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

Valentine's Party Sunday

February 17th 9:30

*Refreshments will be provided by the
Board of Christian Education*

Everyone is welcome!

Valentine Exchange List

Khale Bohlken
Mikayla Bohlken
Will Hackman
Derrick Hundley
Kamrynn Hundley
Cannon Jennings
CannaRassa Jennings
Alex Rapp
Beau Rapp
Max Rapp
Molly Rapp
Macsen Simmons
Brooklyn Swalwell

Teachers: Marg, Rhea, Holly,
Pastor Jim

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16



Stained Glass Window History

Written by Pastor Jim Elliott, excerpts taken from original article that is posted on our website <https://www.stjohnsbillingsville.org/>

The present church building was built and dedicated in 1916. There wasn't enough money to purchase stained glass windows for the new church, so the church leaders decided to offer the members the option of donating memorial stained glass windows for the new church, and several families responded. The notation on some of the windows, "zum andenken an" loosely translated means "in memory of..."

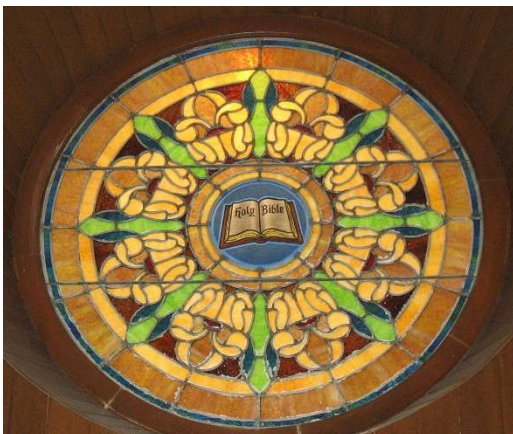
Stained glass windows are found in some Christian Churches, but not in others. Historically, congregations from the Congregational-Christian side of the United Church of Christ did not include stained glass windows with any sort of images. On the other hand, German churches, especially from the Evangelical side of the United Church of Christ, usually had at least a few stained glass windows picturing something about Jesus or about one or more of the parable which Jesus told. Congregations from the German Evangelical side of the church were strongly influenced by the Lutheran branch of the church back in Germany.

Stained glass windows with proper care can last for a very long time and our windows are already more than 100 years old. Are these picture windows to be worshiped somehow? No of course not. They are merely symbols which remind us about something important in our historical faith. Our ancestors at St. Johns cared about their faith, and they cared about the ways they wanted to share their faith with those who followed in their steps.

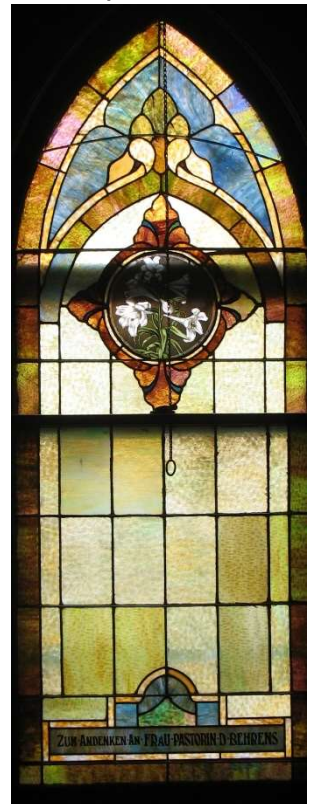


The major theme window is showing Jesus as "The Good Shepherd", tenderly caring for his flock of sheep. This is one of several favorite themes picturing the tender, caring nature of Jesus for his followers, and thus by implication, the tender, caring nature of the heavenly Father. The sheep learn by association that their shepherd will lead them to places where there is food to eat and water to drink. The sheep, because of the long-term association, learn to trust the shepherd routinely.

This window has a white lily, a traditional symbol of resurrection and eternal life. It was given in memory of Pastor Behrens,



The Bible window, is above the altar, has arrow pointing into all the world, suggesting the instruction given by Jesus that we are to spread the "good news" into all of the world.



Kids Say the Funniest Things...

