

The Voice of Billingsville

March 2024

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Palm Sunday

On Sunday, March 24th the children will enter the sanctuary waving palm branches.

Good Friday

The Good Friday Service will be March 29th at 7:00 pm at **Evangelical United Church of Christ**, 700 E Spring Street, Boonville.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy activities, snacks, and an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.

Easter Sunday Service

On Sunday, March 31st our Easter Sunday Sunrise Service returns at 7:00 am followed by breakfast provided by the Youth Fellowship and their families.



If you plan to bring a lily or make a donation in memory of loved ones, please let Julie know by Thursday, March 28th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 3: Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 6: Men's Breakfast at Hometown Cafe at 8:00 am; Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 7: Friends, Fellowship & Fun from 1:00-3:30 pm

Sunday, March 10: Penny Sunday for ECH; Benevolence Offering

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28: Lily Memorials Due; Newsletter articles due

Friday, March 29: Good Friday Service of Sorrow at 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 30: Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00 pm

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday Service at 7:00 am followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall; Holy Communion

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

February 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Jared Kueckelhan. All Council members were present.

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

The financial reports were presented and approved.

Scott gave a report on the storage building. We are waiting for concrete to be poured, then the building will move quickly.

Approved the renewal of Steve's Pest Control service.

The Search Committee presented updates to the Minister's Call Agreement. The changes were approved by the Council.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will meet Thursday, March 7, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for snacks, drinks, and great games of pitch, Sequence, Rummikube, and others.

70TH ANNIVERSARY CARD SHOWER

Sonny and Arlene Friedrich will celebrate their 70th anniversary on March 2. The family is asking for a card shower to celebrate. Their address is: *Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276*

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Lynnd and Ed Schler will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 2nd. There will be a celebration at the Eagle's Lodge on that date and all are invited to attend. Food will be served at 6:00 pm and dancing starts at 7:00 pm. No gifts please.



The monthly Men's Breakfast will be held at **Hometown Café in Syracuse** at 8:00 am on Wednesday, March 6. Anyone wanting to carpool should meet in the church parking lot at 7:30 am

HEALTH FACTS

HEART HEALTHY

February is heart month. Cardiovascular disease caused 1 in every 5 deaths in the US in 2021. One person dies every 33 seconds in the US from cardiovascular disease.

High blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and smoking are key risk factors for heart disease. Medical conditions and lifestyle choices can also put people at a higher risk.

These include, diabetes, obesity, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, and excessive alcohol use.

Protect your heart by:

- Take a 10-minute walk daily
- Lift a two-pound weight to tone your arm muscles for 5 minutes daily
- Avoid sugar and processed foods. Instead try walnuts, almonds, peanuts
- Eat fish or other seafood once a week
- Practice deep breathing a few minutes each day
- Wash your hands often to protect infection from getting into your heart
- Count your blessings and pray. Give your anger, worry and hostility to God.

Nancy Meyer,
Health Minister

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FEBRUARY STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
04	\$3,365	\$25	32
11	\$1475	\$90	42
18	\$641	\$75	39
25	\$777	\$50	42

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING NOTES
February 20, 2024

Members present-Mary Bail, Marg Scott, Nancy Meyer, Ginger Wenger, Pat Friedrich, Rhea Helmreich

The Women's Guild chose donations to go to:

- Samaritan's Purse \$200
- Boonville Young Life \$150
- Festival of Sharing \$200
- Needs of families dealing with illness or loss in Cooper/Howard County Various amounts according to needs

The Women's Guild will also provide meat for funeral dinners, coffee and juices for Memorial Day May 27, 2024, and the program for Hanging of the Greens.

The Guild would also like to have the Country Store during the Ice Cream Social this summer. Details would be worked out at the Quarterly meeting in April.

Ginger Wenger and Rhea Helmreich would work together to get Damien Lake to give a sermon on Missions in Missouri and around the world. We would consult the council for possible dates.

