special thanks to them and to Angie Kueckelhan as the Youth Group Leader!

Easter lilies were given in loving memory of:

Forrest Kenney by Kitty, Barb & Doug Ayers and Family, and Sharon & Steve Smith and Family

Lawrence & Ruth Muntzel by Louis, Joyce and David

August Wassmann by Bernadine Wassmann Family

Monetary donations to St. Johns UCC Cemetery Fund given in loving memory of:

Loved Ones by Donnie & Kathy Wilmsmeyer

Bob Simmons by Linda, Jamie, Shawn, Brooklyn, Kevin, Heather, Macsen, Lisa & Cedric

Charles Schler by Leola Schler and Family

Carla Helmreich by Donnie, Lauren and Andrew

Herb & Wilma Lou Helmreich by Donnie, Lauren and Andrew

Notes from the Church Council Meeting – April 6, 2018

All members were present. Pastor Jim opened the meeting with prayer. Scott called the meeting to order and Nancy read the minutes from the March meeting and all approved. The church lawn has been mowed several times this early spring which may be too frequent. The lawn mowers will be notified to cease mowing for now.

Megan Kammerich is the only graduate this year and she will be honored with a gift and scholarship from the Schler Education Fund.

March offering was \$4,929.00, March income was \$5,029.00, March expense was \$6,331.51. A cleaning day will be set this spring for clearing brush and cutting trees from the area around the East parking lot.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ice Cream Social June 3rd

5:00-7:00



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Vacation Bible School July

9-13th 9:00 – 11:30



WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild met on April 4, 2018, in the Chapel Room. Those present were Rhea Helmreich, Kitty Kenney, Louise Friedrich and Marg Scott. Everyone contributed to the devotion time. Louise read the Jelly Bean prayer and passed out jelly beans to all. Kitty read a poem about caring for others in many ways. Rhea contributed a scripture verse, "May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to you, O'Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14. Marg read a story about the power of prayer, "The Pastor and the Kitten."

President Louise called the meeting to order. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and accepted as read. Kitty reported the family of Karl Snider sent the Women's Guild a thank you note for the dinner after his funeral and a check for \$100. We thank Karl's family, Kitty has also found more cherub candleholders. Thank you, Kitty.

President Louise announced the following coming events:

The Memorial Day service will be held at the cemetery on May 28, at 9:30 a.m. The Guild will provide coffee and juice. Those attending can bring their favorite brunch food for the fellowship time after the service.

Health Kits for the Festival of Sharing will be collected on Sept. 23.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will probably be brought to church on Nov. 4, (more details later in the year).

The Blanket Sunday offering will be Nov. 18. Kitty will order envelopes for that offering.

The next Women's Guild meeting will be Wed., Oct. 3.

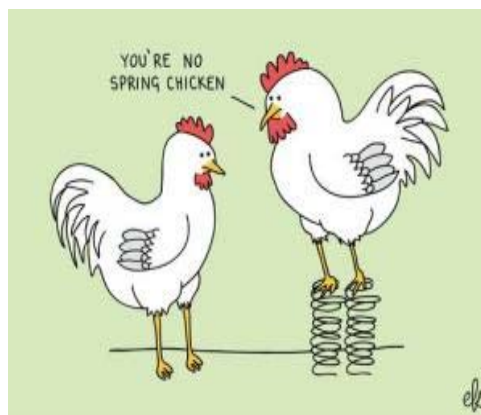
Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Marg Scott, Sec.

Prayer is not a 'spare wheel' that you pull out when in trouble, but a 'steering wheel' that directs the right path throughout the journey.

Since spring has finally decided to come and stay a little while, which means the tractors and planters are going strong. We are grateful for the farmers and the work they do to provide food and products for so many. Here are a few farm facts you may or may not know.

