

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.”

Morning Worship Services Resume May 17!

The Church Council voted to resume morning worship on May 17, but they will be monitoring the status of Covid-19 cases in Cooper County and may cancel future services if necessary. Announcements will be made via email and social media.

The following steps will be taken to reduce the transmission of disease during our worship services:

The greeters will open the doors for you to enter and leave.

The offering plates will be placed at the north and west entrances (near the bulletins). Please put your offering in the plate as you enter church on Sunday.

Families should sit at the end of the pew on the opposite end of the person sitting in front of them and behind them.

There will be no Children’s Time.

The 1st Quarterly Congregational meeting has been cancelled. The financial reports from that quarter will be reviewed at the 2nd Quarter meeting in July.

News from the Board of Christian Education

The Church Council, with input from the Board of Christian Education, has decided it is in the best interest of our children and teachers to cancel Vacation Bible School this summer.

The ice cream social, originally scheduled for June 14, has been postponed. It is tentatively rescheduled for a date to be determined in July and more information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 10: Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 17: Worship Services resume

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day Service at 9:30 am

Thursday, May 28: Newsletter articles due

Sunday, May 31: Fifth Sunday Food Drive

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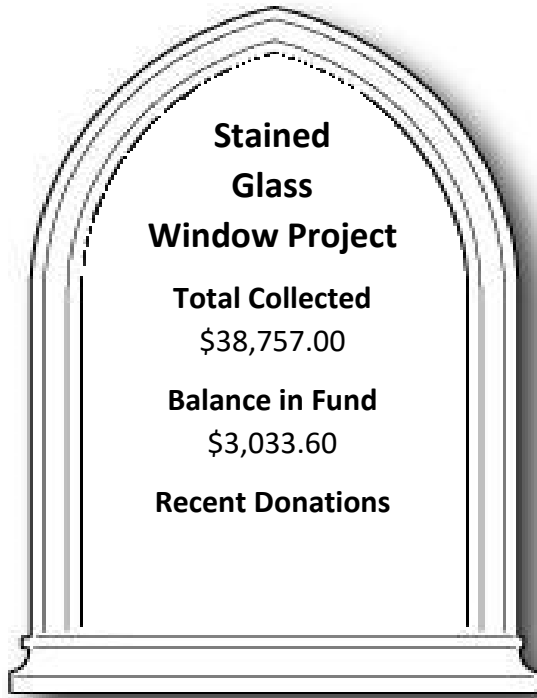
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In Christian Sympathy

LaVerne Schmidt, Vicki Hilden's dad, passed away on April 18. Keep Vicki and Pat, Susan and Bill, Vicki's mom Shirley, and their family in your prayers.

Don Bail passed away on April 29. Please keep Mary, Keith and Cathy, Karen and Tim, Landon, Carson, and their family in your prayers.



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2020

This meeting was called one week early to discuss how the impact of COVID-19 will affect our church. Due to the restriction of personal contact, this meeting was held via ZOOM, an interactive computer/cellphone media.

The council voted to cancel church services/activities, which includes Easter services and the second quarterly meeting, through April 30th, 2020.

Next meeting: April 29th, 2020, at 6:00p.m. This date was chosen in order to discuss business of the church before May 1st, 2020.

Nancy Meyer, Secretary

It would be wonderful if everyone could take the time to send cards, drawings, pictures, or notes of encouragement to nursing home residents and those in group homes at Unlimited Opportunities. Thank you for paying it forward with kindness to others who need to know someone cares.

Unlimited Opportunities
PO Box 239
Boonville 65233

Katy Manor
PO Box 8
Pilot Grove, MO 65276.

Ashley Manor
c/o Activities Dir. or Administrator
1630 Radio Hill Rd.
Boonville, MO 65233

Riverdell Care Center
c/o Jeanette
1121 11th St.
Boonville, MO 65233

Bristol Manor
1290 W Ashley Rd
Boonville, MO 65233

Lakeview Care Center
1450 W. Ashley Rd.
Boonville, MO 65233

Hartmann Village
c/o Gina Twenter-Administrator
615 Rankin Mill Lane
Boonville, MO

Saving and turning in those little UPC labels from Best Choice pays off! The Sunday School has received \$60 for our efforts to collect them. Thank you to all of you who put them in the collection box or give them to Marg. Keep saving the labels as we will use those funds for VBS and other Sunday School projects. If you have questions about this, please see Marg. Thanks again.

THANK YOU

A memorial for Herman and Lorene Stegner was given to the cemetery fund from Beth Royston, J.R. Royston & family and Brad Royston and family.

HEALTH FACTS STAY AT HOME

Our recent “stay-at-home” recommendation from the CDC has been a double-edged sword. It is great to be able to catch up on many projects, but it has put limits on our mobility, choices, and freedoms, including attending church. We must remember that a pandemic is so serious that it compels us to listen and heed to health professionals’ instructions to change our habits, which could improve our daily well-being. Remember to take time for yourself, listen to music, and read a book, look at photos you have stored, watch the clouds and birds outside, all while being in prayerful meditation. In the words of our Pastor Jim, “Jesus has made our future possible, in spite of the obstacles we continue to face at this time Remember to give God thanks for the blessings which you understand you have received.”