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
03	Janet Stegner	Scott Grissum & Vicki Hilden	Rev. Andy Mockridge
Communion Prep: Linda Burnett Communion Cleanup: Volunteers			
10	Ed Schler	Jim & Sonya Farris	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl
17	Melissa Hundley	Wayne & Rita Kanenbley	Jason Hundley
24	Angie Hackman	Holly Hughes & Charles Stegner	Russ Bradshaw
31	Vicki Hilden	Ted & Billie Litton	Dave Muntzel
Communion Prep: Jared Kueckelhan Communion Cleanup: Volunteers			

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ben Rold	06
Vayda Stretz	06
Angie Hackman	07
Stacy Reuter	11
Linda Simmons	11
Iris Gerhardt	13
Linda Wassmann	13
Addison Hayward	14
Charles Stegner	20
Corissa Hayward	24
Nick Grathwohl	26
Christian Kosnopfel	30
Margaret Scott	30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Sonny & Arlene Friedrich	02
Ed & Lynnd Schler	02
Keith & Cathy Bail	23

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Terry Lynn Schler	01
James Wayne Friedrich	08
Gregory Eugene Friedrich	11
Cayley LeAnn Schler Inskip	12
Josiah Meriwether Searfoss	12
Charlie Jean Smith	12
DeanaMarie Johnston Naylor	20
Carol Jean Stegner Fowler	22
Austin Maxwell Edwards	24
Melanie Sue Gerhardt Scalia	25
Roberta Ida Gerhardt Kueckelhan	26

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

Leola Schler

Columbia Post Acute 3535 Berrywood Dr, Columbia, MO 65201

Ruth Searfoss

Katy Manor P.O. Box 8, Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

PRAYER CHAIN

- Avery Beach, brain cancer
- Angie Carmichael, cancer
- Jim & Sharon Elliott
- John Ferguson, heart issues
- Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
- Ayla (Pat Friedrich's niece), undergoing tests
- Marilyn Geiger, recovering from fall
- Iris Gerhardt
- Dalton Hazlett, recovering from TBI
- Betty (Vicki's cousin), cancer
- Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
- Holly's brother, open heart surgery
- Kim Hutchison (Julie's cousin), foot amputation
- Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
- Nancy Kueckelhan
- Ava LeCave
- Don & Mary Neckermann
- Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
- Clifford Richey (Charles' friend), moved to Katy Manor
- Family of Jon Riley
- Karen Schnetzler
- Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
- Vicki Simmons, cancer
- Charles Stegner, recovering from stroke
- Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
- Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
- Shawn (Ginger's son), recovering from accident
- Darin Walker, cancer
- Cora Louise Wisdom

Serving in our military:

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| Landon Bail | Jeff Burgoyne | Tony Davis |
| Natalie Meng | Blayne Vickery | James Walker |

1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Farmers plant seeds — and hope

WHERE I COME FROM

OPINION

BY BETTY HAYNES



WE PLANTED A garden this year. It's small, and kind of awkward, and I'm still not sure if the spot we picked gets enough sun. Nevertheless, it's planted

with hopes of big, juicy tomatoes and lush bushes of green beans.

We've also spent the month planting flowers around the house and in pots. Some already look beautiful, and if I'm being honest, some have already withered away and died. Nevertheless, they're planted, and those that do thrive bring a smile to my face.

Here in the Midwest, corn and soybeans are planted. Now it's time for us to wait. To wait patiently for opportune rains and favorable grain markets to determine our family's income for the year. To wait patiently on a God whose timing is always perfect.

My husband and I have a daughter who will be 2 in October. She's been the perfect little helper this spring — planting seeds and



GARDEN: My daughter, Clare, and I planted a garden in our backyard this year. Even if some of the plants don't come up or survive, it's been a sweet project for us to do together. PHOTO BY BETTY HAYNES

watering plants and pulling weeds. It's been so beautiful and amazing watching my sweet baby gain her own little sense of independence and satisfaction tending to our little corner of the world. But this time of year has me thinking about the seeds we plant in others — in our children, in our families, in our friends. I'm reminded of the parable of the sower in Matthew 13 that reads:

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop — 100, 60 or 30 times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

In faith and farming and life, not all the seeds sown are fruitful. It's a reminder that our responsibility is to plant and nourish to the best of our ability, but ultimately, their fate and ours are in God's hands. Sometimes I'm anxious knowing things aren't completely in my control. But it's encouraging to know I'm only responsible for so much. And God takes care of the rest.

