

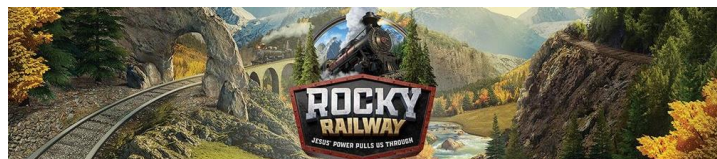
# The Voice of Billingsville

## July 2022



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“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”



We had a wonderful week at Rocky Railway VBS. There were 18 Railway passengers (children ages 4-10) and 15 conductors (helpers). Each day the passengers brought offering for Hunter Simmons and collected a total of \$250. Offering was also collected during our VBS program Sunday June 26th. Thank you to everyone who participated, helped at VBS, and to those who brought their children. We are so blessed! Jesus' power pulls us through!

Rocky Railway Conductor: Melissa Hundley

Bible Adventure: Angie Hackman, Pastor Melody, Caden Schuster

Imagination Station: Emily Rapp, Molly Rapp, Avery Rapp

Sing & Play Express: Linda Burnett, Melissa Hundley

Loco Motion Games: Ross Brackman, Kennedy Griffy, Caden Schuster

Chew Chew Snacks: Nancy Meyer, Marg Scott, Linda Simmons  
Registration: Tracy and Abby Pannell

Rocky Railway Passengers: Lachlen Alvis, Edgar Becker, Will Hackman, Derrick Hundley, Alex Rapp, Beau Rapp, Devyn Rapp, Mason Rapp, Callie Schuster, Macsen Simmons, Michael Tate, Charles Vogel, Audra Wassman, Crew Wilmsmeyer, Evin Wilmsmeyer, Gray Wilmsmeyer, Hays Wilmsmeyer



The Board of Christian Education sponsored our annual ice cream social Sunday, June 26th. We served approximately 80 people. Juicy burgers and hot dogs as well as many various kinds of homemade ice cream and cake were enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Thank you to everyone who brought ice cream or cake. Thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen that evening. Thank you for those who donated money for Hunter Simmons. Donations from the ice cream social totaled \$930, which one added with the offering from VBS made a grand total of \$1500 that will be given to Hunter for expenses as he battles leukemia.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, July 3:** Holy Communion

**Wednesday, July 6:** Men’s Breakfast  
at Main Street Diner at 8:00 am

**Wednesday, July 6:** Church Board  
meeting at 6:00 pm

**Sunday, July 10:** Penny Sunday for  
ECH; Benevolence Offering

**Thursday, July 14:** Financial Reports  
due in the office

**Sunday, July 17:** Quarterly  
Congregational Meeting

**Thursday, July 28:** Newsletter articles  
due

**Sunday, July 31:** Fifth Sunday Food  
Drive

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## *From The Desk of Pastor Melody*

July, July, when will you come? That is what I used to say every time the Fourth of July comes around. When a child, I used to look forward to my birthday, and I still do, as I know that Jesus is coming back just that much sooner than a year ago. One thing I remember as a child is that when my birthday comes around, is that it is seven days away from the Fourth of July! HEHAW!

Growing older doesn't bother me. Never has. I had the milestones of first 13, 16, 18, 21, then 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, and then 70 last year. I just knew that it was something that a lot of folks do not accomplish sadly.

Some of us fear the unknown, and I say 'EMBRACE' it. Why? Because some of the things we step into are a bit frightening, but others are a blessing! Frightening-Fear= Blessing. Amen

We seem to waste so much time wondering if we'll have enough at the end of the paycheck to get through to the next month, but we need to reflect upon God's Word for "God supplies all our needs". Wasting time is like wasting food. Here today, gone tomorrow.

Now, getting back to what I began with, growing older isn't something we should worry about, but rejoice in the fact that you are here today, a new day, so why not enjoy it?

God doesn't ask you to be successful, only to please Him, Psalm 37:4 says this, "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart". 1 Corinthians 15:10 also says, "By the grace of God I am what I am" "And His Grace towards me was not in vain."

You may benefit from reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-28. This explains how Resurrection is essential to the Gospel, to the Faith and how it guarantees us our right to call ourselves Children of God.

Don't worry about a title you have, or the family you came from, or the high paying job you have, or even that you are on the Honor Roll at school, just remember that your faith in Jesus Christ our Lord can carry you through anything, and while you are at it, buy some firecrackers and shoot them off and celebrate not only the Fourth of July but being a part of the Kingdom of God.

Have a great month!

## **News from the Women's Guild**

The Women's Guild would like to sincerely thank everyone for their donations to these recent Guild projects.

1. Samaritan's Purse, \$475 to help the people of Ukraine.
2. Church World Service, \$600 for Blankets for people of USA and around the world. This means that 60 persons will be comforted by a blanket.

The Women's Guild also donated \$150 to the Baby Grace project sponsored by the Methodist Church in Boonville which provides necessary baby items to families in the community.

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity to share and care.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING NOTES June 8, 2022**

Present Jared, Ed, Linda, Scott, Vicki and Pastor Melody.

A thank you note was received from UCC thanking us for being part of the 5/5 offerings.

Received a letter from Derrick Hundley requesting a donation from the Wilma Lou Helmreich Church Camp Scholarship Fund to put towards attending Youth Camp this summer. We will give him \$298 to attend.

A paper of all of Pastor Melody's activities was handed out and reviewed; she and Roger have been very busy! Pastor and Roger and starting to settle in, they are happy to be here, and we are happy they are here!

On Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> EUCC will have a Devotional and potluck dinner that St Johns is invited to attend. St Johns will still have regular service on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vicki Hilden*, Secretary

**HEALTH FACTS**  
**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS**

Mental health is a combination of emotional, psychological and social well-being. It affects how you think, feel and act along with how well you handle stress and make healthy choices. Proper mental health can help you cope with stressful life situations so you can continue to engage productively in everyday life.

If you feel overwhelmed, stressed and generally unhappy, your mental health may need a little TLC. You can talk to close family and friends about your feelings, or ask for professional help.

According to the CDC, mental illnesses are among the most frequent health conditions in the U.S. One in five Americans will experience mental illness each year. More than 50% will be diagnosed with a mental disorder at some point in their lifetime.

When you take care of your mental health, you're more productive, it enhances your self-image and betters your relationships with others. You can gain inner peace.

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

<b>JUNE STATISTICS</b>			
	<b>Offering</b>	<b>Benevolence</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
05	\$2260	\$50	33
12	\$1025	\$25 Penny Sun: \$35.92	36
19	\$811	\$25 Str the Church: \$35	35
26	\$1937	\$0	76

*Thank You*

To Bill & Marilyn Geiger for their donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Sandy Upton.

To Steve & Joyce Saltzman for their donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Sandy Upton.

To Don & Mary Schler for their donation to the Schler Educational Endowment Fund.

To Patricia Friedrich for her donation to the Cemetery Fund.

To Linda Simmons for her donation to the Cemetery Fund.

**IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

Geraldine Snider Ferguson passed away on June 1. Please keep the Snider and Ferguson families in your prayers.

*Congratulations!*

Abigail Pannell graduated from Boonville High School on May 12. She ranked in the top 12 of her class. Way to go Abby!

**WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS FOR JULY**

	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>
03	Volunteer	Bill Geiger Volunteer
10	Laura Grathwohl	Abigail Pannell Volunteer
17	Vicki Hilden	Melissa Hundley Scott Grissum
24	Ed Schler	Lynnd Schler Volunteer
31	Marg Scott	Scott Grissum Volunteer

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LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD BEFORE US, THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS NEAR US, THE LOVE BETWEEN US, AND FOR YOUR PRESENCE AMONG US. AMEN

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JULY BIRTHDAYS	
Kamrynn Hundley	02
Geraldine Ferguson	05
Bill Geiger	05
Jason Hackman	05
Linda Schler	07
Morgan Carmichael	08
Kenneth Stegner	08
Mary Grissum	12
Janet Stegner	12
Cedric Alvis	13
Esther Friedrich	16
Sharon Elliott	17
Peggy Grissum	20
Garrett Hundley	21
Donna Kammerich	22
Rosalie Searfoss	23
Chase Grissum	27
Mark Cary	28

JULY ANNIVERSARIES	
Tim & Julie Kueckelhan	16
Kenneth & Janet Stegner	26
Jason & Melissa Hundley	27
Scott & Peggy Grissum	28

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠	
Lakin Elizabeth Rold	18
Landon Friedrich Bail	19
Oscar Carl Friedrich	19

**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*

**Rob Friedrich**  
*Riverdell Care Center 1121 11th St, Boonville, MO 65233*

**Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)**  
*MO Veterans Home 1 Veterans Way, Mexico, MO 65265*

**Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mother)**  
*Nye Point 2700 Laverna St, Fremont, NE 68025*

**Ruth Searfoss**  
*Hartmann Village 615 Rankin Mill Ln, Boonville, MO 65233*

**Dorothy Vieth**  
*Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201*

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

**PRAYER CHAIN**

- Angie Carmichael, cancer
- Jim & Sharon Elliott
- Family of Geraldine Snider Ferguson
- John Ferguson, heart issues
- Eula Brown Gowan
- Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke
- Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
- Shelley Jennings
- Nancy Kueckelhan
- Ava LeCave
- Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), chemotherapy
- Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer
- Karen Schnetzler
- Hunter Simmons, 4<sup>th</sup> grader with Leukemia
- Carol Snyder, lung cancer
- Cora Louise Wisdom
- The people of Ukraine

***MARK 11:24 "Listen to Me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you will have it."***

- Serving in our military:**
- Landon Bail    Cliff Burgoyne    Jeff Burgoyne
  - Lakoda Davis    Tony Davis    Chris Hawley
  - Natalie Meng    Blayne Vickery    James Walker



# July Fourth Word Search



ADAMS  
AMERICA  
BARBECUE  
COLONIES  
CONGRESS  
DECLARATION  
EQUALITY  
FIREWORKS

FOURTH  
FREEDOM  
HOTDOGS  
INDEPENDENCE  
JEFFERSON  
JULY  
LIBERTY

NATION  
PARADE  
REVOLUTION  
RIGHTS  
STATES  
THIRTEEN  
UNITED

## Lectionary Readings for This Month

	First Reading and Psalm	Alt. First Reading and Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2022</b>	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 10, 2022</b>	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 17, 2022</b>	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 24, 2022</b>	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
<b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2022</b>	Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21

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### In Loving Memory of Geraldine Ferguson

#### Memorial Fund

Mary Bail  
 Doug & Joan Arth  
 Rhonda Browning  
 Raymond & Roberta Kueckelhan  
 Jarad & Suzi Muller  
 Larry Button  
 Community Bank-Marshall  
 James and Virginia Closson  
 George & Linda Wassmann  
 Carol Fowler  
 Julie Orey

#### Cemetery Fund

Terry & Fran McGuire  
 Allen Valiquette  
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 Ryan Stedem  
 Jim & Julie Lewis  
 Mike & Linda Harlow  
 Kenneth & Janet Stegner  
 Cheryl Valiquette & Family  
 Alan Ferguson & Family

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