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"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

Shoebox Information: Please bring your shoebox(es) to church on Sunday, Nov. 4th. If you are not able to fill a box, but would like to participate, you may donate funds (\$9 per box) for postage. Please make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse and give them to Marg. Please do not put them in the offering. Reminder: Please NO toothpaste or candy is to be included in the boxes. Thank you for bringing JOY and JESUS to children (and their families) around the world.

God bless you for sharing and caring,
Marg



**GROWING
HOPE**
G L O B A L L Y

Foods Resource Bank has a new name and logo. Their new name reflects the agricultural roots and the key role that they play in helping people a world away lift themselves out of poverty and hunger, providing hope for generations to come.

The logo contains three, interrelated parts: a circle, a green heart, and three lines of soil. The lines symbolizes rows of crops and levels of transformation program participants go through as they lift themselves up, the lines of soil also show the deep roots of our Christian faith.

The green heart symbolizes the Growing Projects and the seeds of hope that are planted for people around the world. It also represents our belief that people living in the extreme poverty can grow and flourish when provided opportunity.

Our devotion to people around the world is shown by the circle enclosing the elements. Having a name and logo that better captures the spirit of the organization and ultimately help us reach more hungry people around the world.

Our project of soybeans was harvested this past week! More to come on our project next month.

~Laura



Hymn History

Happy Is The Home When God is There was written by Henry Ware, Jr. He was born in Hingham, Massachusetts, in 1794. He graduated from Harvard where he studied theology, and became minister of the Second Unitarian Society, in Boston, in 1817. After a ministry of twelve years, he made a foreign tour, and on his return was elected "Parkman Professor of Pulpit Eloquence and Pastoral Theology" in Harvard College. He has four volumes of songs. He died in 1843.

I chose this hymn not because it has a unique history but because it was one of Kitty's favorite hymns no doubt because God and her family were so very important to her. Mr. Ware's lyrics emphasizes Christian unity and to love one another as Christ has loved us. It doesn't mean that we won't have problems but a reminder to keep our focus on Him and rely on our foundation when life gets difficult. Even though this song was written a long time ago the lyrics are still relevant today. So, this month let all of us try to focus on what we can do to encourage and strengthen our families or those of others.

~Laura

The Women's Guild met on Wed., Oct. 4th. Those present were Pat Friedrich, Rhea Helmreich, and Marg Scott.

Marg called the meeting to order in the absence of President Louise Friedrich. Marg read the secretary's report and the treasurer's report in the absence of treasurer Klitty Kenney. Please note— Louise and Kitty have rarely missed a Women's Guild meeting in more than 60 years! We thank you both for your faithfulness! The reports were accepted as read.

Kitty sent another cherub candleholder and candle. She reported two more baptisms would be celebrated in October.

Marg announced that the Blanket Sunday offering will be collected on Sunday, November 19, with a program about the blankets at Children's Time. Kitty planned this program.

Klitty prepared the Women's Guild "Hanging of the Greens" program. She sent several copies and we reviewed the program and assigned parts. This program will be on Sunday, December 2, during worship time with a covered dish dinner (meat will be furnished) following. Committee 2 will be in charge of the meal.

Marg announced the shoebox gifts will be collected on Sunday, November 4 and meeting was adjourned.

Note:

After the death of our faithful member, Kitty Kenney on October 16, President Louise and Secretary Marg made an executive decision to have Julie Kueckelhan and Nancy Meyer be treasurers of the Women's Guild as of October 23, 2018. Thank you.

Submitted by Marg Scott, Secretary



Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

When George Washington advocated for a national Thanksgiving celebration, a number of the founding fathers and statesmen were not supportive of the measure. Thomas Jefferson referred to the idea as “the most ridiculous thing I’ve ever heard.” The holiday would not become a thing until Lincoln signed a proclamation making it the last Thursday of November in 1863. This was after Sarah Hale, the editor of the women’s magazine *Lady Godfrey’s Book* and creator of the “Mary Had a Little Lamb” nursery rhyme, repeatedly hounded Congress with letters to institute it. In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the date of Thanksgiving to try to stimulate the holiday economy. Instead of the fourth Thursday, he moved it up a week to lengthen the Christmas shopping season. Despite FDR’s efforts to boost department store sales, “Black Friday” didn’t become a thing until the 1960’s in Philadelphia.

