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



40th Annual Harvest Festival – Sunday, September 22nd



The homecoming, comfort food, and good people are just a few of the reasons this long-standing tradition is one of our favorites! We are having this event on **SUNDAY**, Sept. 22nd. We invite you to join us for worship at our little white church in the country and have a relaxing day of fellowship and good food. If you have any questions, let us know.

Schedule of Events:

Church Services: 8:00 – 9:00

Country Store/Bake Sale: 10:30 – 2:00

Home-Cooked Dinner: 11:00 – 2:00 (Free Will Offering)

Free Kiddieland: 10:30 – 2:00

Silent Auction: 10:30 – 1:45

**Members are asked 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 Julie Kueckelhan. If you have any questions, please contact a council member. **

Yes, we will be preparing and collecting Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes again this year. If you wish to start gathering items there are shoeboxes available in the west hallway on the bench. This is a good time to purchase school supplies as they are on sale and Dollar Tree store is a great place to find small toys. If you have questions, please contact me. Thanks so much for all the boxes and postage all of you have contributed in the past.

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Marg Scott



Kids Say the Funniest Things...

We've been letting our four-year-old be the one to tell people we're having a third baby, and she always ends with "AND SHE'S NOT EVEN JOKING!"

My 2 1/2 year old isn't feeling well. The other night he wanted to sleep in our bed. When I walked by his room, he heard me and said 'Daddy...pick me up' like he does sometimes. Usually I just rock him for a bit and then he goes back to sleep...that night when I picked him up, he pointed towards our bedroom and just said, 'Walk. Walk to mommy.'

Little Susie explained to her teacher, "I can't wear my new glasses in your class because it's math. The doctor said they are just for reading."

Congratulations Corner

Cora Smith was a part of the 2019 ASA 10U C State Champs team! She pitched a no hitter and was an All-State MVP nominee!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thank you to everyone who brought cake or homemade ice cream. About 100 people enjoyed juicy burgers, chili dogs, homemade ice cream (butter pecan, mint chocolate chip, strawberry, chocolate, sherbet to name a few), cakes and fellowship. \$927 in donations to the Christian Education Board will benefit Hero Central VBS this year

~Melissa Hundley



Vacation Bible School

St. Johns UCC held Hero Central VBS July 8 - 12. In *Hero Central*, the children learned that we are ALL heroes! We looked in the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explored five Bible accounts that teach us how God's Heroes have heart, courage, wisdom, hope and power! The theme for the week was "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!"

Heroes in attendance:

Danielle Brengarth, Sophia Carmichael, Grace Fieth, Henry Fieth, Will Hackman, Derrick Hundley, Kamrynn Hundley, Weston Munden, Kalen Parkhurst, Alex Rapp, Ava Rapp, Beau Rapp, Molly Rapp, Natalie Skoufos, Caleb Smith, Charlie Smith

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR HELPERS! Without you, we would not have the AMAZING VBS that we have at St. Johns. You are all SUPERHEROES!

Super Leaders:

Linda Burnett, Kennedy Griffy, Angie Hackman, Holly Hughes, Garrett Hundley, Melissa Hundley, Gin O'Keefe, Abby Pannell, Tracy Pannell, Dalton Pannell, Garrison Parkhurst, Max Rapp, Marg Scott, Rosalie Searfoss, Charles Stegner, Janet Stegner, Beth Vonderahe



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – July 10, 2019

The pastoral search committee met with the Evangelical UCC search committee and Rev. Tyler Connoley, Minister for Search and Call Discernment of Missouri Mid-South Conference. The council discussed how cooperation between the two churches could be successful. Another meeting will be July 24th, 2019, at St. Johns UCC between church councils and search committees and Rev. Connoley.

Every Child's Hope sent a thank you note for the monetary donation. The Ebenezer UCC church in Levasy, Missouri, has requested a love offering after their church suffered damage from Missouri River flooding. This will be shared with the congregation at the next meeting.

