

**“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.”**



# Harvest Festival

## September 15<sup>th</sup>

Come join the fun! The Country Store will be open 10:15 – 1:15 and will have lots of homemade jellies, baked goods, garden produce, pecans, crafts, etc. Lunch will be served 11:00 – 1:00 and we promise you won’t go away hungry or without your favorite piece of homemade pie!! The auction will begin around 1:00 and there is sure to be something for everyone. There are lots of games for the kids too!

Special notes for the Country Store: We need help with setting up the tables for the Country Store at 8:15 and again at 1:30 for taking them down. It won’t take long as many hands make light work. Also, please price your donated items in increments of 50 cents. We are again asking 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 Pat Friedrich. Any donations for the auction may be put in the parsonage garage.

If you have any questions, please contact a council member or the following chairpersons:

Meal – Vicki Hilden, Nancy Meyer, & Julie Kueckelhan, Country Store – Marg Scott,

Kiddieland – Donna Kammerich, Auction – Scott Grissum, Table Decorations – Cathy Bail



# Hymn History

A young music teacher named William S. Pitts composed "The Church in the Wildwood" after visiting Bradford, Iowa in 1857. He was on a stagecoach ride to see his fiancée and he was very fond of the piece of land. It was close to the Cedar River and he imagined a church building at the location. He was so struck by the beauty of this piece of land and his vision of a church that when he returned to Wisconsin he wrote a poem that he later set to music, saying at its completion, "only then was I at peace with myself".

He and his wife returned to the area in 1862 to discover a church being erected where he had imagined it to be! The church was painted brown, the color mentioned in the song, at the time, Ohio Mineral Paint's brown paint was the cheapest paint to be found.

During the winter of 1863, Pitts taught a singing class at Bradford Academy. He taught his students this song to be sung at the dedication of the new church in 1864 and this was the first time this song was sung by someone other than himself. The song was put away.

In 1865 Pitts moved to Chicago, IL, to enroll at Rush Medical College. He needed to pay for his college so he sold the rights to the song to a publisher for \$25. He completed medical school in 1868 and the song was forgotten.

After the church closed in 1888 due to economic downturn, the Society for the Preservation of The Little Brown Church was founded. By 1914, services were again held in the church and the song was popularized by many artists. The Church in the Wildwood" is now a popular tourist spot and attracts thousands of visitors.

We have often sang this song at St. Johns with the same feeling of fondness. It gives a sense of roots and perhaps that's what makes our Harvest Festival feel like a homecoming for those that don't live here anymore. Maybe it's the draw for someone to pull off the highway and attend the festival like Kaye Brinkmeyer from Lebanon, MO. She and her husband did just that several years ago and she still continues to attend each year.

So, whether you live in Boonville, live across the country or somewhere in between, stop by St. Johns. It's a church you can call home and you are always welcome here. ~ Laura



A Memorial Service and interment of ashes was held for Rev. George Schler on July 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Johns Cemetery where sixty-five members of the Schler family walked from the church to the cemetery, while the church bells rang, bringing him back to his church home. George was baptized, confirmed, and ordained into the ministry at St. Johns. He pastored several congregations over the years and was loved by all. After World War II he became a Sea Going Cowboy in 1955, where he accompanied a shipment of heifer cows to war torn countries in Europe for Heifer Project International. He helped build houses for Habitat for Humanity and was a chaplain after retirement. He never stopped learning or serving.

~Birdie Kueckelhan

Christian Board of Education hosted a Sunday School kick-off breakfast on Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>. 35 people enjoyed breakfast casserole, coffee cake, muffins, donuts, fruit and fellowship. Sunday School classes resumed on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Thanks to everyone who brought something to share.

### Kids Say...

My grandkids came to spend the night. We had just purchased a new pillowtop mattress and as we were all laying on the bed, getting ready to watch a movie, the conversation went like this:

Grandson: Grandpa, I like your new bed, it's so comfy.

Grandpa: I'm glad you like it because I bought it with your college fund. (Joking of course, tee hee.)

