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



Shoebox Information & Helpful Tips

Collection Day is Sunday, November 3

1. Boys are the ones least chosen to pack for. Ages 2-4 and 10-14 least chosen.
2. Flip flops are highly recommended for boxes so children won't have to walk barefoot; so dangerous!
3. Walmart and Dollar Tree stores have solar calculators for \$1. Recommended for age 10-14 age boxes. Solar is important.
4. Remove all or most all packaging/plastic from toys etc. so they won't have to deal with extra trash.
5. Put LOTS of pencils (and small sharpener/s) in each shoebox; they will share.
6. Dollar Tree stores have almost everything you need for your boxes for one dollar or less.
7. **No toothpaste or candy in the boxes.**
8. Please include a card, letter or picture of you and your family so the child knows a real person cared enough to give him/her a gift. There are letters on the front pew for children to color and send in boxes.
9. Also on the front pew are boxes, brochures, labels, extra toothbrushes, rubber bands (to secure the box) etc. Help yourself.
10. PRAY FOR THE CHILD WHO WILL RECEIVE YOUR BOX AS YOU PREPARE IT.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 3:

Operation Christmas Child
Shoeboxes Collection

Wednesday, November 6:

Church Council Meeting at 6:00
pm

Sunday, November 24:

Blanket Sunday Offering

Sunday, November 24:

Church decoration at 2:00
followed by pizza supper

Sunday, December 1:

Hanging of the Greens Service

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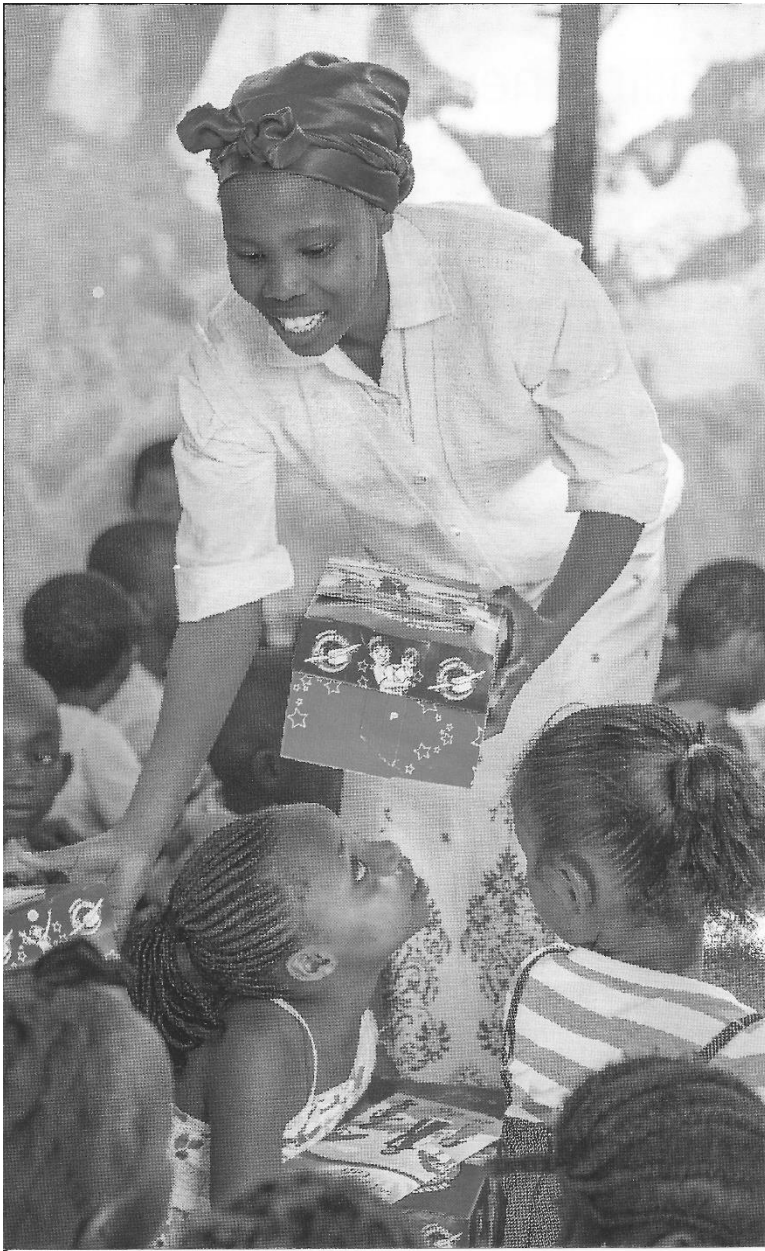
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An Operation Christmas Child Story from Namibia

In an informal settlement on the outskirts of the capital of the southern African nation of Namibia, many are unemployed. The fortunate operate small businesses out of their makeshift corrugated metal homes. No one has electricity or running water. "You have to have a tough heart to live in Havana," said 18-year-old resident Endenette Klaasen.