Church membership criteria were discussed with reference to the present Constitution and Bylaws. Suggestions will be reviewed by the council again at the August meeting.

The next meeting will be August 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Nancy Meyer, Secretary

HEALTH FACTS – Kids Eye Health

Children who are exposed to excessive "screen time" can develop digital eye strain. Smartphone screens emit blue light, which can interrupt sleep patterns, cause short term damage to photoreceptors in the eyes, blurred vision, dry eyes, sensitivity to light, and headaches.

To reduce "screen time", use the 20-20-20 rule: Take a break every 20 minutes to look 20 feet away for 20 seconds.

Also exposure to UV rays, i.e. sun, can cause harm to the eyes. Children are more vulnerable to retinal damage from UV rays because their eyes are clearer and they tend to spend more time outdoors. Have children wear sunglasses with UV 400 protection or higher. Polycarbonate lenses are stronger for children's sunglasses so shop for those types. ~Nancy

QUARTERLY MEETING July 21, 2019

The meeting was held after church in the sanctuary with approximately 18 people in attendance.

The pastoral search committee chairman, Laura Grathwohl, gave an update report that after six months of having the church profile published, there have not been any applications for the position of a part-time pastor. The search committee has met with the Boonville Evangelical UCC search committee along with Rev. Tyler Connoley, Minister for Search and Call Discernment of Missouri Mid-South Conference, to discuss a joint effort to recruit a full-time pastor to serve both churches. Each church would remain separate as they are presently. Future meetings are planned.

Scott Grissum gave an update on the stain-glass window repair project. Mr. O'Brien will come in mid-August to remove the windows to be repaired and take them to his repair shop in Minnesota. Melissa Hundley thanked everyone who helped and participated in VBS. Harvest Festival fliers will be printed and available for everyone to take and post in local businesses and stores.

A vote was taken to have the Neighbors in Need offering in October be sent to the Ebenezer UCC church in Levasy, Missouri. The church has suffered damage from the recent Missouri River flood.

The Voice of Billingsville - Newsletter 1978

The answer to last month's question of who suggested the winning newsletter name and the prize...drum roll please..."The Voice of Billingsville" was suggested by three people! First place was Birdie Kueckelhan, second place was Mabel Carl and third went to Rimey Cary. The Voice of Billingsville had 34 votes and all of the other suggestions combined had 31. The prize was truly a prize...getting to go first in line at the next church dinner!

Former Pastor Rev. Schrodel's sister, Hedwig Schrodel, would call into the local radio station's program, "Party Line", and she would introduce herself as "The Voice of Billingsville" and that title has been carried on through our monthly newsletter approximately 880 times so far.

Over the years there have been several that have brought the news of the congregation in this monthly format...Karen Tempfel, Sonya Farris, Kitty Kenney, Mary Bail, Pat Friedrich, and myself. I now pass the torch to Julie Kueckelhan beginning next month due to my work commitments. Billingsville is a special place and it has been my pleasure to help bring the news from this church to you for the past two years.

Please send any information you would like to be in the newsletter to Julie at stjohnsucc@gmail.com.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Job, Chapter 1, vs 6-22; Chapter 2 vs 1-10. Satan gained permission from God to go to Job to test him to see if he was as good as he proclaims. Satan acted as a prosecuting attorney, ie. to accuse. Satan caused death to Job's livestock and his children. Job is in great grief but he does not blame God for this action. He even developed blisters on his body, caused by Satan, and he still doesn't curse God. Questions to ponder: Is God in control of our lives or has He allowed humans to control their destiny. How you believe determines whether you "fight" or "give in" to what happens. ~Nancy

Alan Sibley & the Magnolia Ramblers Bluegrass Band

St. John's sanctuary was filled with music on Sunday, June 16th! Alan is from Mississippi and hosts "The Bluegrass Trail", a nationally televised music series on RFD-TV. He and his band have been guests on the Cumberland Highlander's Show also. Their band was voted MSBA Band of the Year in 2014, 2015, and 2017. They sang hymns, southern gospel, and country songs. Alan's 17 year old daughter was one of the three band members that switched instruments constantly through their performance between guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and banjo. The fourth member played the stand-up bass which belled out smooth and steady notes. Multi-talented group for sure! Until they come back, check them out at www.alansibley.com.