Grandson: Grandpa, I really think you need a new bed(frame) too. I'm really don't want to go to school anymore.

### Congratulations Corner

The Women's Guild placed a cherub candleholder on the altar in recognition of the birth of BRAXTEN JAMES INSKEEP, born August 8th. Proud parents are Andrew Inskeep and Cayley Schler. Grandparents are Terry and Linda Schler. Great Grandmother is Leola Schler.

Congratulations to Dustin Muse and Sarah Skaggs as they recently got engaged!

We ask special prayers as harvest season begins to protect our farmers as they go about their long days (and nights).

#### [Psalm 104:14](#)

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth.



We made it to Florida! If you are ever in the area, please come see us!

Love, Jeanne & DJ Muse

Our address is 1143 Pine Ridge Circle,  
W #B2, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

### NOTES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Aug. 8, 2018

Upcoming events: Harvest Festival, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Mary Harris will be presenting our church a certificate for mission work for our contribution to Five on Five, August 26<sup>th</sup>, Neighbors in Need mission offering and World Communion Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Financial reports: July offering was \$5,876.00; July income was \$3,053.37; July expense was \$3,422.79. Balance in checking account: \$9,664.22. The collective total for the window repair is \$21,725.55.

The council agreed to have a meeting with the Boonville Evangelical UCC church council to discuss a yoked minister search. Since our council meeting, we have been informed that the Evangelical UCC church has called Russell Bradshaw to be their minister at this time. ~ Nancy Meyer

*Thank  
you*

Carl Gerhardt to the donation to the Herman & Ida Gerhardt Memorial.

Frank & Paula Gerke for the donation to the Cemetery Fund.

Van & Susan Donley and Elinor Barrett for donations made in memory of Don Burnett.



## ST. JOHNS HEALTH FACTS – PANCREATIC CANCER

Pancreatic cancer begins in the tissues of the pancreas, an organ which releases enzymes that aid digestion and hormones that help manage blood sugar.

Pancreatic cancer typically spreads rapidly to nearby organs. It is seldom detected in the early stages. These symptoms don't occur until the disease is advanced:

- Pain in the upper abdomen that radiates to the back
- Loss of appetite or unintended weight loss
- Depression
- New-onset diabetes
- Blood clots
- Fatigue
- Jaundice (yellowing of skin and whites of the eyes)

Risk factors that may increase the risk of pancreatic cancer include: Family history, diabetes, chronic pancreatitis, smoking, obesity, and being over 65 years of age. Discuss with your doctor should you have these risk factors so possible screenings can be done.

Treatment may include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy or a combination of these.

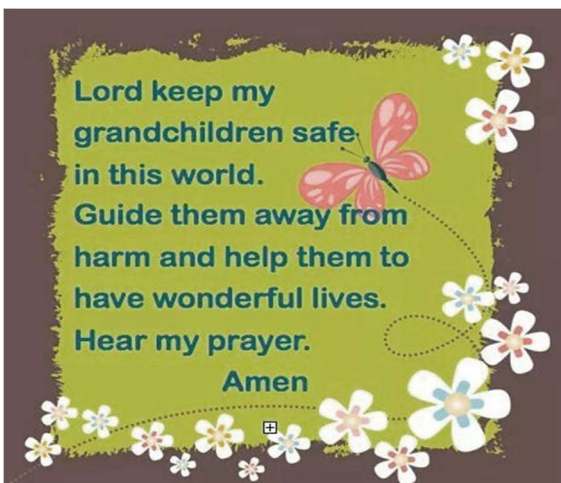
As I write this article, I pause to remember the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, whose music makes me want to dance. May she rest in peace. ~ Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

The children collected 35 Health Kits and \$112. was donated for more Health Kits. Health Kits can still be brought to church until Sept. 20. Please put them on the front pew. Thank you for helping people in time of disasters. May God bless you for your generosity!



