

The Voice of Billingsville

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OUR SHOEBOX KICK-OFF WILL BE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15!

We will share some exciting news about Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project that I learned during a recent workshop that I attended. There are lots of people in Central Missouri who are involved in packing shoeboxes and they realize this is a way we can all be missionaries for Christ. It is also lots of fun to pack a shoebox and visualize a child's joy as they open the first gift they have ever received.

There's a couple of clarifications I want to make. First, it is okay and encouraged to send a bar of soap in each box. Please remember to leave the soap in the cardboard box or original wrapper and do NOT wrap the washcloth around the soap. The second thing is to please include plenty of pencils (8--10) in each box for the ages of 5--14 with a hand-held pencil sharpener. Apparently, pencils are hard to get in many countries. Thanks for your help with these two items.

I realize that everyone is not able to prepare a box, So if you are unable to fill a shoebox, but would like to participate, we would sincerely appreciate your donation for postage. It costs \$10 to send each box. That cost covers many items that I will explain on Oct. 15. If you can help with that expense, please make your check to Samaritan's Purse and give to Marg or you can mail your check to Marg Scott 13627 Santa Fe Rd. Boonville, MO 65233. THANK YOU!

You have been so faithful to fill and send 1615 boxes over the past 23 years. We praise God for your kindness! Our shoebox collection will be on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023. May God bless you for your generosity, caring and love to share JESUS and JOY with children around the world.

YOU ARE MAKING AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE! THANK YOU!

Love in Christ,
Marg Scott



SHARING GOOD NEWS,
GREAT JOY!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 1: World Communion Sunday; Neighbors in Need Offering; Fall Homecoming Dinner after Worship

Wednesday, October 4: Men's Breakfast at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am; Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 5: Friends, Fellowship and Fun at 1:00

Sunday, October 8: Penny Sunday for ECH; Benevolence Offering

Thursday, October 12: Financial Reports due in the office

Sunday, October 15: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project kickoff; Quarterly Congregational Meeting after Morning Worship

Thursday, October 26: Newsletter articles due

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In Christian Sympathy

Kent Kammerich passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, September 21. Please keep Donna, Megan, and the entire Schler and Kammerich families in your prayers.

Visitation for Kent will be Friday, September 29 from 5-7 pm at St. Johns. Funeral services will be at 10 am on Saturday, September 30 at St. Johns with interment to follow at St. Johns' Cemetery.

We will have a dinner following the funeral in the church basement. If you are willing to bring a side and/or dessert, please let Nancy Meyer know.



Bob Gerhardt, son of Bud Gerhardt and Birdie's nephew, passed away on August 31, 2023

HEALTH FACTS Updated Covid Vaccine

Unfortunately, COVID is still circulating and can make some people very sick. Now there is an updated COVID-19 vaccine available.

Since the COVID virus changes, updated vaccines are necessary to keep up our protection against new strains. The purpose is to prevent hospitalization and decrease death associated with COVID.

It's time now to also receive a flu shot. It is safe to take both shots at the same time. After you receive the COVID vaccine, it takes your immune system two weeks to become effective against COVID, similar to the flu shot.

Check with your pharmacy on availability of the COVID vaccine and ask your healthcare provider any questions about the vaccine. It also will be a good idea to check with your health insurance about coverage for the cost of the COVID vaccine.

For more information on updated COVID-19 vaccines visit: Coronavirus Disease 019(COVID-19) CDC

Nancy Meyer
Health Minister

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES September 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Jared with all board members in attendance.

Discussion was held on the CDs and the changeover is going very smoothly, thank you Julie and Scott.

Also discussed was a proposal for a new building, Scott has done a lot of research and presented a bid to the council which will be brought before the congregation during the Special Congregational meeting Sept 17th.

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, after discussion it was voted on to not have a 10:30am Service, but just have the 7pm Service that is done by the Board of Christian Education.

No further Business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Hilden, Secretary

FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN

Our next afternoon for Friends, Fellowship, and Fun will be Thursday, October 5, from 1:00p.m.-3:30 p.m. downstairs. Bring a friend, a game, and a snack to share. We will have napkins, plates, cups, etc., plus water and lemonade. We hope to see many of you there!



