

“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.”



Ice Cream Social is Coming!!! July 1st 5:00 -7:00

The Sunday School board will provide juicy burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks and the congregation is asked to bring dessert or homemade ice cream. There is a sign-up sheet on the front pew. Make plans to attend this fun and tasty event and bring your friends! There is a free-will offering to support our Sunday School programs including Vacation Bible School.



VBS 2018 - REGISTER NOW!

July 9-13, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God, will spark creativity. Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School will transform our church into a place buzzing with excitement! Please make plans to attend Vacation Bible School! All kids age 4 through 5th grade are welcome to attend. You can register at the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/26ODTxI12HAPDKHF2> or by filling out the registration form in the newsletter.

Hope to see you there!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kamrynn Sue Hundley	2
Bill Geiger	5
Linda Schler	7
Kenneth Stegner	8
Morgan Carmichael	8
Janet Stegner	12
Esther Louise Friedrich	16
Sharon Elliott	17
Peggy Grissum	20
Tyler Scott	21
Garrett Hundley	22
Donna Kammerich	22
Rosalie Searfoss	23
Dustin Wassmann	23
Addyelin Garbison	24
Dale Carmichael	25
Chase Grissum	27
Mark Cary	28

ANNIVERSARIES

Tim & Julie Kueckelhan	16
Kenneth & Janet Stegner	26
Jason & Melissa Hundley	27
Scott & Peggy Grissum	28

In Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathies to the family of Jack Johnson who passed away June 12th. He was buried in Arkansas.

Steve Hawley, Morgan (Kueckelhan) Hawley's father-in-law passed away June 23rd at the age of 67 from lung cancer. We will keep Chris, Morgan and the rest of their family in our prayers.



Congratulations to Bob & Mary Painter on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava Lee Kammerich! Her parents are Bryce & Erica Kammerich.

PRAYER CHAIN

Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child
Hawaii volcano victims
Josh Bailey
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson
Don Burnett, Katy Manor
Angie Carmichael, cancer
Sharon Elliott, cancer
Arlene Friedrich
Rob Friedrich
Brad Grissum, hip surgery
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
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma
Caleb Miller
DJ Muse
Angie Nave
Tracy Pannell
Cathy Barton-Para, cancer
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

Serving in our military:

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



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

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Memorial Day Service was held on May 28th at the Billingsville Cemetery. It was a time of recognizing those who have served our country in the military who were present and a time to honor those our veterans that have passed away. Those who have been buried in the cemetery this past year were remembered also. A special thank you to Dalton Pannell for playing *America, The Beautiful* and *TAPS* on his trumpet. Refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed after the service.

Hymn History

America the Beautiful was inspired by the view from the top of Pikes Peak in Colorado. In the summer of 1893, poet Katharine Lee Bates was teaching English at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Later she remembered: "One day some of the other teachers and I decided to go on a trip to 14,000-foot Pikes Peak. We hired a prairie wagon. Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired. But when I saw the view, I felt great joy. All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse."

On the pinnacle of the mountain a poem started to come to her, and she wrote the words down upon returning to her hotel room. The poem was first published with the name Pikes Peak in the Independence Day edition of the church periodical *The Congregationalist* in 1895. Over the years, several existing pieces of music were adapted to the poem. A hymn tune composed by church organist and choirmaster Samuel A. Ward in 1882 was first published with Bates' poem in 1910 as *America the Beautiful*. Written by Matthew Sabatella

When researching the history behind this song, I could not get past the thought of a 33 year-old woman in 1893 traveling across the country to Colorado to teach let alone the "ride" up Pikes Peak! What a trooper she must have been! Her beautiful poem turned into a song that has been heard by millions and chances are we will probably hear or sing *America the Beautiful* around the upcoming 4th of July celebrations. And when we do...let's focus on what unites us instead of what divides us. Let's thank God for the beauty of the mountains and the golden wheat blowing in the fields. Thank Him for the people both past and present who bravely protect our liberties, and when we look up at the **one** spacious sky that covers us all, think of ways we can fulfill this song's promise.

Even though our country has lots of problems and challenges it is still America, the beautiful. May God continue to shed His grace on thee. ~Laura



Thank you to everyone that volunteered to clean up the basement after the duct work was completed!
Many hands always make lighter work.

“The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend.” Abraham Lincoln

GERHARDT FAMILY REUNION

The Gerhardt family reunion will be held at St. Johns on Sunday, July 29th at St. Johns. The date of the reunion has been changed this year to coincide with the Schler family gathering that weekend. Many of the Schlers are planning to attend the gathering and also the Gerhardt reunion.

Landon Bail

HEALTH FACTS - STROKE:

FIRST AID: A stroke occurs when there's bleeding into the brain or when blood flow to the brain is blocked. Within minutes of being deprived of essential nutrients, brain cells start dying.

