

The Voice of Billingsville

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BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

We are excited to announce an opportunity for St. Johns UCC to join New Franklin Immanuel UCC for confirmation classes. Pastor Tim Fairley graciously agreed to allow Allie Hayward, Mason Hayward, Derrick Hundley, and Will Hackman to join with the youth of Immanuel UCC for confirmation.

Classes will be held every Sunday evening from September 2024 through April 2025. The Service of Confirmation for our youth will be held at St. Johns in the spring.

Students were asked to choose a sponsor from our congregation.

Will Hackman chose Jared Kueckelhan
Allie Hayward chose Abigail Pannell.
Mason Hayward chose Ed Wassmann
Derrick Hundley chose Rhea Helmreich



Board of Christian Education Superintendent, Melissa Hundley, presents Bibles to the Confirmation students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 2: Men's Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am

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

Sunday, October 6: World Communion Sunday; Neighbors in Need Offering

Wednesday, October 9: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 13: Penny Sunday; Benevolence Offering; Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project kickoff

Thursday, October 17: Financial Reports due in the office

Sunday, October 20: Quarterly Congregational Meeting after Morning Worship

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FYI: From Samaritan's Purse OCC Regarding Soap

"This year, we announced that Operation Christmas Child is phasing out soap. Because soap touches a child's skin, a country's Food and Drug Authority often regulates it. Currently, at least two dozen of our receiving countries regulate the importation of soap, and we're seeing that number grow. This means at least 3 million shoeboxes each year are going into countries where soap can be a concern. These countries have shown a history of, when soap is found in one shoebox, flagging all shoebox gifts for further inspection, causing delays or legal ramifications for partners on the ground. This results in inflated, unsustainable amounts of ministry costs and delays. We want to avoid these challenges and don't want anything to delay sharing the Gospel with children. Phasing out soap means we are discouraging the inclusion of soap in shoebox gifts. However, if soap is included in a shoebox gift this year, it will not be removed at the processing centers unless special processing is required for a specific country. At some point in the future, soap will likely be added to the inappropriate list."



So all of that being said, let's just NOT include any soap in the boxes we pack. We want all of our boxes to get to children without delay! NOPE TO SOAP!!!

Rhea and I were blessed to attend an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project Workshop recently in California, MO. We were impressed by all of the enthusiastic, excited people of all ages who were packing boxes! The leaders emphasized these three points about our boxes this year. We need to make them FUN, FULL AND PERSONALIZED! "Shoebox gifts are like snowflakes--no two are alike!" This is a quote by Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse. I will be talking about this during Children's Time on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

FOR THE SHOEBOX KICK--OFF.

Remember to include school supplies, personal care items, toys, and a note from you, (include a picture if possible) with your email address on it. There are lots of ideas on a list inside the shoebox. If you pack a shoebox, you do not need to include the \$10 postage.

I realize that everyone is not able to prepare a box. So, if you are unable to fill a box, but would like to participate in this life-changing project, we would sincerely appreciate your donation for postage. It costs \$10 to send each box. This covers collecting, processing, shipping, training local churches, and producing THE GREATEST GIFT GOSPEL booklets. If you would like to help with that expense, please make your check to Samaritan's Purse and give to Marg or you can mail it to Marg Scott, 13627 Santa Fe Rd. Boonville, MO 65233 THANK YOU!

You have been so faithful to fill and send 1764 boxes over the past 24 years. YES, THIS IS THE 25TH YEAR THAT ST. JOHNS UCC HAS COLLECTED BOXES! We Praise God! Our shoebox collection will be on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024. May God bless you for your generosity, caring and love to share JOY AND JESUS with children around the world.

YOU ARE MAKING AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE!

Love in Christ, Marg Scott and my three "R" helpers, Rhea, Ruth Ann, and Rita

2024 Theme Verse

"Be strong and of good courage and do it. Fear not, be not dismayed; for the Lord God, even my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished.

1Chronicles 28:20



The Church Council is looking for an editor for the Voice of Billingsville newsletter. If you are interested, please contact one of the Council members for more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
September 4, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Jared Kueckelhan. Members present: Ed Schler, Linda Burnett, Scott Grissum and Vicki Hilden.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The financial reports were reviewed and approved.

Discussed painting the parsonage.
 Discussed acoustic sound panels for the basement.

Linda gave a report on the Ministerial Alliance meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will meet on Thursday, October 3rd from 1:00-3:30 p.m. We will carpool to Charles & Holly's house, meeting at St. Johns at 12:30 pm.

Bring or invite a friend and come ready to join in a game of Pitch, Rummikube, Skip Bo, or other game. You may bring a snack to share. Ice water and lemonade will be provided.

In Christian Sympathy

Holly's mom, Todi Hughes, passed away on September 13 after a long illness. Please keep Holly and her family in your prayers.

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
01	\$2,260	\$125	28
08	\$2,415	\$131 Penny Sunday: \$	40
15	\$431	\$25	28
22	\$1,001	\$0	34
29	\$1,066	\$100	23

HEALTH FACTS
Alzheimer's Disease

Concerns about cognitive health and memory or thinking issues can be intimidating to confront, but early symptomatic Alzheimer's disease should not be dismissed as normal aging. Timely detection and accurate diagnosis are essential.

