

# The Voice of Billingsville

## September 2024

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PROJECT

The summer is flying by! I am happy to report that many shoeboxes have disappeared from the bench in the hall. That must mean that you are thinking about filling them so that children around the world will have "abundant living" now, in the future and for eternity as Russ Bradshaw shared in his sermon on August 18. Thank you, Russ.

Just a few notes to remember:

Please include a picture of your family, so the child knows a real person cared enough to take the time to fill a box. Also, a short note with your email address on it and you might receive a message from the child who received your box. No guarantees on that, but maybe.

Please do NOT include soap in your box. There have been problems with mold on soap and then customs will not accept the box so just do not put soap in your box. Thanks.

Here is a good idea of something you CAN put in your box. My friend sent me this story:

A young lady from my church went to Africa on a missionary trip and when she returned, she shared her testimony about the trip. She had a slideshow of pictures and videos of all she did, as well as the people she got to meet and help. One of the pictures she showed was a little girl using a leaf to eat her food with. When I saw this picture, I just started crying and thanking God for showing me that. In that moment, I realized how blessed we are in the USA! So, I am trying to put one or two standard metal spoons in each box I fill. Dollar Tree has them for about 45 cents each. You may find a better price on Amazon or if you have extra regular teaspoons, those are fine too. Let me know if you have questions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, September 1:** Holy Communion during morning worship
- Tuesday, September 3:** The Women's Guild meeting at 11:00 am
- Wednesday, September 4:** Men's Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am; Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm
- Thursday, September 5:** Friends, Fellowship and Fun at 1:00-3:30 pm
- Sunday, September 8:** Penny Sunday for ECH; collection of Benevolence Offering
- Thursday, September 26:** Newsletter articles due
- Sunday, September 29:** Fifth Sunday Food Drive

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THANK YOU FOR FILLING BOXES AND SHARING POSTAGE FUNDS FOR 24 YEARS! MANY CHILDREN HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT OF JESUS BECAUSE OF YOU!

Matthew 5:14 says " .... you are the light of the world..." As a church, we are the light of Jesus to others in the world. Packing a shoebox shows the light of Jesus in a tangible way and spreads his love to others.

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity! In HIS service, Marg Scott, and my 3 "R" ladies, Rhea, Ruth Ann and Rita

Marg's new phone number is 660-596-2385.



### HEALTH FACTS Hearing Loss

Age-related hearing loss is common. 43% of adults 70 years or older reported hearing loss, compared with 19% adults aged 40 to 69 years and 5.5% aged 18-39 years. Generally hearing loss is gradual and may not be noticeable by the individual but family members may be a reliable source of changes in hearing.

Hearing loss causes difficulty with speech discrimination and localization of sounds. It can be the reason for increase risk of falls, hospitalizations, social isolation and cognitive decline.

Diagnostic tests for hearing loss are audiometry or hearing tests.

Treatments are hearing aids, cochlear implants or alternative communication such as lip-reading or sign language.

Nancy Meyer,  
Health Minister

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES August 7, 2024

President Jared Kueckelhan called the meeting to order. Members present: Vicki Hilden, Ed Schler & Linda Burnett

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

The treasurers' reports were reviewed and approved.

The Council accepted Julie Kueckelhan's resignation as Newsletter Editor and are looking for a replacement. Salary to be \$100 per month.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vicki Hilden*, Secretary

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

Pastor Tim Fairley at Immanuel UCC in New Franklin will conduct Confirmation Classes for St. Johns' youth. The participants are Will Hackman, Allie Hayward, Mason Hayward, Derrick Hundley, Alex Rapp.

Classes will begin September 8<sup>th</sup> and Bibles will be presented to the students during worship on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Students are encouraged to attend Sunday School to review material or ask questions with Abby Pannell and Melissa Hundley.

Immanuel will confirm students on Palm Sunday 2025 and Pastor Tim will find a way for St. Johns UCC confirmands to be confirmed in our church.

