

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.”

One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself...

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

[Twenty] long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

This essay was adapted from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis in “The Real Jesus and Other Sermons” © 1926 by the Judson Press of Philadelphia (pp 123-124 titled “Arise Sir Knight!”).

(This passage brings a tear to my eye each Christmas Eve that it is read during the pageant. Since we did not get to hear it this year, I thought I would print it for all to read. Julie)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 3: Holy Communion during morning worship

Wednesday, January 6: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 10: Penny Sunday for ECH and Benevolence Offering

Thursday, January 14: Financial Reports due in the office

Sunday, January 17: Annual Congregational Meeting after Morning Worship

Sunday, January 31: Fifth Sunday Food Drive

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ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
Sunday, January 17, 2020
Following Morning Worship

Due to Covid19 concerns, there will NOT be a carry-in dinner preceding the meeting.

Julie Kueckelhan and Nancy Meyer have finished their 2nd term on the Church Council. Their replacements will be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Cathy Bail is up for re-election to the Board of Christian Education.

Kenneth Stegner is up for re-election to the Cemetery Board.

**NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING
December 9, 2020**

“Friends for Muntzel” made a generous donation to the St. Johns UCC Memorial Fund. The council thanks Dave Muntzel.

The Mid-South Conference recognized St. Johns donation to OCWM.

Vicki Hilden gave an update on the progress of the Joint Search Committee.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 6:00pm at the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Meyer, Secretary

HEALTH FACTS

COVID-19 VACCINE

A recent article from Mayo Clinic on the COVID-19 vaccine dated December 8, 2020, explains the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine. The article documents that Pfizer and Moderna, drug companies, are using a new technology that is based on the molecular structure of the virus and does not require it to be “grown” in animal material such as eggs. The vaccines induce an immune response against proteins attached to the virus. These are inactivated vaccines, not live-virus vaccines. Trials or testing on volunteers have been studied over months. Safety experts independently evaluate the data of the vaccine use before approval. The safety of COVID-19 vaccine will continue to be closely monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the FDA. These are the experts who approve drugs that we take in our normal life.

Thus far the new vaccine has shown only short-term mild or moderate vaccine reactions, and these seem to resolve without complication or injury. While some people who receive the vaccine may develop symptoms as their immune system responds, this is common when receiving any vaccine, and these symptoms are not considered serious or life-threatening.

It’s important to recognize that getting vaccinated for COVID-19 is not just about survival from COVID-19, it’s about preventing spread of the virus to others and preventing infection that can lead to long-term negative health effects.

While no vaccine is 100% effective, the benefits of receiving the vaccine outweigh the risks in healthy people.

Call your doctor or health care provider if you have doubts or fears of this vaccine since they are the experts in caring for your health.

Information taken from Mayo Clinic Health System.org, “COVID-19 Vaccine Myths Debunked,” December 8, 2020.

THANK YOU

To Linda Simmons, Donnie Helmreich, and their families for their donation to the Schler Educational Endowment Fund in memory of Dan Schler

To Kent & Donna Kammerich for their donation to the Schler Educational Endowment Fund in memory of Dan Schler

To Leola Schler for her donation to the Schler Educational Endowment Fund in memory of Dan Schler

To Willie Branch for her donation to the church.

To Donnie & Kathy Wilmsmeyer for their donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of loved ones.

DECEMBER STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
06	\$1670	\$75 Christmas Fund: \$140	33
13	\$1010	\$115 Penny Sun: \$33.42	32
20	\$2314	\$133	48
27	\$335	\$25	28
Blanket Sunday Update: \$495 total collected			

MARY, EXHAUSTED,
HAVING JUST
GOTTEN JESUS
TO SLEEP, IS
APPROACHED BY
A YOUNG MAN
WHO THINKS TO
HIMSELF ; WHAT
THIS GIRL NEEDS
IS A DRUM SOLO

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barbara Friedrich, Alfred Friedrich, and Marsha Van Boeing on the loss of their grandson and son, Ryan Scott, on December 21.

*11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)***

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Scripture Readings
Jan 03	Sharon Elliott	Volunteers	Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9), 10-18
Jan 10	Jason Hundley	Rhea Helmreich	Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11
Jan 17	Julie Kueckelhan	Kenneth & Janet Stegner	1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51
Jan 24	Nancy Meyer	Jim & Sonya Farris	1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
Jan 31	Marg Scott	Rhea Helmreich & Laura Grathwohl	1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

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
Greg Friedrich	18
Derrick Hundley	22
Ayven Inskip	22
Melinda Richardson	22
Cora Louise Wisdom	22
Mark Dick	25
Pat Friedrich	25
Lynndora Schler	25
Melanie Scalia	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

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

Arlene Friedrich
Ashley Manor 1630 Radio Hill Rd. Boonville, MO 65233

Rob Friedrich
1331 Lyric Court Boonville, MO 65233

Louise Overstreet (Janet's mother)
Hartmann Village 615 Rankin Mill Ln Boonville, MO 65233

Bernadine Wassmann & Kathryn Schupp (Nancy's mom)
Katy Manor 205 Prospect Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mother)
Nye Point 2700 Laverna St, Fremont, NE 68025

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

PRAYER CHAIN

Carolyn Bunton (friend of Laura), hospice
 Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Paula Darling
 Pastor Jim & Sharon Elliott
 Carol (Pastor Jim's sister-in-law), lung cancer
 John (Sharon's brother-in-law), heart issues
 Olivia (Sharon's niece), cancer
 Ethan @ ECH (SS Sponsor Child)
 Eula Brown Gowan
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)
 Iva Mae Johnson (Vicki's aunt)
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Linda Lyles (Rhea's friend), heart and lung issues
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), cancer recovery
 Angie Nave
 Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer has returned
 Erika Sanderson (Pat's niece)
 Karen Schnetzler
 Family of Ryan Scott
 Vicky Simmons
 Carol Snyder
 Dave & Ginger Wenger

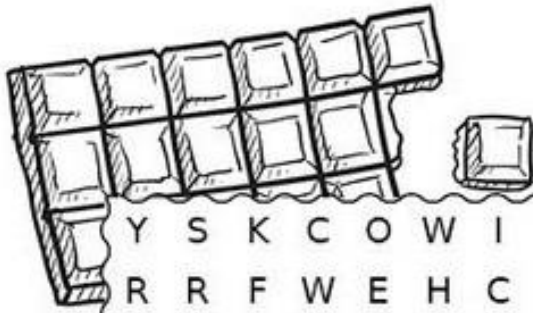
Serving in our military:

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

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

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 KIT KAT
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 MARS
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PAY DAY
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 TAKE FIVE
 THREE MUSKETEERS
 TWIX
 WHATCHAMACALLIT
 ZERO

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

"AT YEARS END"

The old year ends, a new begins – With pages clean and new;
And what is written on each page – Will now depend on you.
You can't relive the year that's past, – Erasing every wrong;
For once a year – or day – is spent, – It is forever gone.
But don't give up in dark despair, – If you have failed some test;
Seek God's forgiveness and resolve – Henceforth to do your best.
Resolve each precious day to do – Things good and kind and pure;
Though days and years may pass away, – These things shall still endure.
You know not where your path may lead – Nor what's beyond the hill;
But know your God walks at your side, – If you but do his will.
All things are possible with God, – Though days be bright or dim;
So do your best and know that you – Can leave the rest to Him.

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