~Laura



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Alyssa Grissum	1
Leola Schler	4
Debbie See	6
Braxten Inskip	8
Buster Kueckelhan	8
Jason Helmreich	9
Scott Grissum	11
Ed Wassmann	15
Harriet Baker	17
Deanamarie Naylor	19
Ann Muntzel	21
Mark Geiger	22
Keith Bail	26
Morgan Hawley	27
Sophia Waibel	27
Samie Gerhardt	28
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



Thank you to Irene Finkbeiner for the donation to our Growing Hope Globally mission project!

The Cemetery Fund received a donation from Pat Friedrich.

Thank you!

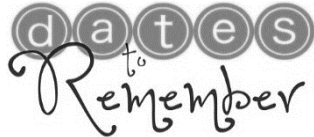
Thank you to Iris Gerhardt for the donation to St. Johns!

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

PRAYER CHAIN

Tropical Storm Barry areas
Columbia UCC Mission trip participants
Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson
Kelly Lou Campbell
Angie Carmichael, cancer
Pastor Jim Elliott
Sharon Elliott, cancer
Olivia – Sharon's niece - 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
Shelley Jennings, bone cancer
Joyce Salzman – back surgery (Dave Muntzel's sister)
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother
Jenny Kirchner, cancer
Dorothy Koestner, cancer
Buster Kueckelhan
Nancy Kueckelhan
Ava LeCave
Linda Lyles, bone marrow transplant
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma
Angie Nave
Jill Pflantz, friend of Marg's
Sawyer Quinlan, cancer
Clifford Richey, friend of Charles Stegner
Marilyn Rethemeyer, brain cancer
Erika Sanderson, Pat's niece
Karen Schnetzler
Kathryn Schupp, Nancy Meyer's mother
Kevin Simmons
Vicky Simmons
Jamie Swalwell, surgery
Floyd Tempfel, broken arm
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

	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers/Communion Servers</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
4	Rhea Helmreich	Janet & Kenny Stegner	Col 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21
11	Donna Kammerich	Marg Scott & Ed Wassmann	Heb 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40
18	Jason Hundley	Abby Pannell & Rhea Helmreich	Heb 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56
25	Jim Farris	Melissa Hundley & Garrett Hundley	Heb 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17
	Communion Clean Up:	*Jason Hundley, & Volunteers	



- Aug. 7: Church Council Meeting 6:00
- Aug. 14: 1st Day of School
- Aug. 18: Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast 9:30
- Aug. 20: Newsletter articles due to Julie
- Aug. 25: Health Kits Collected
- Sept. 2: Labor Day
- Sept. 4: Church Council Meeting 6:00
- Sept. 22: Worship Service 8:00 A.M.
Harvest Festival 11:00 – 2:00

STATISTICS

July	OFFERING	BENEVOLENCE	ATTENDANCE
7	\$1,669.63	\$25.00	30
14	\$ 50.00		35
21	\$ 510.00	\$120.00	26
28			
		Penny Sunday \$22	

Best Choice Labels and Box Tops for Education We would really appreciate everyone saving your Best Choice UPC labels to benefit our Sunday School.

Stained Glass Window Repair Project Goal \$60,000
Total Donations so far \$29,424.46



*Be anxious for nothing but in everything
by prayer and supplication, with
thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God;
and the peace of God, which surpasses
all understanding will guard your hearts
and minds through Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6,7*

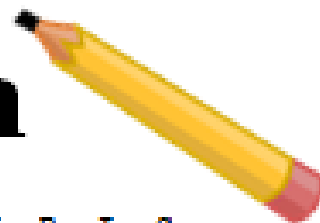


I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail. Amen." ~L. Myers, Colorado

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