### HELP WANTED

The Church Council is looking for an editor for the Voice of Billingsville newsletter. If you are interested, please contact one of the Council members for more information.

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## AUGUST STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
04	\$1,815	\$50	28
11	\$1,341	\$50 Penny Sunday: \$38.57	24
18	\$1,160	\$45	35
25	\$280	\$25	23

## FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will meet on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Bring or invite a friend and come ready to join in a game of Pitch, Rummikube, Skip Bo, or other game. You may bring a snack to share. Ice water and lemonade will be provided.



## *Thank You*

Thank you so much to everyone who sent food and helped serve the meal for J.C. Miller's Celebration of Life. We appreciate it more than you know. You made this a wonderful event for remembering our dad.

Tim & Julie Kueckelhan and Joe Miller

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
01	Melissa Hundley	Scott Grissum & Janet Stegner	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl
08	Janet Stegner	Marg Scott & Rhea Helmreich	Rev. Andy Mockridge
15	Nancy Meyer	Ginger Wenger & Volunteer	Vicki Hilden
22	Rhea Helmreich	Donald & Ruth Ann Warnke	Rev. Andy Mockridge
29	Marg Scott	Scott Grissum & Volunteer	Rev. Jeff Glandon

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Shirley Johnston	02
Fletcher Grissum	03
Billie Litton	09
Paul Carlson	10
Lisa Simmons-Alvis	12
Lachlen Alvis	14
Steele Hawley	15
Julie Kueckelhan	16
Edison Baker	17
Jim Farris	20
Melissa Hundley	20
Jason Hundley	21
Dalton Grissum	22
Madilyn Carmichael	24
Karen Johnston	26
Mary Bail	30
David Muntzel	30

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
Jody & Mariah Carmichael	09
Jerred & Tricia Robinson	22
Kevin & Heather Simmons	22

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠	
Mark Lee Dick	01
William Kelly Hackman	02
Mark Kenneth Cary	03
Megan M. Kammerich Kosnopfal	04
Alexander Dean Rapp	06
Max Joseph Rapp	06
Molly Jane Rapp	06
Cody Wayne Gerhardt	07
Steele Joseph Hawley	18
Jared Timothy Kueckelhan	20
Edison Joseph Baker	30
Jenna Nicole Helmreich	30

**Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.**  
**Arlene & Sonny Friedrich**  
*Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276*  
**Ruth Searfoss**  
*Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276*  
**Dorothy Vieth**  
*Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201*

**PRAYER CHAIN**  
Family of Amy Boyer (Andrew Inskeep's sister)  
Jack Deuschle, Parkinson's disease  
Jim & Sharon Elliott  
Sandy Farris, cancer  
John Ferguson, heart issues  
Courtney Franklin, brain cancer  
Ayla (Pat Friedrich's niece), recovering from surgeries  
Iris Gerhardt  
Jim & Sandy Helm (Stacy Friedrich's parents)  
Betty (Vicki's cousin), cancer  
Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)  
Holly's brother, open heart surgery  
Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments  
Jennifer Kirchner, chemotherapy  
Ava LeCave  
Joe Lohnes (friend of Donald & Ruth Ann) Lou Gehrig's  
Don & Mary Neckermann  
Marilyn Overstreet, broken hip  
Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer  
Clifford Richey (Charles' friend)  
Karen Schnetzler  
Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)  
Vicki Simmons, cancer  
Charles Stegner, recovering from stroke  
Levi Sullivan, health issues  
Family of Mabel Vieth  
Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues  
Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident  
Shawn (Ginger's son), recovering from accident  
Darin Walker, cancer

**Serving in our military:**  
Landon Bail            Jeff Burgoyne            Tony Davis  
Natalie Meng        Blayne Vickery        James Walker

# Poetry

All the words are hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally—in both directions. The letters that remain unused form a sentence from left to right.

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## DELETE ONE

Delete one letter from JIVE PATTERN and find a trapping of great wealth.



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