

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.”

2020 Annual Congregational Meeting

Even though it was cold outside, there were about 28 people in attendance for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 19. As always, the carry-in meal was delicious and we had a productive meeting.

Laura gave a report on the Growing Hope Globally project (formerly Foods Resource Bank) and an update on the progress of the Search Committee.

Jason gave an update on the Stained Glass Window Repair project. Kevin O’Brien plans to remove the rest of the stained glass windows sometime in February. Many people noted how beautiful the repaired windows look!

\$1,000.00 from the 2019 Harvest Festival proceeds will be equally divided between Emmaus Home, ECH, Shoebox project, Neighbors helping Neighbors food pantry, and Toys for Tots local drive.

The congregation adopted changes to St. Johns Constitution and By-Laws regarding membership.

The date for the 2020 Harvest Festival was set for Sunday, September 27. Pastor Jim will hold Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Services during Lent.

Jason Hundley was recognized and thanked for his six years of service on the Church Council.

Elections of Board members were held. Vicki Hilden was elected to the Church Council. Angie Hackman and Melissa Hundley were elected to another term on the Board of Christian Education. George Pannell was re-elected to another term on the Cemetery Board

A big Thank You to these folks for giving their time and energy to serving our Congregation!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 5:

Church Council Meeting at 6 pm

Friday, February 7: Women’s

Guild at 10:15 am

Sunday, February 16: Sunday

School Valentine Party at 9:30 am

Thursday, February 20:

Newsletter Articles Due

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Thank you

To Geraldine Ferguson for her donation to the Cemetery fund



Congratulations Corral

Congratulations to Lisa Simmons and Cedric Alvis on their marriage January 1

Megan Kammerich was on the Fall 2019 Dean's list at MU

Jessica Grathwohl was on the Fall 2019 Dean's list at MU

HEALTH FACTS

HUMIDIFIERS

Dry sinuses, bloody noses, and cracked lips can be helped with humidifiers. These are devices that emit water vapor or steam to increase moisture levels in the air. Types include those built into home heating and air conditioning systems, ultrasonic humidifiers which produce a cool mist with ultrasonic vibration, steam vaporizers which create steam that cools before leaving the machine, and evaporators which use a fan to blow air through a wet wick, filter or belt.

Humidity is the amount of water vapor in the air. These levels are higher in the summer and lower during winter. The best way to test humidity levels in your house is with a hygrometer, which can be purchased at hardware stores or some humidifiers have a built-in hygrometer that maintains humidity within a healthy range.

Although useful, humidifiers can actually make you sick if they aren't maintained properly or if humidity levels stay too high. Follow the recommended guidelines by the manufacturer by keeping them clean. Here are some tips for portable humidifier maintenance.

- Use distilled water since it has lower mineral content and prevents mineral deposits
- Change humidifier water every 24 hours.
- Clean humidifiers every 3 days with hydrogen peroxide solution, bleach or manufacturers recommendations. Rinse tank thoroughly after using chemicals
- Keep the area around humidifiers dry. Rotate the location or turn off for several hours.

Keep yourself adequately hydrated by drinking water. Have a happy and healthy New Year.



**GROWING
HOPE**
G L O B A L L Y

God's blessings overflow! The St. John's UCC Growing Hope Globally project this year was record breaking!!! The \$6,300.00 from this year's project gives us a grand total of \$104,492.63 the past 16 years.

Kenny planted wheat and double crop soybeans with seeds donated by J.C. Miller and land provided by Rhea Helmerich. Eddie Wassmann and his sons harvested the crop which yielded 56-bushel wheat and 50-bushel beans! God provided the ample amount of rain and sunshine and blessed this crop so that it can bless others. This year's proceeds will be going toward a program in Nicaragua Carazo Diriamba which is implemented by Church World Service (CWS). A summary of this program is below.

The mission of Growing Hope Globally is "a Christian response to hunger, where they link the grassroots energy and commitment of rural communities in the U.S. with the capability and desire of smallholder farmers in developing countries to grow lasting solutions to hunger."

Thank you to the many people, businesses, and partner churches, that have donated in various ways to improve the lives of small farmers around the world and striving to fulfill God's mission of helping those in need. ~ Laura Grathwohl

ALTERNATIVE INCOME SOURCES AND PEACE-BUILDING

Amid a bleak situation of country-wide political violence and drought followed by flooding, program participants in Nicaragua are finding hope through the efforts of local partner CIEETS.

Ever since protests in April led to violence and threats, roadblocks have prevented children from going to school. Since people couldn't leave the area, supplies of staple foods and seeds for planting dwindled. "But, throughout the crisis, CIEETS has maintained communication with us, encouraging us to continue our work in spite of the trauma," says a farmer named Iván.

Farmer Johana adds, "Without access to seeds, families planted smaller areas. There was little left to harvest from losses to drought and flooding. CIEETS is helping us start and diversify new economic initiatives that will help us make it through this crisis. We are raising poultry, selling chicken and eggs, building beehives, and processing honey for sale."

