

The Voice of Billingsville

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NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The congregation met for our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024, following morning worship and a carry-in meal.

The minutes from the 3rd quarterly and 2023 annual meetings were read and approved.

The financial reports were presented and approved.

Linda Burnett & Scott Grissum were re-elected for a 2nd term on the Church Council.

Cathy Bail's term as Treasurer of the Board of Christian Education has ended. Many thanks for her service! Angie Hackman was elected as Treasurer of the Board of Christian Education.

Kenneth Stegner was re-elected for another term on the Cemetery Board. George Pannell resigned from the Cemetery Board and Tim Kueckelhan was elected to complete his term. Many thanks to George for his service.

The Cemetery Board requested a change to the Cemetery Constitution requiring all future headstones to have a base of at least 4 inches. The amendment was approved.

The congregation voted to donate \$200 each to the Emmaus Home, Every Child's Hope, Neighbors in Need Food Pantry, Toys for Tots (local) and Samaritan's Purse (for shoebox postage).

Vicki made the following calendar announcements:

- Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14th. A joint service with EUCC will be held at St. Johns at 7:00 pm. Rev. Andy Mockridge will be the pastor.
- Good Friday is Friday, March 29th. A joint service with EUCC will be held at EUCC at 7:00 pm. Vicki Hilden will perform the service.
- Easter Sunday is March 31st. We will have the traditional sunrise service at 7:00 am, followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Dave Muntzel will perform the service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 1: Friends, Fellowship and Fun at 1:00-3:30 pm

Sunday, February 4: Holy Communion during morning worship

Wednesday, February 7: Men's Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am; Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 11: Penny Sunday for ECH; collection of Benevolence Offering

Sunday, February 11: Board of Christian Education Soup & Sandwich Lunch after church – the congregation is asked to bring sandwiches and/or desserts

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm at St. Johns

Thursday, February 22: Newsletter articles due

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

January 10, 2024

Jared, Linda, Ed and Vicki present, with Scott out of town.

Received thank you cards for our donations to River of Life Church and Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

Will be purchasing a smart thermostat; it has been brought to the Council's attention that it was chilly at times. Julie will be able to adjust and monitor from her phone at home, and then should there be a special service, she will be able to turn the furnace or AC on as needed.

The Cemetery Board is proposing an amendment which will be taken to the Congregational meeting to be voted on.

The Congregational Meeting is 1-21-24, where we will have elections to several boards serving the Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

HEALTH FACTS Gingivitis

Gingivitis is a common and mild form of gum disease. It causes irritation, redness, swelling, and bleeding of the gums at the base of the teeth. It can be caused by poor oral hygiene.

Risk factors are smoking or chewing tobacco, dry mouth, poor nutrition, poor fitting bridges or dental implants, and illegal drug use. Bacteria from the mouth can enter the bloodstream and end up in the heart or lungs.

To prevent gingivitis, brush your teeth twice a day, floss between teeth daily, and see the dentist biannually.

Nancy Meyer,
Health Minister

Thank You!

Thank you so much to Marg Scott for taking the office recycling to UOI every time it's full! It is much appreciated.



St. Johns Board of Christian Education will be hosting a soup and sandwich lunch on **Sunday, February 11** following morning worship.

Please come join in fellowship with us as we enjoy a variety of soups, from vegetable and chili, to chicken noodle and gumbo.

The congregation is asked to bring sandwiches and/or a dessert.

The luncheon will be dine-in or carry-out.

FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will meet Thursday, February 1 from 1:00-3:30 in Fellowship Hall for refreshments, games, cards, and visiting. You may bring a snack to share and any game you would like to play.



Lynnd and Ed Schler will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 2nd. There will be a celebration at the Eagle's Lodge on that date and all are invited to attend. Food will be served at 6:00 pm and dancing starts at 7:00 pm. No gifts please.