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SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
03	\$2,972	\$50	38
10	\$585	\$147 Penny Sun: \$38.75	36
17	\$1,531	\$0	29
24	\$705	\$50	37

Thank You

To Carl and Judy Gerhardt for their donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Karen Tempfel

To Virgil and Delores Stegner for their donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Karen Tempfel

To Tim and Karen Harvey for their donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Karen Tempfel

FALL HOMECOMING DINNER CANCELLED

The Fall Homecoming Dinner, scheduled for October 1, has been cancelled. There is not a rescheduled date at this time.

EYEGASSES DONATIONS

Please bring your used eyeglasses and good quality sunglasses for the Festival of Sharing in Tipton on Oct. 14. We will need them at church by Sunday, Oct. 8. Thank you.

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Messenger
01	Angie Hackman	Scott Grissum & Janet Stegner	Rev. Andy Mockridge
Communion Prep: Ed Schler Communion Cleanup: Volunteers			
08	Rhea Helmreich	Marilyn & Bill Geiger & Ruth Ann Warnke	Rev. Andy Mockridge
15	Janet Stegner	Kamrynn Hundley & Rhea Helmreich	Kurt Grathwohl
22	Donna Kammerich	Nancy Meyer & Ginger Wenger	The Gideons
29	Melissa Hundley	Scott Grissum & Volunteer	Cathy Bail

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Aceyn Painter	01
Justin Kueckelhan	03
Rodney Richardson	06
Ginger Wenger	06
Ed Schler	09
Cayley Inskip	10
Cora Smith	10
Carson Bail	12
Luke Geiger	12
Ruth Ann Warnke	17
Shelley Jennings	23
Jeanne Muse	25
Shawn Bohlken	30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Linda Schler	08
Bill & Marilyn Geiger	11
Rodney & Melinda Richardson	15
Tim & Karen Harvey	19
Andrew & Cayley Inskip	19
Brandon & Nichole Burnett	21

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Jeanne Muse	03
Brittany Woods Stretz	10
Haley Woods Floyd	10
Lori Woods	10
Beau Daniel Rapp	11
Gage Matthew Rold	15
Jason Edward Helmreich	17
Heather Lynne Simmons	18
Macsen Dray Simmons	18
Keith Michael Bail	20
Edgar Reed Becker	21
Khale Parker Bohlken	21
Mikayla EvaMarie Bohlken	21
William Oliver Geiger	30

Please let these homebound and nursing home friends know you are thinking about them with a visit or a card.

Arlene Friedrich

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

Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)

MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265

Ruth Searfoss

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

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

Bernadine Wassmann

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PRAYER CHAIN

Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Jim & Sharon Elliott
 John Ferguson, heart issues
 Courtney Franklin, brain cancer
 Dalton Hazlett, recovering from serious ATV accident
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Shelley Jennings, cancer treatments
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 D.J. Muse, cancer
 Don & Mary Neckermann
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, cancer
 Clifford Richey (Charles' friend), moved to Katy Manor
 Karen Schnetzler
 Hunter Simmons, Leukemia (in remission!)
 Vicki Simmons, cancer
 Carol Snyder, lung cancer
 Charles Stegner, tumor
 Lincoln (Ginger's grandson), digestive issues
 Shelly (Ginger's daughter), recovering from accident
 Darrin Walker, cancer
 Cora Louise Wisdom

Serving in our military:

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

Fall Word Search



ACORN
APPLE
AUTUMN
CHESTNUTS
CHILLY
CIDER
COBWEB
FALL
FOOTBALL
GOURD

HALLOWEEN
HARVEST
HAY BALE
HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MAIZE
NOVEMBER
NUTS
OCTOBER
PUMPKIN

QUILT
RAKE
SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SLEET
THANKSGIVING



LECTIONARY READINGS

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
18 th Sunday after Pentecost October 1, 2023	Exodus 17:1-7	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
19 th Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2023	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Isaiah 5:1-7	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
20 th Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2023	Exodus 32:1-14	Isaiah 25:1-9	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
21 st Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023	Exodus 33:12-23	Isaiah 45:1-7	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
22 nd Sunday after Pentecost October 29, 2023	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

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