May this season bring you the ability to let go of anxiety and put your trust in Him who holds tomorrow.

✝ THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS ✝

What is the "message of the cross" that Paul writes about in 1 Corinthians 1:18-21? It is the simply the story of Jesus, the redemption plan for mankind. Later in the letter Paul will briefly retell the message in the following passage:

(1) Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, (2) by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

(3) For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (4) and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

Jesus gave an even more condensed version of the Gospel as He talked to Nicodemus in John chapter 3:

(16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:16-17)

Jay Launius
Maud Church of Christ
Maud, Texas

In Loving Memory of Roger Robert Kueckelhan

To The Memorial Fund

January 2024

Jeanette Alpers	Edna Harris	Judy Moser
Andrew & Kacey Arnold & family	Homer & Deana Harvey	Carol Norman
Joyce Bledsoe	Mike & Doris Ann Hern	David & Jo Peeler
Larry Bohlken	Ronnie & Brenda Hodges	Linda Potter
Russell & Bridgett Bonen	Ray & Nancy Hoff	Margie Ray
David & Terry Booker	Dallas & Flo Howard	Kathi Reed
Charles & Connie Brady	Efrem Imhoff	Earl & Darlene Reuter
David & Holly Bruce	Johnny & Bev Imhoff	Jerry & Helen Reuter
Joan Brunner	Nick & Traci Imhoff	Kevin & Jennifer Roth
Bill & Joyce Bryan	Jon & Holly Jenkins	Curtis Roth Family
Kenneth & Betty Cramer	Howard & Cheri Jones	Sharan Schnuck
Daniel & Debi Derendinger	Mark & Barbara Ann Kehoe	Chris & Debbie Schuster & family
Ross & Becky Dowell	Kendall & Lisa Kircher & family	Ed & Monna Schuster
Trudi Fahrenbrink	The Kiser Family	Jerry & Maryann Schuster
Jim & Sonya Farris	Alice Klein	Ken & Linda Schuster
Barb Fisher	Wayne & Dianne Klein	Bob & Karen Schnetzler
Bill & Marilyn Geiger	Buster & Birdie Kueckelhan	Kenneth & Janet Stegner
Steven & Kathy Gerrish	Lynn & Sherrie Kueckelhan	Josh & Leslie Storm & family
Laura Grathwohl	Tim & Julie Kueckelhan	Laura Vollmer
Dorothy Green & family	Betty Kusgen	Joan Walther
Marvin Lee & Pat Green	Jill Lang	Danny & Melanie Wassmann
Gary & Helen Griffith	Russell & Karla Lang	Dustin & Jessica Wassmann
Bertha Hampton & Family	Doris Linneman	Eddie & Linda Wassmann
Mike Hapes	Jason Linneman Family	Donald & Kathy Wilmsmeyer
Darrell & Nancy Harris	Joe Manicapelli	Larry & Rosemary Wilmsmeyer

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To The Cemetery Fund

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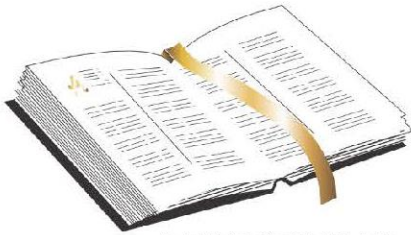
Rhea Helmreich

IN THE MAIL

Lynn and Sherri Kueckelhan would like to thank the ladies (and gentlemen) of the church for serving the wonderful meal following Roger Kueckelhan's funeral.