Lincoln also accidentally started the trend of pardoning turkeys on Thanksgiving who informally pardoned his son Tad’s pet turkey, Jack in 1860. Truman made the practice official in 1947. The first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day festival did not include the giant balloons and floats that we see today. Instead, the organizers of the first parade in 1924 held it with live animals from the Central Park Zoo. This practice would last for three years, until the introduction of a balloon version of Felix the Cat hit the parade, a float sponsored by Goodyear. According to some accounts of the “first” Thanksgiving, the pilgrims didn’t eat turkey at all. Colonist Edward Winslow’s record of the event mentions “wild fowl” served, but never specifies which fowl he means. (Duck & geese were other possibilities. Wild turkey would be consumed later because of their abundance in the New England countryside. Turkey seems to be the meat of choice when it comes to the meal. Swanson came up with a creative use for leftover turkey in 1953. They sold it as part of a packaged meal the individuals could heat up for convenience. We now refer to those as TV dinners. Written by Nico Lang

Baptisms

Olivia Rae Schler was baptized on Oct. 21st. She is the daughter of Derek and Stephany Schler. Mike and Peggy Schler are her grandparents and great grandmother is Leola Schler.

Edgar Reed Becker was baptized on Oct. 21st. He is the son of Martin & Mindy Becker. Grandparents are Ed & Lyndi Schler and great grandmother, Leola Schler.



Kids Letters to God...

Dear God,
We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday School they said you did it. So I bet he stole your idea.
Sincerely, Donna

Dear God,
Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now.
~ Ginny

Dear God,
I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that ok? ~ Neil

Congratulations Corner

Congratulations to the Abby & Dalton Pannell and the whole Silver Pirate Band as they received 3rd in Parade Competition and 3rd in Field Show at CMU Band Day!

Congratulations to Cora Smith as she was elected to Student Council President of Cedar Ridge Elementary in Columbia.

Julie Kueckelhan will be the new church secretary/bookkeeper. Please contact her at: 14444 Joe Town Rd, Boonville, MO 65233, jkueckel@gmail.com, or by call or text at 660-888-2370. Thank you, Julie!

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sept. 5, 2018

Upcoming events: Harvest Festival, September 15th. The church council will conduct the service when Pastor Jim takes vacation September 23rd and October 14th. The third quarterly meeting will be October 21st.

Financial reports: August offering was \$4,984.64. Other income was \$655.00 from Harvest Festival donations; \$300.00 for window repair; interest income \$343.46. August expense was \$3,793.48. Balance in checking account: \$12,206.33. The collective total for the window repair is \$20,314.46.

The State of Missouri Treasurer has issued a check to St. Johns for \$64.00 as unclaimed money from Olan Mills, Inc. The church building has been sprayed to control insects and spiders. The new lamp for the lectern is pending.

The next church board meeting will be October 10th, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Submitted by Nancy Meyer

The cemetery received a donation from Marty & Kim Graves. Thank you!

The Schler Educational Endowment Fund received a donation by Bonnie Marshall in memory of Rev. George Schler. Thank you!



The cemetery has received a donation in Memory of Don Burnett from Eric and Susan Lidholm. Thank you!

Festival of Sharing

Marg Scott and Rhea Helmerich went to the Festival of Sharing in Tipton on September 22nd. They delivered the 36 Health Kits and 6 pair of eyeglasses that was donated by our church. Thank you both!!!

Best Choice Labels and Box Tops for Education

We recently received \$60! Thank you to everyone for saving your Best Choice UPC labels to benefit our Sunday School!

ST. JOHNS HEALTH FACTS

SHINGLES VACCINE: SHOULD I GET IT?

People looking to receive the shingles vaccine now have two options. The FDA in 2017 approved Shingrix, an alternative to Zostavax. Both vaccines are approved for adults age 50 and older for the prevention of shingles and related complications, whether they've already had shingles or not. You may get the Shingrix vaccine even if you've had Zostavax.

Shingrix is a nonliving vaccine made of a virus component. It is given in two doses, with two to six months between doses. The most common side effects of either shingles vaccine are redness, pain, tenderness, swelling and itching at the injection site, and headaches.

Zostavax has been shown to offer protection against shingles for about five years. Studies suggest protection against shingles with Shingrix may extend beyond five years. The cost of the shingles vaccine may not be covered by Medicare, Medicaid or insurance. Check your plan.