Recently, 60 children gathered in a local church in Havana for an Operation Christmas Child outreach event. After a time of singing, Endenette clearly explained the Gospel. Hearts had been softened to the Good News, and almost every child accepted Christ as Savior.

While angels rejoiced in Heaven (Luke 15: 10), a collective gasp went up in the room. Leaders pulled sheets off of two piles of colorful stacks of shoebox gifts. Children tore into them with squeals of joy. "It made me feel 13 years old again," Endenette said.

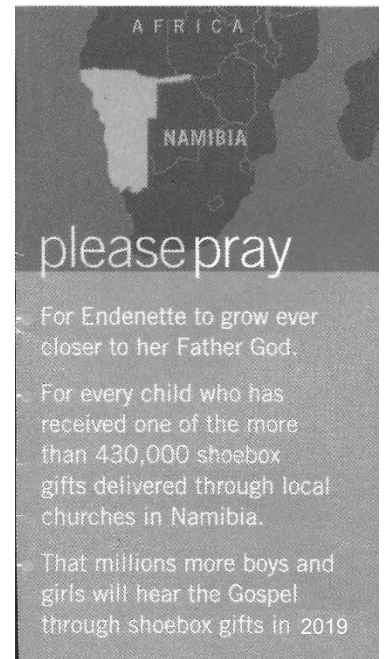
Five years ago, she received a similar shoebox-her first gift ever. In it, Endenette found soap, pencils, a washcloth, cosmetics, a gray T-shirt, and blue jeans.

Also in her

shoebox was a Christian booklet. Endenette had been wrestling with the question, "Who is this Jesus?" and through that booklet she discovered the answer: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Right then, Endenette prayed to receive Christ as Savior.

Today she's active in her church and leads outreach events for Operation Christmas Child. Since she grew up an orphan, Endenette sees the Body of Christ as her true family. Her mother died in 2004, the year before she entered first grade, and she's never known her father. She used to question why the Lord took her mother. "But He strengthened me," she said. "I left it all to God."

Now in grade 12, rather than focusing on herself, Endenette devotes herself to serving Christ her Lord and sharing His Gospel.



NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2019

A planning committee for the Harvest Festival has discussed changes for the 2020 event. Due to the success of the 2019 Harvest Festival, most activities will continue, including the Sunday date. Next year's Harvest Festival will be Sunday, September 27th, 2020.

The search committee continues to meet with the EUCC in preparation of call agreements and profiles. Julie Kueckelhan has volunteered to join the search committee to represent the church council.

A new 2019 UCC Yearbook will be in the church office.

The finalized proposed amendment to the Constitution regarding membership criteria will be presented at the Third Quarterly meeting October 20th and voting on the amendment will be at the annual meeting January 2020.

Two new door mats will be purchased.

The next meeting will be November 6, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Nancy Meyer, Secretary

ADULT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 A.M.

Job 16:1-22: Job is arguing with God about his situation and almost cursing God because he feels he has been targeted and picked on. He feels that death will be his relief. Question to ponder: What is death? Several thoughts from the Bible study group said, "Relief from this body" and "The promise that the best is yet to come".

Job 18: Bildad's speaks of what he describes as death. In chapter 19, Job answers with tormented emotions and extreme anger. Question to ponder: Is God in control of our lives and if not, what is He in control of?

NOTES FROM THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2019

Ideas for improving church attendance were shared, such as

- a note from the church inviting people to come or return
- adding their email address to the email prayer chain
- sending them popcorn and a Redbox fit certificate thanking them for "popping in"
- church members could sign a greeting card and mail it to their address.

The church council will discuss these ideas further.