She continues, "I am thankful for this project and also appreciate that CIEETS has been providing peace-building workshops for families in the community. I feel good about the work we are doing. Our slogan is 'Leave the resentment behind and walk in the path of goodness.' There is a lot of goodwill in the local churches that are supporting the different economic development activities.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 8th, 2020

Jason read thank you notes.

Reports from Pastor Jim and the search committee were discussed.

The 2020 Annual Meeting will be January 19, 2020.

The next council meeting will February 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Meyer, Secretary



Sunday School Valentine Party

The Annual Sunday School Valentine Party will be Sunday, February 16 during Sunday School (9:30 am).

The Board of Christian Education will provide breakfast, and everyone is welcome to join in on the fun!

Names for Children's Valentines:

Khale Bohlken	Mikayla Bohlken
Will Hackman	Derrick Hundley
Kamrynn Hundley	

<u>STATISTICS</u>			
Jan	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
05	\$	\$	
12	\$0	\$0	No Service
19	\$	\$ Penny Sun: \$ 34	38
26	\$	\$	

Best Choice Labels & Box Tops for Education

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



⁴ Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; ⁵ it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. I Corinthians 13:4-7

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers		Scripture Readings
Feb 2	Angie Hackman	Jason Hundley	Nancy Meyer	Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 5:1-12
Communion Prep: Nancy Meyer Communion Servers: Nancy Meyer & Jason Hundley				
Feb 9	Cathy Bail			Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 2:22-40
Feb 16	Laura Grathwohl			Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Matthew 5:21-37
Feb 23		Cathy Bail	Keith Bail	Exodus 24:12-18 Matthew 17:1-9

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS	
Vicki Hilden	02
Andrew Painter	09
Jim Woods	09
Sophia Carmichael	13
Birdie Kueckelhan	15
Emily Rapp	15
Bernadine Wassmann	15
Lakin Rold	18
Jaden Keller	20
Blake Richardson	25
Jerred Robinson	25
Chris Muse	27
Teresa Carlson	28
Lena Muse	29
Skyler Muse	29

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES	
Robert & Louise Friedrich	15

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠	
Thomas Lyndall Grathwohl	07
Jamie Marie Simmons Swalwell	12
Peterson David Muntzel	22
Jessica Renee Grathwohl	25
Patricia Friedrich	29
Tracy R. Friedrich Pannell	29

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
 Jeff Elliott (Pastor Jim's son)
 Pastor Jim Elliott
 Sharon Elliott, cancer
 John (Sharon's brother-in-law), heart issues
 Olivia (Sharon's niece), cancer
 Arlene Friedrich
 Jared Friedrich
 Rob Friedrich
 Bob & Linda Gander
 Grey, 6 yr. old friend of Holly's
 Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)
 Maria Hardy, stomach issues
 Mary Ann Henke (friend of Pat & Tracy)
 Laura Holman, recovering from aneurysm
 Shelley Jennings, bone cancer
 David Keltner (Jeanne's brother)
 Jenny Kirchner, cancer
 Ava LeCave
 Family of Cheryl Lightner
 Marcos @ ECH (SS Sponsor Child)
 Kevin McGuire (Rhea's Cousin), brain tumor
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), undergoing chemo
 Angie Nave
 Bobbie Perry (Pat Friedrich's sister), diabetes
 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 (Vicki's parents)
 Lois Shaw
 Vicky Simmons
 Rhea Vickery
 Marjorie Vieth
 Nancee Waibel, cancer
 Bernadine Wassmann

Serving in our military:

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

Pirate Pantries

Each school in the Boonville School District has started a Food and Supplies Pantry for kids who don't have access to food, personal items and school supplies at home. These pantries are available to any child or family who needs them. In addition, there are many kids who bathe and do their laundry at school because hot water (or sometimes water in general) is not available at home. The Women's Guild plans to coordinate collecting donations for these projects. More information will be available after their meeting in February.

Hannah Cole Primary

New or Gently Used Clothing for Boys and Girls (sizes 4-10)

Underwear
Socks
Pants
Shirts
Coats
Shoes (sizes 124)

Hygiene Items

Shampoo/Conditioner
Body Wash/Bar Soap
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Deodorant
Hairbrush/Comb

School Supplies

Paper/Notebooks
Pencils
Glue
Crayons/Markers
Construction Paper
Erasers

Food Items

Canned Goods (Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Fruit, Hormel Completes, Soup, etc)
Cereal, Oatmeal, Granola Bars, Poptarts
Snack Items (Chips, Slim Jims, Goldfish, Nuts/Sunflower Seed, etc.)
Juice Boxes, Bottled Water, etc.

David Barton Elementary

shampoo
conditioner
toothpaste
toothbrush
floss
deodorant
body wash
body soap
nail clippers
chapped stick
facial cleanser
wipes
comb
brush
hand sanitizer
individual kleenex packs

LSE Middle School

Shampoo
conditioner
body soap
toothpaste
body lotion
deodorant
body spray.
bath towels and washcloths
laundry detergent
laundry basket.

