

The Voice of Billingsville

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

A SHOEBOX OF LOVE

Taking the love of God to the world
Boxes of toys for the little boys and girls
Their joy shines bright on their smiling faces
Dispelling the darkness in their lonely faces

Their eyes light up with total amazement
As they laugh and play with great amusement
Now they feel safe and out of danger
As they are brought love from a total stranger

“What can it be?” as they open their box of goodies
A simple doll, truck, socks, or even yummy candies
A box packed with love and sealed with a kiss
It’s a simple gift that cannot miss

We all have so much to be thankful for
Clothes in the closet and toys strewn across the floor
Can we give just a little bit of ourselves
To help the needy break from their prison cells

What will one little shoebox cost
Bringing hope to the hopeless and love to the lost
War-torn countries the world around
Because of a shoebox, joy can now be found

Let’s forget about our wants and wishes for just a little while
And focus on the children and see them smile
Let’s pour out our love, for there is much at stake
I assure you the eternal rewards will be great



The Shoebox Kickoff will be Sunday, October 10, and the collection of the boxes will be Sunday, November 7.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 7: Church Board meeting at 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 10: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project kickoff

Thursday, October 14: Financial Reports due in the office

Sunday, October 17: Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Thursday, October 28: Newsletter articles due

Sunday, October 31: Fifth Sunday Food Drive

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Board of Christian Education News

Kamrynn Hundley and Molly Rapp were presented with Bibles and Confirmation manuals on Sunday September 12. They will have confirmation class each Wednesday at 5 pm.



BCE Superintendent Melissa Hundley presents a Bible to Molly Rapp.



BCE Superintendent Melissa Hundley presents a Bible to Kamrynn Hundley



Molly Rapp and Kamrynn Hundley with their mentors, Marg Scott and Rhea Helmreich.

I Am Thankful:

For the taxes I pay
Because it means I am employed.

For the mess to clean after a party
Because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug
Because it means I have enough to eat.

For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing
Because it means I have a home.

For all the complaining I hear about the government
Because it means we have freedom of speech.

For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot
Because it means I am capable of walking, and I have been blessed with transportation.

For my huge heating bill
Because it means I am warm.

For the lady behind me in church who sings off key
Because it means I can hear.

For the pile of laundry and ironing
Because it means I have clothes to wear.

For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day
Because it means I have been capable of working hard.

For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours
Because it means I am alive.

And finally, for too much e-mail
Because it means I have friends who are thinking of me.

Submitted by Marg Scott

**Notes from the Church Council Meeting
September 8, 2021**

Present Jared, Ed, Linda, Vicki and Pastor Jim.

Pastor Jim announced that on October 10th he will be honored at UCC in Columbia for his 60th Anniversary of his Ordination. Dave Munzel will have the service at our Church that Sunday.

Pastor Jim will also be leading a Confirmation Class.

Harvest Festival was once again discussed, and we will have Marg set a date or two that will work with her to have the Country Store after Church.

We are asking for donations to the Harvest Festival and these donations will be used to make our annual charitable donations that usually come from Harvest Festival proceeds.

We voted to go with One License, LLC, so we will be able to use music in Church that is not in our Hymnal.

Respectfully submitted, *Vicki Hilden*, Secretary

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS			
	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
05	\$1735	\$50	35
12	\$750	\$80 Penny Sunday: \$34.96	27
19	\$160	\$25	21
26	\$0	\$	28

In Christian Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Pat Friedrich and Sandra Williams on the loss of their sister, Bobbie Perry, on Tuesday, September 21.

HEALTH FACTS

October is breast cancer awareness month. Studies continue to uncover lifestyle factors, and habits, as well as inherited genes, that affect breast cancer risk. Here are a few examples:

- Several studies are looking at the effect of exercise, weight gain or loss, diet, and environmental causes on risk.
- Studies on the best use of genetic testing for breast cancer continue.
- Scientists are exploring how common gene variations affect the risk.

Nancy Meyer, Health Minister

Congratulations Corner

Congratulations to Chris and Morgan (Kueckelhan) Hawley on the birth of their son, Steele Joseph, on September 15. Proud grandparents are Tim & Julie Kueckelhan. Proud great-grandparents are Buster & Birdie Kueckelhan.

	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers	Scripture Readings
Oct 03	Janet Stegner	Jason Hundley & Linda Simmons	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
Oct 10	Julie Kueckelhan	Volunteers	Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31
Oct 17	Melissa Hundley	Volunteers	Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
Oct 24	Rhea Helmreich	Volunteers	Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52
Oct 31	Volunteer	Rhea Helmreich & Volunteer	Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Aimee Sandy	01
Justin Kueckelhan	03
Steve Cooper	05
Rodney Richardson	06
Ginger Wenger	06
Ed Schler	09
Cayley Inskeep	10
Cora Smith	10
Carson Bail	12
Luke Geiger	12
Shelley Jennings	23
Jeanne Muse	25
Marie Zaugg	26

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

Arlene Friedrich

Katy Manor 205 Prospect Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Rob & Louise Friedrich

Riverdell Care Center 1121 11th St. Boonville, MO 65233

Louise Overstreet (Janet's mother)

Katy Manor 205 Prospect Pilot Grove, MO 65276

Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's mother)

Nye Point 2700 Laverna St, Fremont, NE 68025

Marjorie Vieth Meyer

Riverdell Care Center 1121 11th St. Boonville, MO 65233

Dorothy Vieth

Lenoir 3710 Lenoir St, Columbia, MO 65201

Bernadine Wassmann

Katy Manor 205 Prospect Pilot Grove, MO 65276

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kent & Donna Kammerich	06
Terry & Linda Schler	08
Bill & Marilyn Geiger	11
Rodney & Melinda Richardson	15

✠ BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Jeanne Muse	03
Brittany Woods Stretz	10
Haley Woods Floyd	10
Lori Woods	10
Beau Daniel Rapp	11
Gage Matthew Rold	15
Robert Carl Friedrich	17
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

PRAYER CHAIN

Carolyn Bunton (friend of Laura), hospice
 Angie Carmichael, cancer
 Pastor Jim & Sharon Elliott
 Carol (Pastor Jim's sister-in-law), lung cancer
 John (Sharon's brother-in-law), heart issues
 Ethan @ ECH (SS Sponsor Child)
 Eula Brown Gowan
 Joey Hoflander, recovering from stroke
 Todi Hughes (Holly's mom)
 Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)
 Iva Mae Johnson (Vicki's aunt)
 Nancy Kueckelhan
 Ava LeCave
 Chris (Ann Muntzel's nephew), chemotherapy
 Marilyn Rethmeyer, cancer
 Karen Schnetzler
 Carol Snyder
 Sandy Upton (Dave & Ann's niece), chemotherapy

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



Costume Party

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ANGEL
ASTRONAUT
CAVEMAN
COWBOY
CLOWN
FAIRY
FIREMAN

GHOST
MUMMY
NINJA
NURSE
POLICEMAN
PIRATE
PRINCESS

ROBOT
VAMPIRE
WITCH



Happy Anniversary Pastor Jim!

2021 marks the 60th Anniversary of Pastor Jim Elliott's ordination. The Columbia United Church of Christ is having a celebration for Pastor Jim on Sunday, October 10 following their morning worship, which begins at 10:30 am. St. Johns' congregation is invited to come celebrate with them. David Muntzel will be the guest speaker at St. Johns on October 10.

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