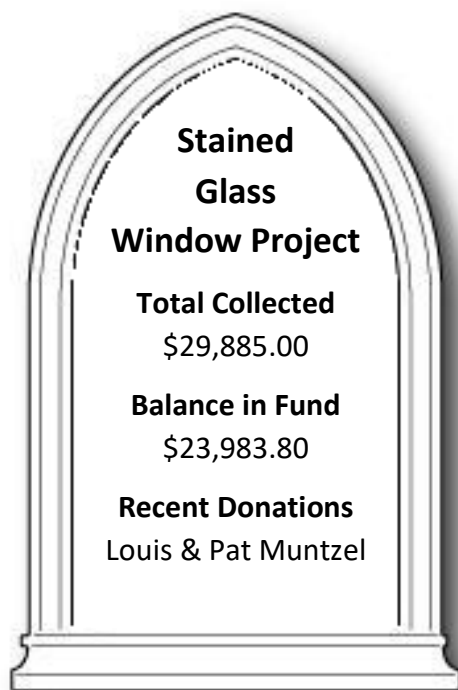
The annual Christmas tree decorating will be held November 24th, 2019, at 2:00pm at the church, followed by pizza.

Laura Grathwohl, chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee, gave a report. A two-year call agreement for a full-time minister will be formulated in conjunction with the Evangelical UCC. This document will be reviewed and approved by each church board before being posted on the UCC web site as a pastor opening. A joint Pastoral Relations Committee will be formed after a pastor is hired, to evaluate growth and future goals for both churches. Laura was thanked for her work.

The stained-glass window repair project continues. Pictures of the progress, posted by Mr. O'Brien, can be found on the St. Johns UCC Facebook page.

A proposed amendment to the St. Johns UCC Constitution, page 2, part 3 (Membership), is to be reviewed by church members for any changes or corrections. Copies of the recommended changes were available. The final draft will go for a vote of the congregation at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

The church web site has baptism, confirmation, and cemetery information available. Should anyone wish to have their name removed, they are to contact Julie, the church secretary.



**Stained
Glass
Window Project**

Total Collected

\$29,885.00

Balance in Fund

\$23,983.80

Recent Donations

Louis & Pat Muntzel

Congratulations Corral

Congratulations to Brittany Woods and Tyler Stretz on their marriage September 21

Congratulations to Andrew and Ashley Painter on the birth of their son, Aceyn Scott, born October 1

Congratulations to Bill & Marilyn Geiger who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 11

Congratulations to Dustin Muse and Sarah Skaggs on their marriage October 12

Congratulations to Karen Bail and Tim Harvey on their marriage October 19

Congratulations to Cayley Schler and Andrew Inskeep on their marriage October 19

HEALTH FACTS

FLU SHOTS

This year's annual flu shot will offer protection against three or four of the influenza viruses expected to be in circulation this flu season. A high-dose flu vaccine also will be available for adults age 65 and older.

It takes up to two weeks to build immunity after a flu shot, but you can benefit from the vaccine even if you don't get it until after the flu season starts. It's usually best for people to get their flu shot by the end of October.

Because flu viruses evolve so quickly, yearly vaccines are made to protect you from this year's viruses. When you get vaccinated, your immune system produces antibodies to protect from the viruses.

The vaccine can't give you the flu. But you might develop flu-like symptoms because your body's production of protective antibodies or you could have been exposed to the flu virus prior to getting the shot. Various illnesses can mimic the flu symptoms. See your doctor if you have concerns.

Bible Origins

By Pastor Jim Elliott

Are there any original books of our present Bible still in existence? No, they disappeared centuries ago. There are some very ancient scrolls or books, but no originals are left.

Where are the most ancient scrolls located? Are they accessible to the ordinary people? No, over time, they have not been accessible to "ordinary people", just to selected scholars. But with the help of modern computers, they are at this time available in digital form.

BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING NOVEMBER 24TH

Church World Service offers blankets with your help.

When disasters strike, when temperatures drop, when sidewalks become home, or when people have to leave their homes because of bombings or political unrest, you can provide warmth and comfort. Our offering for blankets will be Sunday, November 24th. Celebrate your Thanksgiving blessings by giving one blanket or more to care for someone in Jesus' name.

The blankets are \$10 each.

God bless you for caring and sharing.