~Nancy Meyer, Health Minister



In Memory of Katherine (Kitty) Kenney



Cemetery Memorials: Sarah & Kris Auer, Hannah Ayers, Kathleen Ayers, Norma Ayers, Bill & Marsha Carrithers & family, Charlotte Harvey, Dan & Nancy Jackson, Willadean Lawrence, Linda & Eddie Powell, Beth & Dick Royston, Andrea Smith, Kenny & Janet Stegner, Willa Ann Walker

Church Memorials : Doug & Mary Pat Abele, Ken & Linda Askren, Don & Mary Bail, Keith & Cathy Bail, Teresa & Paul Carlson, Dorothy Chrisman & Nancy O'Day, Jim & Sonya Farris, Ken & Sandy Farris, Pat Friedrich, Rob & Louise Friedrich, Steve & Sarah Friedrich, Bill & Marilyn Geiger, Iris Gerhardt, Ken & Linda Gerhardt, Wes & Ada Gingrich, Colleen & Ed Goss, Nick & Laura Grathwohl, Scott & Peggy Grissum, Bertha Hampton, Susan & Mike Hayes, Warren & Jill Helmreich, Vicki & Pat Hilden, Tom & Gwen Hill, Vicki & Dale Humburg, Jason & Melissa Hundley, Gil & Martha Jewett, Donna, Kent & Megan Kammerich, Terry & Ken Kraft, Carolyn Koerner, Birdie & Buster Kueckelhan, Tim & Julie Kueckelhan, Joyce Lake, Collin & Sarah Marriott, Bert & Beth McClary, Ellen McLain, Beverly Meyer, Marjorie Meyer, Dorothy & Kenneth Vieth, Nancy Meyer, Mike & Margie, Roby, Beth, & Clint Moore, David & Ann Muntzel, Louis & Pat Muntzel, George & Tracy Pannell & family, Marie Ries, Christa Russell, Joyce & Steve Saltzman, Ed & Lynndora Schler, Larry Schler, Leola Schler, Linda Simmons & Donnie Helmreich, Deb & Steve Snellen, Helen Taylor, Tom & Jean Walker, Bernadine Wassmann, Eddie & Linda Wassmann, Bo & Barb Wendleton, Candy & Bob Whittet, Kathy & Donnie Wilmsmeyer, Cora Louis Wisdom

Stain Glass Window Repair Fund Memorials: Carol Fowler & family, Rhea Helmreich, Linda Potter

Women's Guild Memorial: Carol Fowler & family

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL - OCTOBER 10, 2018

A new copy machine is needed for the church office. A selection of machines and prices were presented by Ken Hirlinger, salesman for SumnerOne/Image Technologies in Columbia, MO. The congregation will be presented with the cost and approval will be made at the Third Quarterly Meeting.

Julie Kueckelhan has accepted the duties of the church secretary after the retirement of Pat Friedrich.

Financial reports: September offering was \$3,761.00; the Harvest Festival income total was \$7,929.25; September expense was \$7,863.42. Balance in checking account: \$15,704.37. The collective total for the window repair is \$26,374.46.

The Harvest Festival attendance was down this year. Competition of activities in the community could be a factor. The congregation will be asked to make recommendations for changes at the next quarterly meeting.

The next church board meeting will be November 7th, 2018, at 6:00pm.

*****Bible Study will meet Nov. 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 2:00*****

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Dan Mueller	6
Isaac Marriott	10
Shauna Bohlken	12
Deborah Schuster	14
Rachel Rama	16
Don Scott	17
D. J. Muse	21
Pastor Jim	23
Marsha Van Boening	26
Michele Shelton	27

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeremy & Michele Custer	1
Jason & Angie Hackman	1
Frank & Marty Eastman	21

In Sympathy

Lifelong member, Kitty Kenney passed away Oct. 16th after a short illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughters, Sharon and Barb, family members and friends. She will be dearly missed!



Donnie Helmreich's son, Andrew Helmreich, died in a tragic car accident on Oct. 20th. He was only 28 years old. We ask for God to give to those who mourn, peace, in the midst of their tears. Let them be comforted by your promises.

Harold Kempf, Linda Wassmann's father, passed away on Oct. 22nd. We offer our deepest condolences to his family during this difficult time.

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
Florida hurricane victims
Texas flood victims
Pittsburg PA shooting victims
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson
Angie Carmichael, cancer
Family of Brad Davis
Sharon Elliott, cancer
Arlene Friedrich
Esther Friedrich, Peace Corps
Rob Friedrich
Mary Ann Henke, (friend of Pat & Tracy)
Warren Helmreich
Vicki Hilden's parents
Tody Hughes, Holly's mom
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother
Jenny Kirchner, cancer
Dorothy Koestner, cancer
Nancy Kueckelhan
Linda Leach, cancer
Ava LeCave
Linda Lyles, bone marrow transplant
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma
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
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



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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Return Service Requested

Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heav'nly rest.
Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early speak His fame,
And parents hold Him dear.
Happy the home where prayer is heard,
And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the sacred Word
And all its wisdom prize.
Lord, let us in our homes agree
This blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,
And love to all will reign.

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