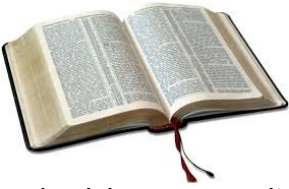
- The Dust Bowl forced tens of thousands of farmers, known as Ookies, to leave their farms. The Dust Bowl exodus was the largest migration in American history.
- In 1954, the number of tractors on farms surpassed the number of horses and mules for the first time
- An acre of land is about the same size as a football field
- One day's production for a high-producing dairy cow yields 10.5 pounds of cheese.
- Agricultural efficiency has increased over the past century from 27.5 acres/worker in 1890 to 740 acres/worker in 1990.
- Women make up 30 percent of today's farmers.
- More than 20 percent of all farmers are beginning farmers (less than ten years)
- There are 257,454 millennial farmers.
- Texas has 248,809 farms, more than any other state in the nation.
- About 25 percent of all U.S. agricultural products by value are exported yearly.
- Careful stewardship by America's farmers spurred a 44 percent decline in erosion of cropland by wind and water since 1982
- 97% of all U.S. farms are owned by individuals, family partnerships or family corporations.
- Farmers will have to grow 70 percent more food than what is currently produced to feed the world's growing population by 2050.
- Each American farmer produces food and fiber for 165 people annually, both in the U.S. and abroad.
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.
- An average cow can produce 46,000 glasses of milk a year.
- 8 tons of carbon dioxide are removed from the air by one acre of corn during a season.
- 40% of the world's corn is grown by U.S. farmers
- Agriculture is the nations' largest employer with more than 23 million jobs involved in some facet of American agriculture.
- Cows have almost 360 degree panoramic vision.



Farmer Smith: "How is your son Jim doing in the agriculture college?"
Farmer Jones: "Okay. He recently completed a course in journalism."
Farmer Smith: "You don't say. Does he write for money?"
Farmer Jones: "Yes, indeed. I hear from him at least once week."



BIBLE STUDY - EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at 2PM



March 28, 2018—2 Corinthians Chapter 9, vs. 8-15. God loves a cheerful giver. This Bible passage was discussed in detail as we thought of our own “giving to the church” and the Evangelical TV ministers who thrive on asking for donations to supply their needs. Jesus never promised financial services. He accepted outcasts and performed miracles on the disabled. Hilarion is a Greek word for cheerful. We defined the words thanksgiving, generosity, and appreciation for what we have and the satisfaction for giving to others.

April 4, 2018—2 Corinthians Chapter 10, vs. 1-11. Paul is making a stern message because he has been accused of being a thief by taking collections for his own use. He defends himself by telling them he is teaching them God’s word: The Good News and he made accusations that the church members have worldly motives. When he is away from them he becomes angry but face to face he is meek. We discussed the differences and similarities of the words minister and pastor.

April 11, 2018—2 Corinthian Chapter 10, vs. 12-18 and Chapter 11, vs. 1-6. Paul claims that the Corinthians are boasting by saying, “Look at the message I have brought to you. You are not superior to me.” He wants them to go places to where “you are not known so as not to appear superior to others”. Paul has seen that the church has been infected by other doctrine and Paul warns them of this. “Others can manipulate the message because they are more skilled at giving speeches.”

Notes From the Quarterly Meeting – April 15, 2018

Scott Grissum opened the meeting at 11:40 with approximately 23 members were in attendance. Pastor Jim opened with a prayer. Minutes were ready by Nancy Meyer with the following correction: The Professional Fee that was referenced at the Annual Meeting is an account in the Quickbooks chart of accounts. That account was used last May to record the payment transaction for the four Warranty Deeds being combined into one and the new deed recorded. It was not for payment to a CPA.

The financial reports were reviewed and copies are available on the front pew or in the church office. A motion was made and approved to replace old, dry, black and ineffective insulation in the basement ductwork. This has been causing the black dust on the floors and surfaces. The approximate cost will be \$11,000.00.

Date changes for the VBS have been changed in order to accommodate children who would be attending Boonville Summer School. VBS will be July 9-13 and VBS Sunday will be July 15th. The Ice Cream Social will be June 3 and the Second Quarterly Meeting will be July 22.

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

Garrett Hundley was inducted into LSE Honor Society!

Megan Kammerich received the following scholarships: Univ. of Mo. Curator’s Award AFA Scholarship, MU Animal Science Youth Leadership Academy, CAFNR American Association of University Women Dr. and Mrs. J.C. Tincher Memorial Ed Stegner, and Farm Bureau

Reece, grandson of Rich & Marge Templemire made the Honor Roll!

Kids Say the Funniest Things...

Heaven Bound

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, “How do you expect to get into Heaven?”

The boy thought it over and said, “Well, I’ll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, “For Heaven’s sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out!”

A Note from Every Child's Hope

Thank you for underwriting the cost of Marco's allowance with your recent gift of \$65.00. Your gift and encouragement is a great support for Marcos in his efforts to overcome his troubles.