STATISTICS

Oct	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
06	\$1535	\$55	35
13	\$359	\$55 Penny Sun: \$29	28
20	\$657	\$0	31
27	\$788	\$0	25



Melinda Richardson will be making Christmas ornaments for our Christmas tree, using children's pictures. She would like to have the pictures sent to her electronically using the address: richardsonme@missouri.edu or you can or leave them on the front pew in an envelope with your last name on it. She would appreciate having the pictures by Nov. 25th.

In Christian Sympathy

Rob and Louise Friedrich's grandson, Joshua, passed away October 13 at age 22. Please keep Rob, Louise, John, Stacie, Suzanne, Christine and their family in your prayers.

1 Chronicles 16:34: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Best Choice Labels & Box Tops for Education

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

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers		Scripture Readings
Nov 3	David Wenger	Linda Simmons	Donna Kammerich	Luke 19:1-10 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12
Communion Prep: Ed Schler, Communion Cleanup: Marg Scott & Donna Kammerich				
Nov 10	Angie Hackman	Rhea Helmreich	Melissa Hundley	Luke 20:27-38 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Nov 17	Janet Stegner	Cathy Bail	Carson Bail	Luke 21:5-19 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Nov 24	Laura Grathwohl	Bill Geiger	Marilyn Geiger	Luke 23:33-43 Colossians 1:11-20

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Shauna Bohlken	12
Deborah Schuster	14
Don Scott	17
Tyler Stretz	20
D. J. Muse	21
Pastor Jim	23
Marsha Van Boening	26
Michele Shelton	27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jeremy & Michele Custer	01
Jason & Angie Hackman	01
Frank & Marty Eastman	21

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Kamrynn Sue Hundley	02
Michael Ross Grissum	04
Morgan E. Kueckelhan Hawley	05
Justin Lee Kueckelhan	09
Steven Alex Cooper	10
Gerald Wayne Dick	12
Donna Sue Schler Kammerich	18
Shirley Ann Johnston	26

If you were baptized in another church, please send your baptism date to Julie so your anniversary can be included too!

PRAYER CHAIN

Don Bail
 Kelly Lou Campbell
 Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Carmichael Family, car accident
 Sharyn Dickerson (Jeanne's niece), back surgery
 Pastor Jim Elliott
 Sharon Elliott, cancer
 Olivia (Sharon's niece), cancer
 Arlene Friedrich
 Jared Friedrich
 Family of Joshua Friedrich
 Rob & Louise Friedrich
 Bob & Linda Gander
 Art & Vera Gelder
 Grey, 6 yr. old friend of Holly's
 Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)
 Mary Ann Henke (friend of Pat & Tracy)
 Laura Holman, recovering from aneurysm
 Shelley Jennings, bone cancer
 David Keltner (Jeanne's brother)
 Family of Michael Kendrick
 Jenny Kirchner, cancer
 Vicki Kurtz (Laura's sister), cancer
 Ava LeCave
 Lynda Lyles, heart and lung problems
 Marcos @ ECH (SS Sponsor Child)
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), undergoing chemo
 Angie Nave
 Jim Paneck & Family
 Dalton Pannell
 Family of Haven Pennington
 Bobbie Perry (Pat Friedrich's sister), diabetes
 Jill Pflantz (friend of Marg)
 Sawyer Quinlan, cancer
 Clifford Richey (friend of Charles Stegner)
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, brain cancer
 Virginia Reynolds (Cathy's mom), breast cancer
 Sanders Family, expecting high-risk twins
 Erika Sanderson (Pat's niece)
 Charlotte Schanzmeyer
 Karen Schnetzler
 Kathryn Schupp (Nancy Meyer's mother)
 Laverne & Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's parents)
 Vicky Simmons
 Bernadine Wassmann