Symptoms can be worsening memory loss, difficulty completing familiar tasks, confusion with time or place, new problems with words in speaking or writing, misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.

Timely diagnosis can help identify or eliminate Alzheimer's disease as the cause of a person's memory and thinking issues. Diagnosis can be done by PET scans of the brain to see if amyloid plaques are present. Biomarkers in the blood and spinal fluid can also be performed.

Medications are available to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease. The important thing is to have a plan for the future so that personal and medical decisions can be made with your loved one.

Nancy Meyer,
 Health Minister

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
06	Melissa Hundley	Scott Grissum & Ted Litton	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl
13	Janet Stegner	Ginger Wenger & Rhea Helmreich	Gideons Speaker
20	Marg Scott	Bill & Marilyn Geiger	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl
27	Nancy Meyer	Kenneth & Janet Stegner	Rev. Jeff Glandon

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Aceyn Painter	01
Aimee Sandy	01
Justin Kueckelhan	03
Rodney Richardson	06
Ginger Wenger	06
Ed Schler	09
Cayley Inskeep	10
Cora Smith	10
Carson Bail	12
Luke Geiger	12
Ruth Ann Warnke	17
Shelley Jennings	23
Jeanne Muse	25
Shawn Bohlken	30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Linda Schler	08
Bill & Marilyn Geiger	11
Rodney & Melinda Richardson	15
Tim & Karen Harvey	19
Andrew & Cayley Inskeep	19
Brandon & Nichole Burnett	21

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Jeanne Muse	03
Brittany Woods Stretz	10
Haley Woods Floyd	10
Lori Woods	10
Beau Daniel Rapp	11
Gage Matthew Rold	15
Jason Edward Helmreich	17
Heather Lynne Simmons	18
Macsen Dray Simmons	18
Keith Michael Bail	20
Edgar Reed Becker	21
Khale Parker Bohlken	21
Mikayla EvaMarie Bohlken	21
William Oliver Geiger	30

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

Sandy Farris

Arlene & Sonny Friedrich

Ruth Searfoss

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

Iris Gerhardt

2613 Trenchard Dr, Independence, MO 64057

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

PRAYER CHAIN

Jack Deuschle, Parkinson's disease

Pastor Jim Elliott, cancer treatments

Sharon Elliott, cancer

Sandy Farris, cancer

John Ferguson, heart issues

Courtney Franklin, brain cancer

Ayla (Pat Friedrich's niece), recovering from surgeries

Iris Gerhardt

Tim Harvey,

Jim & Sandy Helm (Stacy Friedrich's parents)

Betty (Vicki's cousin), cancer

Family of Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)

Holly's brother, open heart surgery

Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments

Jennifer Kirchner, chemotherapy

Ava LeCave

Joe Lohnes (friend of Donald & Ruth Ann) Lou Gehrig's

Don & Mary Neckermann

Marilyn Overstreet, broken hip

Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer

Clifford Richey (Charles' friend)

Karen Schnetzler

Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)

Vicki Simmons, cancer

Charles Stegner, recovering from broken hip

Levi Sullivan, health issues

Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues

Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident

Shawn (Ginger's son), recovering from accident

Darin Walker, cancer

Serving in our military:

Landon Bail

Jeff Burgoyne

Tony Davis

Natalie Meng

Blayne Vickery

James Walker

Biblical Teachers

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions.

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D L C L L U T T M T A I E A L
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R P I H W V X K V M L T R O W
Z A R J Q D N U B W I O G A J
E T P M H L E U M A S T S U B

MOSES
SAMUEL
DAVID
SOLOMON

JOSIAH
EZRA
JESUS
BARNABAS

SIMEON
LUCIUS
MANAEN
PAUL

APOLLOS
AQUILA
PRISCILLA
TIMOTHY

In the Mail

St. Johns UCC,

Thank you for once again awarding me the St. Johns UCC Educational Grant. I greatly appreciate this and the opportunities I have had because of this church. I have enjoyed playing the piano, teaching Sunday School, and being on the Search Committee

I am currently a Junior at Central Methodist University and am on track to graduate in December 2025 with a Bachelor of Accountancy degree. Following my undergraduate studies, I plan to pursue a Master's degree in Accountancy. Upon completion of my graduate program, I will take the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam.

Thank you,

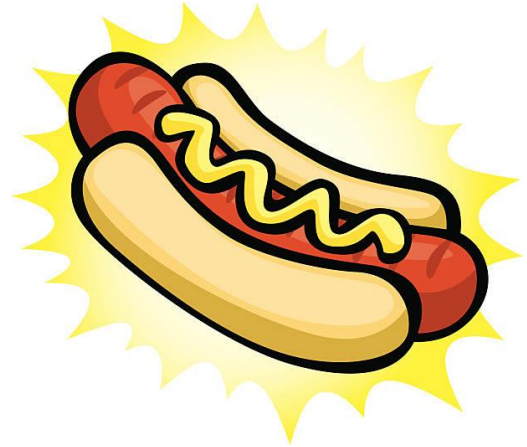
Abigail Pannell

WE'RE INVITED!

Beer and Brats Social Event

Friday, November 1 from 5-7pm at the Evangelical UCC Education Building

Beer and brats will be provided as well as chips and condiments. We are asked to RSVP, so there is a sign-up sheet on the front pew. Please sign up for this event. A free will offering will be collected.



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