Ed & Lynnd

CHURCH LEADERSHIP	
Church Council	
Jared Kueckelhan, President jkueckelhan1@gmail.com	
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Ginger Wenger gingerwenger@yahoo.com	

JANUARY STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
07	\$2930	\$0	29
14	Services cancelled due to weather		
21	\$2200	\$219	46
28	\$277	\$50	28

IF IT SMELLS LIKE A SKUNK

Unfortunately, some of us know firsthand just how bad a skunk can really smell. Whether you've encountered a skunk one-on-one or not, when you smell the distinctive odor produced by these little varmints, you can immediately identify it. If it smells like a skunk, then it probably is a skunk. Sin is like that. If some action or emotion feels like it could possibly be sinful, then there's a good chance that it probably is:

- If it feels like pride, then it probably is
- If it sounds like gossip, then it probably is
- If it seems to be petty, then it probably is
- If it feels lukewarm, then it probably is
- If it looks like it might be a sin...

You get the idea. The Christian life is a constant growing experience and God want us to continue to learn about Him and His will through study and meditation of His Word. Outlined in the Scriptures are corrections and guidance to help us avoid the stench of sin.

-Jay Launius

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. **1 Corinthians 13:4-6**

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
04	Melissa Hundley	Scott Grissum & Jason Hundley	Rev. Andy Mockridge
Communion Prep: Linda Burnett Communion Cleanup: Volunteers			
11	Angie Hackman	Donald & Ruth Ann Warnke	Rev. Andy Mockridge
18	Jason Hundley	Melissa & Kamrynn Hundley	Dave Muntzel
25	Rita Kanenbley	Ted & Billie Litton	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Hilden	02
Andrew Painter	09
Jim Woods	09
Sophia Carmichael	13
Birdie Kueckelhan	15
Emily Rapp	15
Lakin Rold	18
Jaden Keller	20
Blake Richardson	25
Jerred Robinson	25
Teresa Carlson	28

✠ 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

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.

You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you. And you need the church.

-Michael Carl

Submitted by Marg Scott

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

Arlene & Sonny Friedrich

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Leola Schler

Columbia Post Acute 3535 Berrywood Dr, Columbia, MO 65201

Ruth Searfoss

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

PRAYER CHAIN

Avery Beach, brain cancer
 Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Family of Sharon Davis
 Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John Ferguson, heart issues
 Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
 Dalton Hazlett, recovering from TBI
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Holly's brother, open heart surgery
 Kim Hutchison (Julie's cousin), foot amputation
 Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Don & Mary Neckermann
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
 Clifford Richey (Charles' friend), moved to Katy Manor
 Karen Schnetzler
 Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
 Vicki Simmons, cancer
 Charles Stegner, recovering from stroke
 Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
 Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
 Darin Walker, cancer
 Cora Louise Wisdom

Serving in our military:

Landon Bail	Jeff Burgoyne	Tony Davis
Natalie Meng	Blayne Vickery	James Walker

In Christian Sympathy

Pastor Jim Elliott's sister-in-law, Carol Snyder, passed away after a long fight with cancer. Please keep Pastor Jim and his family in your prayers.

Louisiana Purchase

Word Search

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



BARGAIN
DOUBLED
EXPANSION
EXPEDITIONS
FARMING
FIFTEEN MILLION
FRENCH
INDUSTRY
JEFFERSON

LEWIS AND CLARK
LIVINGSTON
LOUISIANA
MADISON
MISSISSIPPI RIVER
MONROE
MONTANA
NAPOLEON
NEW ORLEANS

PIKE
PURCHASE
ROCKY MOUNTAINS
ST. LOUIS
TRADE
TREATY
UNITED STATES
WESTWARD
WILDERNESS

LECTIONARY READINGS

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 4, 2024	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Transfiguration Sunday February 11, 2024 (Last Sunday before Lent)	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
First Sunday in Lent February 18, 2024	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Second Sunday in Lent February 25, 2024	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

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