**August 22<sup>nd</sup> Bible Study**—We are beginning to study the women in the Bible. We have started with Ruth, Chapter 1, vs 1-22. This is a history book and is set in the days when the judges ruled, not Kings. Ruth is a Moabite and the great-grandmother of David who would be a King. She is part of the genealogy of Jesus through Joseph. The story tells about Ruth leaving her home, Moab, after the death of her husband, and following Naomi, her mother-in-law and following the teachings of the Israelites. They travel to Bethlehem which literally means "House of Bread". This is where Ruth works in the barley fields to pick up the heads of grain to support herself and Naomi.

~ Nancy Meyer



# SEPTEMBER

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Shirley Johnston	2
Sam Million	4
Nancy Kueckelhan	9
Danny Wassmann	10
Alex Cooper	10
Austin LeCave	12
Lisa Simmons	12
Robert Friedrich	15
Julie Kueckelhan	16
Edison Baker	17
Melissa Hundley	20
Jim Farris	20
Jason Hundley	21
Dalton Grissum	22
Madilyn Carmichael	24
Conrad Gerrish	24
Lily Rama	24
Karen Johnston	26
Mary Bail	30

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Jody & Mariah Carmichael	9
Kevin & Heather Simmons	22
Jerred & Tricia Robinson	22
George, Jr. & Tracy Pannell	25
Nick & Laura Grathwohl	28

## *In Sympathy*



We offer our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ray Johnston. Ray died in a vehicle accident on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. He will be dearly missed.



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

Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child  
Josh Bailey  
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson  
Pastor Andrew Bronson  
Angie Carmichael, cancer  
Sharon Elliott, cancer  
Arlene Friedrich  
Esther Friedrich, Peace Corps  
Rob Friedrich  
Mary Ann Henke, (friend of Pat & Tracy)  
Warren Helmreich  
Gertrude & Ernie Herrigon  
Vicki Hilden's parents  
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother  
Harold Kempf, Linda Wassmann's father  
Jenny Kirchner, cancer  
Dorothy Koestner, cancer  
Nancy Kueckelhan  
Linda Leach, cancer  
Ava LeCave  
David Lenz Family  
Linda Lyles, bone marrow transplant  
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma  
DJ Muse  
Angie Nave  
Cathy Barton-Para, cancer  
Clifford Richey, friend of Charles Stegner  
Marilyn Rothemeyer, brain cancer  
Erika Sanderson, Pat's niece  
Kathryn Schupp, Nancy Meyer's mother  
Vicky Simmons  
Trevor Thurman, Linda Claas' grandson  
Madison Walker  
Bernadine Wassmann, Hartmann Village  
Chad Wolfe family

### **Serving in our military:**

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



<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
2	Abby Pannell	Scott Grissum & Ed Schler	James 1:17-27, Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
9	Rhea Helmerich	Cathy Bail & Carson Bail	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mk 7:24-37
16	Harvest Festival Chair	Nick & Laura Grathwohl	James 3:1-12, Mk 8:27-38
23	Julie Kueckelhan	Dalton Pannell & Jason Hundley	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mk 9:30-37
30	Ed Schler	Bob & Mary Painter	James 5:13-20, Mk 9:38-50
	<u>Communion Servers:</u>	Janet Stegner*, Keith Bail, Nick & Laura Grathwohl	
	<u>Communion Clean Up:</u>	Louise Friedrich, Ruth Searfoss, Bill & Marilyn Geiger	

### AUGUST STATISTICS



- Sept. 5:** Council Meeting 7:00
- Sept. 9:** Grandparents Day
- Sept. 15:** Harvest Festival
- Sept. 22:** Festival of Sharing
- Sept. 24:** Newsletter articles due
- Sept. 30:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Food Drive

	<b>OFFERING</b>	<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
5	\$ 2,264.64	\$	
12	\$ 992.00	\$ 108.00	
19	\$ 1,034.00	\$ 55.00	
26	\$		
	Penny Sunday \$30		

■ Proverbs 17:6 Grandparents are proud of their grandchildren, and children should be proud of their parents.

Stained Glass Window Repair Fund Balance \$21,974.46



### **Best Choice Labels and Box Tops for Education**

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

Thank you to Janie Taylor, Tim Harvey and Andrea Smith for their donations to the Window Repair Fund!