A four-year-old girl loved to go to Sunday school and learn about Moses. But she suddenly lost interest in going.

"Why don't you want to go, honey?" her mother asked.

"Oh, I just don't like to go to Sunday school since Moses died," the girl answered.

Q: What is falling in love like?

A: "Like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." ~Jackson age 9

Q: What would you do if you were the President?

A: "If I were president, first I would have no homework on Monday and Friday. Last, I wouldn't give that much homework at school." ~ Matthew 3rd grade

Q: Why did the man send his wife's Valentine through twitter?

A: Because she is his tweetheart.

Congratulations Corner

Sophie Waibel was selected as BHS Artist of the Month!

Megan Kammerich made the Dean's List at University of Missouri – Columbia last semester!



Lincoln's Sense of Humor Saved Him From Despair

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." As a role model for keeping your sense of humor in life's rough spots, no one beats Lincoln.

What saved Lincoln from despair amid all the tragedy in his life was his sense of humor, especially his love of funny stories. Stories and humor were nearly as important to Lincoln as oxygen and water.

Lincoln's law partner, William Herndon, said this of his love of funny stories:

"In the role of story-teller, I regard Mr. Lincoln as without equal. His power of mimicry and his manner of recital were unique. His countenance and all his features seemed to take part in the performance. As he neared the pith point of the story, every vestige of seriousness disappeared from his face. His gray eyes sparkled; a smile seemed to gather up, curtainlike, the corners of his mouth; his frame quivered with suppressed excitement; and when the nub of the story – as he called it – came, no one's laughter was heartier than his."

~ Prof. John Morreall from his book, *Laughing All the Way*.

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 9, 2019

A letter and donation to the window repair fund, was presented in memory of Linda Leach from her sorority.

Financials reports: Offering \$6,402.00; Window repair income was \$830.00 making the window repair fund: \$28,690.83.

The church council made the recommendation that \$1,000.00 of the 2018 Harvest Festival proceeds be donated as follows: Emmaus Home: \$250.00, ECH: \$250.00, Shoebox project: \$250.00, and Neighbors helping Neighbors food pantry: \$250.00. This will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

The next council meeting will be February 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

~ Nancy Meyer

HEALTH FACTS CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE (COPD)

Shortness of breath with rest or exertion, a chronic cough, and wheezing are symptoms of COPD. Risk factors include age, smoking history, exposure to indoor or outdoor air pollution, occupational dusts, or chemicals.

Diagnosis is made by a test called spirometry to detect airflow obstruction and its severity in the lungs. COPD causes the airflow and volume of air to be diminished.

Treatment will start with smoking cessation and inhaled medications. The purpose of the inhaled medications is to stabilize the air flow and reduce chances of decline or hospitalizations. Usually one inhaler is used at first and this decision is based on patient preference, adverse side effects, and cost.

If symptoms progress, inhaled steroids are added to improve the quality of life. Oxygen may be needed long-term when the blood oxygen level is 88% or less. Patients who are using oxygen should use it for at least 15 hours per day to achieve a target oxygen saturation of 88% to 92%.

People with COPD need to have annual flu vaccines and two pneumonia shots (Pneumovax and Prevnar 13) two years apart.

Pulmonary rehabilitation programs are structured to provide exercise training, education of this disease, nutritional counseling and what to do to reduce shortness of breath and increase exercise ability. ~Nancy Meyer

Thank you to Julie Kueckelhan for updating our website!
It took **LOTS** of time and it looks great. We appreciate
you sharing your time and talents with St. Johns.
The website has a calendar with upcoming events,
information about our worship, missions and history of
the church and more.
Check it out at <https://www.stjohnsbillingsville.org>.

Presidentially Speaking...

"Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, leave the rest to God." ~ Ronald Reagan 40th President of the United States

*"The object of love is to serve, not to win."
~Woodrow Wilson 28th President of United States*

"We should live our lives as though Christ is coming this afternoon." ~ Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Hilden	2
Andrew Painter	9
Nash McKenzie III	10
Emily Rapp	15
Birdie Kueckelhan	15
Bernadine Wassmann	15
Lakin Elizabeth Rold	18
Jaden Michael Keller	20
Jerred Robinson	25
Blake Richardson	25
Chris Muse	27
Teresa Carlson	28
Lena Muse	29
Skyler Muse	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Louise Friedrich 15



Dear God,

*If today I lose my hope, please remind me
that your plans are better than my dreams.*

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee has completed the Church Profile and it has been sent to the UCC for their review.

Please pray that we will be blessed with the right candidate.



The meeting has been
rescheduled to Feb. 3rd
following worship.
Dinner Committee #3



PRAYER CHAIN

Marcos @ ECH, SS Sponsor Child
Jackson Brinkman, Diane Gerke's grandson
Kelly Lou Campbell
Angie Carmichael, cancer
Sharon Elliott, cancer
Arlene Friedrich
Esther Friedrich, Peace Corps
Rob Friedrich
Grey, 6 yr. old friend of Holly's
Mary Ann Henke, (friend of Pat & Tracy)
Vicki Hilden's parents
Pam Jaeger
David Keltner, Jeanne's brother
Jenny Kirchner, cancer
Dorothy Koestner, cancer
Nancy Kueckelhan
Ava LeCave
Linda Lyles, bone marrow transplant
Chris Maguire, follicular lymphoma
Isaac Naranjo, brain injury
Angie Nave
Cathy Barton-Para, cancer
Jill Pflantz, friend of Marg's
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



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

<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers/Communion Servers</u>	<u>Scripture Reading</u>
3	Laura Grathwohl	Bob & Mary Painter	I Cor 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30
10	Jason Hundley	Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes	I Cor 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11
17	Rhea Helmreich	Melissa Hundley & Garrett Hundley	I Cor 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26
24	Janet Stegner	Eddie Wassmann & Tim Kueckelhan	I Cor 15:35-38, 42-50, Luke 6:27-38
	Communion Clean Up:	Tim & Julie Kueckelhan	



Feb. 3: Annual Church Meeting & Dinner
Feb. 6: Church Council Meeting 7:00
Feb. 14: Happy Valentine's Day!
Feb. 17: Valentine Party 9:30 Refreshments served
Feb. 18: President's Day
Feb. 21: Newsletter Articles Due
Community Prayer Breakfast
Mar. 17: Sunday School Soup & Sandwich
Lunch following worship
Mar. 20: Newsletter Articles Due
April 20: Easter Egg Hunt 2:00
April 21: Easter Sunrise Service followed by
Youth sponsored breakfast
April 22: Newsletter Articles Due

Dinner Committee #3 – Feb. 3rd Annual Meeting

Linda Burnett
Carol Fowler
Jessica Grathwohl
Nick & Laura Grathwohl
Thomas Grathwohl
Pat & Vicki Hilden
Jared Kueckelhan
Justin Kueckelhan
Tim & Julie Kueckelhan
Cayley Schler
Ed & Lynnd Schler
Noel Schler
Linda Simmons
Cliff & Jenea Smith
Charles Stegner & Holly Hughes
Cora Louise Wisdom

JANUARY STATISTICS

	OFFERING	BENEVOLENCE	ATTENDANCE
6	\$2,518		44
13	No Service		
20	No Service		
27			

Stained Glass Window Repair Fund Balance \$28,690.83.



The Window Repair Fund received a donation in memory of Andrew Helmreich from Leola Schler.

Winter Weather

Church "snow days" will be announced on the TV Stations: KOMU TV and KRCG TV and by Facebook and email.





US Presidents

Find all of the US President names. The names can be up, down, forward, backward, or diagonal.



ADAMS
ARTHUR
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BUSH
CARTER
CLEVELAND
CLINTON
COOLIDGE
EISENHOWER
FILLMORE

FORD
GARFIELD
GRANT
HARDING
HARRISON
HAYES
HOOVER
JACKSON
JEFFERSON
JOHNSON

KENNEDY
LINCOLN
MADISON
MCKINLEY
MONROE
NIXON
OBAMA
PIERCE
POLK
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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