Boonville High School

Food Items

Mac and cheese
Canned soups or stews
Canned tuna or chicken
Corn
Canned fruit or fruit cups
Peanut butter & jelly
Breakfast, granola or cereal bars

Clothing

Leggings or sweatpants for girls (medium, large, extra large)
Men's small and medium shirts
Men's small and medium sweatpants

Hygiene Items

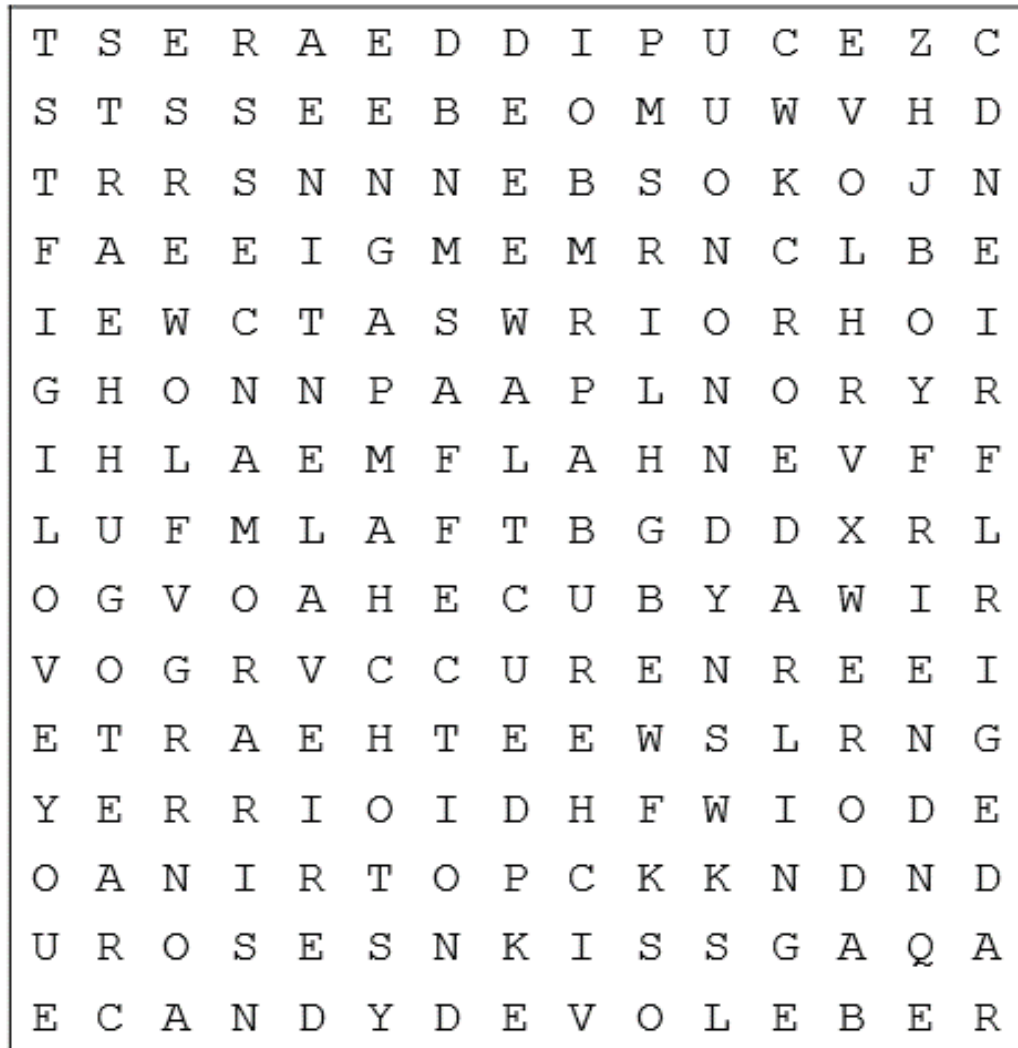
tampons ...different sizes
pads
baby wipes
nail clippers





Valentine's Day

February 14th



ADORE
AFFECTION
ARROW
BE MINE
BELOVED
BOYFRIEND
CANDY
CHAMPAGNE
CHERUB
CHOCOLATE

CUPID
DARLING
DEAREST
FLOWERS
GIFTS
GIRLFRIEND
HEARTS
HUG
I LOVE YOU
KISS

LOVE
PINK
POEM
RED
ROMANCE
ROSES
SWEETHEART
VALENTINE



From the February 1980 edition of "The Voice of Billingsville"

"What St. Johns Means to Me!"

A Beautiful Country Church

By Al Erdman

It means many of the present members families for generations have put their time and talents to work making this possible.

It means that Christians have found Christ in the place or they would not come here.

It means the members are friendly or new members wouldn't want to join the church.

It means Pastor Bill calling the little children to the front of the church each Sunday for their talk and songs.

It means remembering members, relatives, friends and other Christians in prayer on Sunday morning.

It means my wife coming home to her church and accepting me as a member.

It means listening to the choir, though few in number, appreciated as much as many larger for their beautiful music.

It means getting up on Sunday morning, and not hesitating, but looking forward to going to church.

It means a beautiful and inspiring Christmas service.

It means fun at the Halloween Party.

It means the members have chosen well in calling Pastors to keep the church family together.

It means we love you all and hope you feel the same way about us.

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