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

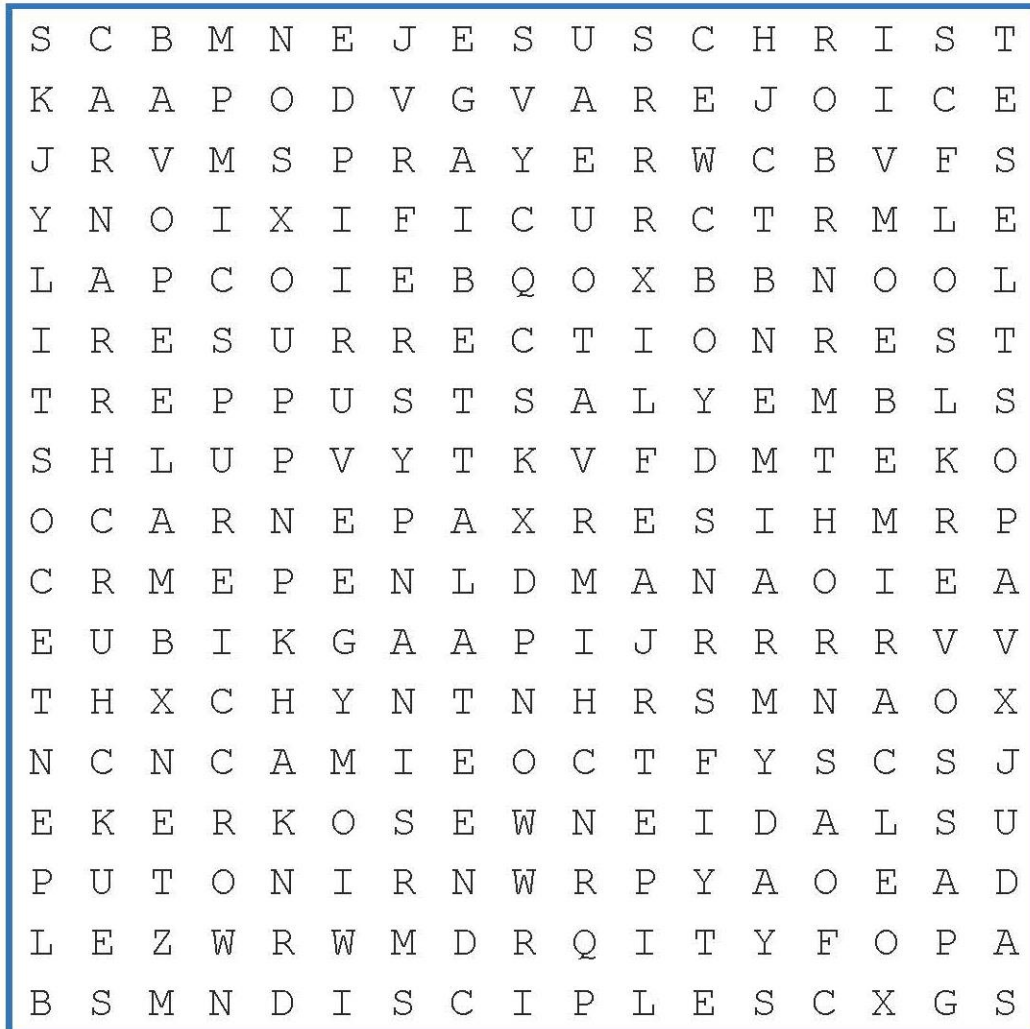
Jon Riley passed away after a long battle with cancer. Please keep his family in your prayers.



Easter Story

WORD SEARCH

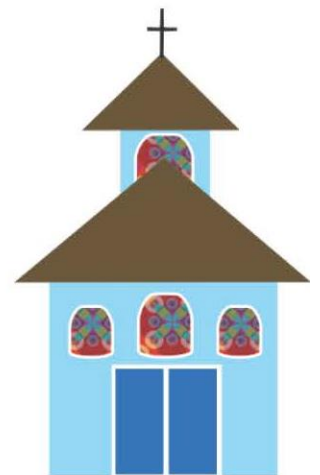
DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



APOSTLES
BETRAYAL
CAVE
CHURCH
CROSS
CROWN
CRUCIFIXION
DISCIPLES
FAITH
GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST
JUDAS
LAMB
LAST SUPPER
LENT
MARY
MIRACLE
PASSOVER
PENANCE
PENTECOST

PRAYER
REDEMPTION
REJOICE
RESURRECTION
RISEN
SAVIOR
SON
THORNS
TOMB



LECTIONARY READINGS

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Third Sunday in Lent March 3, 2024	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Sixth Sunday in Lent <i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> March 24, 2024		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29		Mark 11:1-11
Good Friday March 29, 2024	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
Easter Day <i>Resurrection of the Lord</i> March 31, 2024	*Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

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