MARCH STATISTICS

Mar	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
01	\$2245	\$25	37
08	\$1562	\$155 Penny Sun: \$44.17	50
15	\$577	\$25	No count
22	No Service		
29	No Service		

APRIL STATISTICS

Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
\$3,975.00	\$50	No services

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

IN THE MAIL

Dear Saint Johns Church Council,

Thank you for the money you gave me for Younglife. I really appreciate it. I am really looking forward to going.

Sincerely,
Garrett

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Scripture Readings
May 03	No Worship Services		1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10
May 10	No Worship Services		1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
May 17	Rhea Helmreich	Ed Schler & Julie Kueckelhan	1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
May 24	Jason Hundley	Nancy Meyer & Melissa Hundley	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
May 31	Nancy Meyer	Jared Kueckelhan & Vicki Hilden	Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23

MAY BIRTHDAYS

CannaRassa Jennings	01
Elizabeth Dick	03
Alexander Rapp	04
Macsen Simmons	04
Linda Claas	05
Tim Harvey	06
Brody Herman	06
Sonya Farris	11
Cammie Cary	12
Rhea Helmreich	12
Brooklyn Swalwell	12
Ryan Rapp	15
Will Hackman	18
Toby Nash	21
Tami Rold	21
Jace Hawley	22
Megan Kammerich	22
Trevor Thurman	22
Sandy Williams	22
Landon Bail	23
Casten Jennings	24
Molly Rapp	25
Devin Robinson	26
Laura Grathwohl	29
Evelyn Grissum	29
Harper Scalia	29
Maddison Scalia	29
Karen Harvey	30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

D. J. & Jeanne Muse	07
Pat & Vicki Hilden	11
Ryan & Emily Rapp	28
Kim & Rosalie Searfoss	29

✝ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✝

Clinton Wayne Shelton	06
Brooke Elizabeth Stegner Fieth	08
Margaret Louise Stegner Scott	08
Angela R. Kueckelhan Hackman	09
Timothy Joseph Kueckelhan	13
Derrick Andrew Hundley	20
Blake Maxwell Richardson	29
Louis Albert Muntzel	30

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you're thinking about them with a visit or a card.

Marjorie Vieth

Riverdell Care Center 1121 11th St. Boonville, MO 65233

Arlene Friedrich

Ashley Manor 1630 Radio Hill Rd. Boonville, MO 65233

Rob Friedrich

1331 Lyric Court Boonville, MO 65233

Kathryn Schupp (Nancy's mother)

Katy Manor 205 Prospect Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Bernadine Wassmann

Hartmann Village 615 Rankin Mill Ln Boonville, MO 65233

PRAYER CHAIN

Family of Don Bail
 Kelly Lou Campbell
 Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Pastor Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John (Sharon's brother-in-law), heart issues
 Olivia (Sharon's niece), cancer
 Bob & Linda Gander
 Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)
 Maria Hardy, stomach issues
 Laura Holman, recovering from aneurysm
 David Keltner (Jeanne's brother)
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Marcos @ ECH (SS Sponsor Child)
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), undergoing chemo
 Alan Murphy (Jan Palmer's friend)
 Angie Nave
 Family of Donna Overshiner
 Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer has returned
 Erika Sanderson (Pat's niece)
 Karen Schnetzler
 Family of LaVerne Schmidt
 Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mom)
 Ruth Searfoss
 Lois Shaw
 Vicky Simmons
 Rhea Vickery
 Nancee Waibel, cancer
 Gary Wesche (Holly's friend), working in NY with Covid-19

Serving in our military:

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



Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May



APPRECIATION
BEAUTIFUL
BREAKFAST
CANDY
CHARMING
COMFORT
DEVOTED
FLOWERS
FORGIVING
GIFTS

GUIDANCE
HUGS
JEWELRY
JOY
KISSES
LAUGHTER
LOVE
MATERNAL
MOM
MOTHER

NURTURE
PERFUME
PROTECTIVE
SHARE
TELEPHONE
TENDER
THE BEST
WARM
WISE



From the May 1985 Edition of "The Voice of Billingsville"

MY MOTHER'S OLD CHECKED APRON

My mother's old checked apron was a garment full and wide.

It filled its humble mission and a million more beside.

'Twas made of 6-cent gingham, it was neither fine nor grand,

Just a plain and simple pattern fashioned by a busy hand.

It had a little cross-stitch along the bottom row

And two long strings that tied behind in a hasty half-hitch bow.

It had no lace nor ruffles, nor pretty applique

But its simple homely usefulness was an epic of its day.

'Twas used to shoo the chickens, to dust, to shoo the flies,

'Twas used to wipe the grimy tears from streaming infant eyes,

'Twas used to fill the kindling box with chips or cobs or twigs

And tote the pesky pursley from the garden to the pigs.

'Twas used to carry home the eggs concealed in leafy bowers

And bring in half-drowned baby chicks caught out in sudden showers

'Twas used to snatch hot kettles when no pot-rag was at hand,

And tighten on the fruit-jar lids when winter's stores were canned.

'Twas used to gather garden stuff and peaches from the hill

And many a goodly mess of greens did Mother's apron fill.

Her hands were shielded from the gale, beneath its sheltering fold,

And tiny bare feet nestled there on mornings bleak and cold.

It was a queenly garment and Mother was a queen,

As memory rings it back, it was a noble thing, I ween,

And when I join the Heavenly throng with their robes so bright and fair,

I'll say "This old checked apron is what I want to wear."

submitted by Dottie Gerhardt.