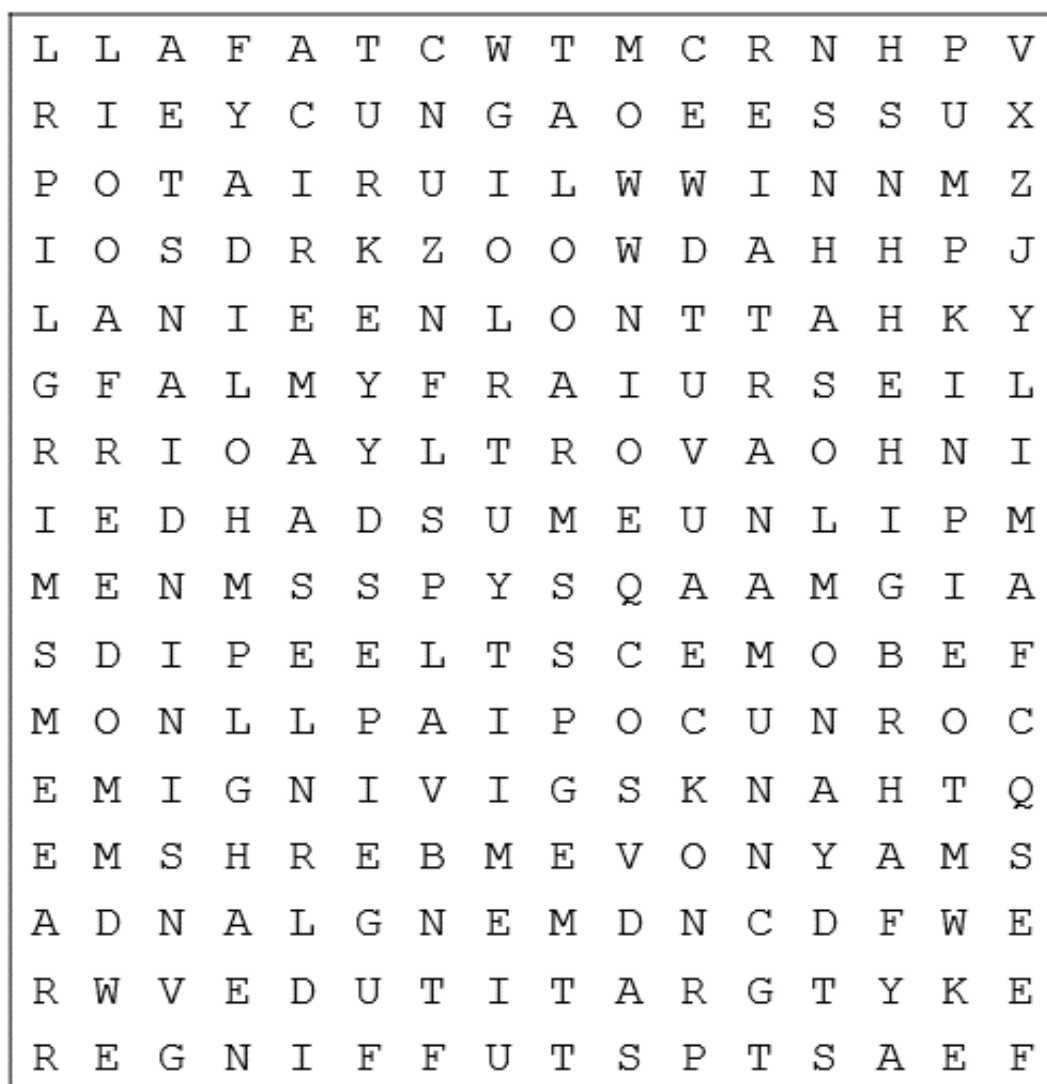
Serving in our military:

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



Thanksgiving Day

Fourth Thursday of November



AMERICA
CANOE
COLONY
CORNUCOPIA
ENGLAND
FALL
FAMILY
FEAST
FREEDOM

GRATITUDE
HARVEST
HOLIDAY
INDIANS
MAIZE
MAYFLOWER
MILES STANDISH
NEWWORLD
NOVEMBER

PILGRIMS
PLYMOUTH
PUMPKIN PIE
PURITANS
SQUASH
STUFFING
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY
YAMS





Mark your calendars! Our annual Hanging of the Greens and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be Sunday, December 1st at 10:30 am followed by a carry-in dinner in Fellowship Hall. The children will hang their picture ornaments on the tree during this service.

Dinner Committee #1 is in charge of the meal:

Carson Bail, Don & Mary Bail, Keith & Cathy Bail, Landon Bail, Jim & Sonya Farris, Rob & Louise Friedrich, Bill & Marilyn Geiger, Donna & Kent Kammerich, Megan Kammerich, Angie Hackman Family, Buster & Birdie Kueckelhan, Nancy Meyer, Bob & Mary Painter, Melinda Richardson, Kenneth & Janet Stegner, Will Wessing

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Return Service Requested
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.