Like all of the children in our residential program, Marco's responsibilities each day include the completion of several chores. Your allowance is only one of the benefits for completion of these chores. Other benefits include, instilling self-confidence and strong work ethics in each one of the children we serve. It is also a way for the children to contribute to their living unit, and be a part of our family.

We certainly could not do it without support from friends like You! We truly appreciate your spirit of giving to those in need. Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael Brennan
Chief Executive Officer

PREVENTION, PREVENTION, PREVENTION – Written by Don Scott

Time is on your side so take advantage of it! My dad and my granddad both had colon cancer. It got the best of them before they even knew they had a problem.

Prevention is a simple test called a colonoscopy that takes part of two days and is painless. Your colon is just above your belly button and is about 5 feet long. This organ acts like a sponge to separate liquids and solids at the end of your digestive system.

The colonoscopy is done at the out-patient clinic here in Boonville or in Columbia and takes about 2 ½ - 3 hours. You do have to do prep the day before, because the colon has to be clean for the doctor to check organ. You are put to sleep, but you wake up quickly and are soon ready to go home. You will be able to eat after that and you will be hungry.

It was a "perfect candidate" for this procedure, because of my family medical history. Marg "made" me go for this test about 8 years ago. I had about 5 more (everyone 1-2 years) and they found polyps, which they removed, but found no cancer. The colonoscopy of November 2017, was a little different, because the doctor wanted to take another look and said there may be a problem. So I had another colonoscopy in December and two spots of cancer were found on the wall of the colon. I was told that they needed to be removed as soon as possible. The surgery was scheduled for Jan. 19, of this year. I was in surgery about 2 ½ hours. Everything went well, those cancerous places were removed. I was able to come home on Jan. 22 and got along just fine. I had two more visits with the surgeon and she said no further treatment was needed, because the cancer was detected so early. Am I "out of the woods now? NO! I will need to continue having colonoscopies for the rest of my life. Prevention works if you will have regular check-ups. Catch the problem early and you will have a "fighting chance". That is more than my dad and granddad had! We are so thankful to all of you for your prayers; to God for his healing power and to all of the doctors, nurses and hospital staff for their expertise and kindness.

Heavenly Father,
Give all cancer fighters comfort when they are in pain. Lay Your healing hand on all and remove every cancer cell so that they may be healed!
Amen

Search Committee Installation

The Search Committee was installed on April 8th during the worship service. The committee has begun the process by working on our church profile. The committee members are Cathy Bail, Laura Grathwohl, Vicki Hilden, Holly Hughes Stegner, Kenny Stegner, and Eddie Wassmann. We ask for your prayer as we begin this process

May	Worship Leaders	Greeters/Ushers	Scripture Reading
6	Nancy Meyer	Keith Bail & Kenny Stegner	Acts 10:44-48, 1 Jn 5:1-6
13	Cathy Bail		Acts 1:15-17, 1 Jn 5:9-13
20	Angie Hackman	Tim & Julie Kueckelhan	Acts 2:1-21, Rom 8:22-27
27	Donna Kammerich	Nancy Meyer & Lynnd Schler	Isa 6:1-8, Jn 3:1-17
	Communion Servers	Jason Hundley* Donna Kammerich Angie Hackman Cathy Bail	
	Communion Cleanup	Nancy Meyer, Pat & Vicki Hilden, Melinda Richardson, Cliff & Jenea Smith	



- May 2:** Bible Study 2:00
- May 6:** Rural Life Sunday
- May 9:** Bible Study 2:00 & Church Board Meeting 7:00
- May 13:** Mother's Day
- May 16:** Bible Study 2:00
- May 20:** Boonville High School Graduation
Pentecost Sunday
- May 23:** Bible Study 2:00
- May 23:** Newsletter Articles Due
- May 27:** Last day for Sunday School before summer break
- May 28:** Memorial Day Service at 9:30
- May 30:** Bible Study 2:00
- June 3:** Ice Cream Social 5-7:00
- July 9-13:** Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30

APRIL STATISTICS

	OFFERING	BENEVOLENCE	ATTENDANCE
4	\$2,727	-	75
11	\$ 842		39
18	\$ 752		38
25	\$ 922		41
29			30
	Penny Sunday \$35		

Stained Glass Window Repair Fund Balance \$21,085

From the seeds of our mistakes grow the fruits of wisdom and good judgement.

Thank you to Eula Gowan for her donation to our newsletter!



Thank you to Barb Lovercamp for her donation to the window repair fund in honor of her 55th anniversary of her confirmation at St. Johns!