Seek medical help immediately for signs and symptoms since the sooner treatment is given, the more likely it is that damage can be minimized. Every moment counts. In the event of a possible stroke, use F.A.S.T. to help remember warning signs:

- **FACE:** Does the face droop on one side when the person tries to smile?
- **ARMS:** Is one arm lower when the person tries to raise both arms?
- **SPEECH:** Can the person repeat a simple sentence? Is the speech slurred or garbled?
- **TIME:** Every minute counts. Call 911.

Other signs can be:

- Weakness or numbness on one side of the body
- Change in vision, particularly in one eye
- Severe headache that occurs suddenly
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness, or a sudden fall

Risk factors: High blood pressure, history of previous strokes, smoking, diabetes, heart disease, and aging.

A stroke is a true emergency.

has joined the Army Reserves. His fourteen week Training began on June 19th at Ft. Leonard Wood.

Blayne Vickery, Rhea Helmerich's Grandson will be doing Army basic training in South Carolina.

We thank you for your dedication to our country and will keep you in our prayers as you begin this new chapter!



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"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

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CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

Dalton Pannell was selected to go to Boy's State!

Kamryn Hundley attended "College for Kids" in Fulton!

The Schler Memorial Scholarships were given during church to the following: Landon Bail second year at State Fair Community College, Thomas Grathwohl second year at Northwest Missouri State University and Megan Kammerich who recently graduated from BHS with honors of Summa Cum Laude and Honor Society. She will attend the University of

A pastor was speaking to a group of second-graders about the resurrection of Jesus when one student asked, "What did Jesus say right after He came out of the grave?"

The pastor explained that the Gospels do not tell us what He said.

The hand of one little girl shot up. "I know what He said: He said, 'Tah-dah!'"

Notes from the Church Council Meeting – June 13, 2018

Scott opened the meeting with prayer. Pastor Jim is on vacation. Scott called the meeting to order and Nancy read the minutes from the May meeting and all approved.

May offering was \$3,606.00; May income was \$91.46; May expense was \$3,967.56.

The fellowship hall ductwork repair and replacement drywall, painting and electrical wiring, has been completed. The board made an inspection of the completed work. The repair work is on target with the budget. Clean-up day for the church fellowship hall, using volunteer church members, will be Monday, June 18th.

Scott discussed the importance of leaving the vents open in the sanctuary and basement as to allow air circulation and reduce chances of the HVAC unit from automatically turning off. He recommends to not cover the floor vents with books or boards.

Two Carbon Dioxide/Smoke detectors will be purchased.

The next council meeting is July 11, 2018, at 7:00pm.

Thank you to Rita Rapp and Emy Friedman for their donation to the Cemetery in memory of their mother Jacqueline Rundiks!



Thank you to Kamryn Hundley and Abby Pannell for playing the piano for the prelude and offertory. We love hearing you two play and appreciate you sharing your musical talents with us!

Thank you to Pat Friedrich for donating to the cemetery!

<u>July</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
1	Pat Friedrich	Kenny & Janet Stegner	2 Sam 1:1, 17-27, 2 Cor 8:7-15
8	Lynnd Schler	Jim & Sonya Farris	2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10, 2 Cor 12:2-10
15	Rhea Helmerich	Marg Scott & Louise Friedrich	2 Sam 6:1-5, Eph 1:3-14
22	Julie Kueckelhan	Ed Wassmann & Angie Kueckelhan	2 Sam 7:1-14, Eph 2:11-22
29	Cathy Bail	Abby Pannell & Pat Friedrich	2 Sam 11:1-15, Eph 3:14-21
	<u>Communion Servers:</u>	Nancy Meyer*, Dalton Pannell, Marg Scott & Ed Wassmann	

	<u>Communion Clean Up:</u>	Ryan & Emily Rapp, volunteers	
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JUNE STATISTICS

	OFFERING	BENEVOLENCE	ATTENDANCE
3	\$2,151		32
10	\$ 556	\$ 87	38
17	\$ 551		27
24	\$		26
	Penny Sunday \$30		

- July 1:** Ice Cream Social 5-7:00
- July 9-13:** Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30
- July 15:** VBS Sunday
- July 22:** 2nd Quarterly Meeting
- July 29:** 5th Sunday Food Drive
- Aug. 19:** Sunday School Kickoff
- Aug 22:** Bible Study resumes

■ Romans 15:13 May the God of hope
 ■ fill you with all joy and peace as you
 ■ trust in him, so that you may overflow
 ■ with hope by the power of the Holy
 ■ Spirit.

Stained Glass Window Repair Fund Balance \$21,085

Best Choice Labels and Box Tops for Education

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



2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION
 ST JOHNS UCC OF BILLINGSVILLE
 July 9 – 13, 2018 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 (One form per child)



First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 Nickname: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
 Gender: Male Female
 Grade Completed: _____
 Home Church (if applicable): _____
 Allergies: _____
 Medical Issues or Special Needs: _____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Other Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Alternate Pickup Name: _____

Alternate Pickup Phone: _____

General Information: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE: I give my permission for the Vacation Bible School (VBS) staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

PHOTO RELEASE: I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

PERMISSION TO ATTEND: I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tracy Pannell at 660.537.0185 or stjohsbce@gmail.com

Parent Signature

Date