

# The Voice of Billingsville

## June 2024

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### FIVE THINGS TO DO WHILE YOU WAIT

Do you ever feel like you're waiting on God? Maybe you can't relate to the Israelites, who wandered in the desert for 40 years while they were waiting on God to deliver them. But you feel like God has you on hold. He hasn't given you the answer or the deliverance you wanted or expected. God still makes us wander in the desert sometimes—but there is always a purpose to the wait.

When God has you in a waiting period, don't put your life on hold. Instead, imitate the habits that grow strong faith. The Bible says there are five things you should keep on doing in the waiting period.

1. Keep on praying. Matthew 7:7 says, "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you" (NLT). Keep on praying, and you will get your answer.
2. Keep on serving. The Bible says in Romans 12:11, "Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically" (NLT). Don't worry about having a significant ministry. Just make your ministry significant.
3. Keep on going to small group. "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together... Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer" (Hebrews 10:25 GNT).
4. Keep on sowing. Ecclesiastes 11:6 says, "Keep on sowing your seed, for you never know which will grow—perhaps it all will" (TLB). You never know what God will do with the seeds you plant while you're waiting.
5. Keep on believing. The Bible says, "You must keep on believing the things you have been taught. You know they are true" (2 Timothy 3:14 TLB).

While you wait, stay active. Don't be passive. God cannot steer a parked car! Don't tell God you're waiting on him. Turn on the ignition, and just start driving. Where? Anywhere! Get involved in a ministry. Get involved in service. Get involved with small group. Do the things you know you could be doing to develop your skills and habits and become more like Jesus.

By Rick Warren; submitted by Marg Scott

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, June 2:** Holy Communion;  
Strengthen the Church Offering

**Monday, June 3 – Friday, June 7:** VBS  
from 8:30 - 11 am at Immanuel UCC

**Wednesday, June 5:** Men's Breakfast  
at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am;  
Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

**Thursday, June 6:** Friends, Fellowship  
and Fun at 1:00-3:30 pm

**Friday, June 7:** VBS Closing Program  
at Immanuel UCC at 11:30 a.m.

**Sunday, June 9:** Penny Sunday for  
ECH; Benevolence Offering

**Thursday, June 27:** Newsletter  
articles due

**Sunday, June 30:** Fifth Sunday Food  
Drive

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**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES**  
**May 8, 2024**

All Council members were present for the meeting.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

The financial reports were reviewed and approved.

Chair carts have arrived for the chairs in the new shed.

Dustin Wassmann reported leaks in the parsonage and Scott will address the issues.

Approved giving funds to Kamrynn Hundley to attend Young Life Camp.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vicki Hilden, Secretary*

**HEALTH FACTS**  
**SNAKEBITES**

Venomous snakes are considered those which can inject poison when they bite. In our region of the USA these include the rattlesnake, coral snake, cottonmouth water moccasin, and copperhead.

Bites from these snakes need to be treated quickly, so consider it a serious event and call 911. Tell the dispatcher that someone has been bitten by a snake, and if possible, tell them what kind of snake, so that the nearest ER can have antivenom medication ready.

Also, the poison control center help hotline (1-800-222-1222) can be called and you can talk to experts in poisoning and they will give you further instructions.

Meanwhile, keep the person calm. Restrict movement of the area bitten. Remove clothing, rings, watches or anything that might be restrictive. The bitten area will start to swell and change colors due to the venom. If necessary, carry the person to where the ambulance will arrive. Do not apply a tourniquet or an ice pack or wash the wound. Keep the site of the wound below the level of the heart. Do not give the person anything to drink or eat or any medications. Do not cut the wound or try to suck out the venom.

Let's hope none of us have to be in this situation.

Nancy Meyer,  
Health Minister

*Bible Study*

The Bible Study group meets every Tuesday morning at 10:00 am in the upstairs Sunday School room. Everyone is welcome. Please see Nancy or Marg for more info.

**DONATE YOUR USED EYEGLASSES!**

Ruth Ann Warnke has prepared a special basket in which to deposit our used eyeglasses for the Festival of Sharing. It is on the table at the west door entrance. Thank you, Ruth Ann!

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"Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

~ **Exodus 20:12**

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**SUNDAY SERVICE OF SHARING**

Father's Day, June 16, will be another Sunday Service of Sharing. Each of us, who are willing to participate, is asked to write a paragraph of 100 words or less about how your father, or a male surrogate, such as a teacher, male relative, or even a male minister, inspired your faith in Jesus Christ, and promoted your Christian well-being.

Begin your paragraph with the person's name and relationship to you. You are asked to sign the paragraph. These paragraphs will be read during our worship service as an inspiration of love, joy, and faith.

Please complete your paragraph by June 15. You may bring the paper and place it on the church office desk or email the paragraph to [jkueckel@gmail.com](mailto:jkueckel@gmail.com).

## MOTHER'S DAY STORIES

On Sunday, May 12, we celebrated mothers and other women who inspired our faith in Jesus Christ and promoted our Christian well-being by sharing stories of these women during Morning Worship. I'll share these stories in upcoming newsletters as space allows. Here are the first three:

My Mother is Mary Frances Friedrich Bail. She showed her love for her family by not only working inside the house but also by working alongside my father on the farm. She saw to it that we were taken to church activities and she was involved. We were taught to respect God's house. I was very much a 'farm girl' but when we went to church you had better wear your Sunday best. Why were we taught to dress up? Because you were to present your BEST to the Lord.

On Saturday nights she would practice the hymns that she would play the next morning at church. Sometimes, we would go to the empty church and she would practice. Being in this big church all alone and listening to the organ is an experience I wish you all could have.

Karen Harvey

My mother, Wilma Louise Grimes Helmreich was a force to be reckoned with throughout my life and the life of my sister, Jan and brother, Donnie.

She taught us right from wrong. She loved us unconditionally and expected us to respect family, friends, and those in authority. She and my dad worked hard at raising us into responsible Christian adults. In her later years, I witnessed her devotion to God. Early in the mornings, she read her devotional and her Bible. I came in one morning and her head was bowed in prayer. She walked and talked her belief in God by serving others. She set the example she learned from her church attendance and her love of God.

Rhea Helmreich

Each Sunday as I sit in Church, I often think of my grandma - also known as Anita or Mombo. Most of you know that I sit in "her pew". Before returning to St Johns, when I would visit her on Sunday, I'd sit here with her and then after church we would eat lunch together at the Bobber - many times Rhea would come with us as well. We would share wonderful conversations, laughter and sometimes tears. She was sitting here in this church when her house burned. This congregation provided her support then as well as during times of grief when her children, my father and my aunt, and her husband "Mr. Ed" or Papa passed away. She is my example of faith during times of hardship and sorrow. Those that know me well sometimes call me "little Mombo", which I consider the highest compliment.

There are so many words of wisdom she imparted on me and many of you as well. You probably received a card from her at some point - she would usually underline important words with red ink - and sometimes allow Papa to sign as well with his stick figure wearing a top hat.

Mombo's sayings to live by remain with me and I'd like to share them with you.

- 1) A job worth doing is worth doing well. I use this in my teaching career daily.
- 2) A penny saved is a penny earned. Papa would always joke that he got his weekly allowance of \$20 to spend!
- 3) Haste makes waste.

There is always so much to do, but I sometimes need to remember those first words of wisdom and not rush too quickly to finish a job but rather spend quality time making sure the job is done correctly.

And lastly, this poem was one of her favorites that she often recited to me and one my mother would often recite it to my children when she picked them up from preschool:

Good, Better, Best  
Never let it rest  
Till the Good is Better  
and the Better is Best.

By Melissa Hundley

*In Loving Memory of Nancy Drechsel Kueckelhan*

**To the Memorial Fund**

**April 2024**

Ron & Marsha Quinley  
Travis & Jane Lorenz  
Bill & Joyce Bryan  
George & Sheryl Bolte  
Kenneth & Betty Cramer  
Howard & Cheri Jones  
Beulah Ralph Elementary  
Tracy & Carrie Monsees  
Jason & Gayle Linneman  
Steven & Kathy Gerrish  
Lynn & Sherrie Kueckelhan  
Larry Bohlken  
The Fred Alexander Family  
Margie Ray  
Marvin Lee & Pat Greis  
Jim & Sonya Farris  
Betty Kusgen  
Tim & Julie Kueckelhan  
Kenneth & Barbara Lovercamp  
Dave & Jo Peeler  
Melissa & Jason Hundley  
Clay & Alvera Baslee  
David & Terry Booker  
Bob & Karen Schnetzler  
Bill & Marilyn Geiger  
Nick & Traci Imhoff  
Kay Wolfe  
Ken & Linda Schuster  
Debbie Schuster  
Joyce Bledsoe  
Danny & Deborah Templeton  
Raymond & Nancy Hoff  
Jacob & Hannah Roth  
Ross & Becky Dowell  
Chuck & Connie Brady  
David & Holly Bruce  
Pat Bail

Earl & Darlene Reuter  
Jon & Holly Jenkins  
Trudi Fahrenbrink & Family  
Ronnie & Brenda Hodges  
Danny & Debi Derendinger  
Laura Grathwohl  
Barbara & Candy Koonse  
The Kisers  
Marvin & Barb Thurman & Girls  
Gale Boller  
Larry & Linda Grissum  
Eric & Cindy Imhoff  
Bertha Hampton  
Ted & Billie Litton  
Beth Royston  
Linda Potter  
Danny Wassmann Family  
Kendall & Lisa Kircher  
Homer & Deana Harvey  
Eddie & Linda Wassmann  
Danny & Melanie Wassmann  
Dustin & Jessica Wassmann  
Doris Linneman  
Elaine Gramilich  
Larry & Rosemary Wilmsmeyer  
Jerry & Helen Reuter  
Raymond & Roberta Kueckelhan  
Kevin & Jennifer Roth  
Jack & Debby Langley  
Joan Walther  
Wayne & Diane Klein  
Russell & Karla Lang  
Joe & Diane Chitwood  
Billy & Barbara Elliott  
Jeff & Pam Chitwood  
Kevin & Jill Lang

*In Loving Memory of Nancy Drechsel Kueckelhan*

**To the Cemetery Fund**

**April 2024**

Rhea Helmreich

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## MAY STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
05	\$1,595	\$75	35
12	\$1,530	\$160 Penny Sunday: \$69.81	36
19	\$511	\$0	28
26	\$916	\$50	36

## Thank You

To Rita Rapp for her donation to the Cemetery Fund.

## FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Our monthly gathering of Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will meet at 1:00 pm, Thursday, June 6, in St. John's fellowship hall. We will have a snack time at 1:00, followed by games and visiting. We provide water. You may bring a snack to share. Our time ends about 3:30, but sometimes the games go into overtime!



	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
02	Rita Kanenbley	Kenneth & Janet Stegner	Rev. Andy Mockridge
09	Marg Scott	Jim & Sonya Farris	Pastor Kurt Grathwohl
16	Nancy Meyer	Donald & Ruth Ann Warnke	Cathy Bail
23	Tim Kueckelhan	Holly Hughes & Charles Stegner	Rev. Andy Mockridge
30	Melissa Hundley	Scott Grissum & Janet Stegner	Rev. Jeff Glandon

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mariah Carmichael	01
Frank Eastman	03
Shawn Riley	05
Wilbert Meyer	07
Tricia Robinson	07
Jared Kueckelhan	08
Clinton Shelton	08
MiKayla Bohlken	10
Michael Grissum	10
Donnie Helmreich	10
Wayne Kanenbley	13
Gage Rold	19
Linda Burnett	20
Megan Baker	21
Brandon Burnett	21
Susan Farris	22
Josiah Searfoss	24
Connor Floyd	26
Mason Hayward	26
George Pannell, Jr.	27
Shawn Swalwell	27
Jenna Helmreich	29

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Susan Forst	01
Jim & Lori Woods	01
Shawn & Shauna Bohlken	05
Jason & Samie Gerhardt	05
Don & Marg Scott	05
Joseph & Megan Baker	10
Bob & Mary Painter	10
Buster & Birdie Kueckelhan	19
Cliff & Jenea Smith	21

## ✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Caleb Duane Smith	01
Linda Carol Schler Simmons	02
Jennifer Jill Farris Waibel	08
Eugene Earl Painter	08
Dalton Friedrich Pannell	17
George Pannell, Jr.	17
Cindy Lou Schler Vogel	17
Mindy Lea Schler Becker	17
Abigail Frances Pannell	20
Andrew Tyler Grissum	22

**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**

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**Dorothy Vieth**

*Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201*

## PRAYER CHAIN

Amy Boyer (Andrew Inskeep's sister) cancer  
 Angie Carmichael, cancer  
 Jack Deuschle, Parkinson's disease  
 Jim & Sharon Elliott  
 John Ferguson, heart issues  
 Courtney Franklin, brain cancer  
 Ayla (Pat Friedrich's niece), recovering from surgeries  
 Marilyn Geiger, shoulder surgery  
 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  
 Jeanne Muse, broken ankle  
 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  
 Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues  
 Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident  
 Shawn (Ginger's son), recovering from accident  
 Darin Walker, cancer  
 Don Williams, recovery from fall  
 Cora Louise Wisdom

### **Serving in our military:**

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

# Juneteenth

## Word Search



ABOLITION  
AFRICAN  
AMERICAN  
BARBECUE  
CELEBRATION  
CEREMONY  
CONFEDERACY  
EMANCIPATION  
FLAG

FREEDOM DAY  
GALVESTON  
GENERAL GRANGER  
HOLIDAY  
JUNETEENTH  
LINCOLN  
MARCH  
PARADE  
PORTMANTEAU

PROCLAMATION  
READING  
SINGING  
SLAVERY  
SOUTH  
TEXAS  
UNION ARMY

## LECTIONARY READINGS

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Second Sunday after Pentecost <b>June 2, 2024</b>	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)	Psalm 81:1-10	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
Third Sunday after Pentecost <b>June 9, 2024</b>	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost <b>June 16, 2024</b>	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost <b>June 23, 2024</b>	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost <b>June 30, 2024</b>	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43



In a world of shifting sands, come explore God's rock-solid truth! New Franklin Community VBS 'Breaker Rock Beach' will be held June 3-7, 8:30 - 11 a.m. at Immanuel UCC.

Accepting all children who have completed Pre-k\* through 6th grade.

Join us for the music program Friday, June 7 at 11:30 a.m.

Please reach out to VBS Director Nichole Wilmsmeyer with questions at 660-888-0120.

*\*Pre-K includes children aged 3+ who are potty trained and are comfortable in a classroom setting without a parent present.*

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