

# 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."

### **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival**

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who planned, cooked, baked, donated, served, washed dishes, took out the trash, sold baked goods and crafts, carried tables and chairs, put up tents or just came out in the rain to enjoy a delicious meal and visit with friends! It was a dreary, rainy day but we had a very successful Harvest Festival and we couldn't have done it without all of you!

Fellowship Hall was filled with the noises of food preparation, sounds of children pretending to whatever character was painted on their face and giggles from the storage room turned into a playroom. Our best count is that we served around 160 people and they all seemed to enjoy the smoked brisket, baked ham, two kinds of potatoes, two kinds of beans, a variety of salads and homemade pies galore, all of which topped the list of "the best I ever ate!"

Tables were set up in the sanctuary to display the huge variety of baked good, crafts, and handmade items in the Country Store as well as the items for the silent auction. After enjoying their meal, many people filled the pews to visit and watch a slide show of pictures from previous Harvest Festivals.

The donations from the meal totaled \$3,202. The silent & live auctions made \$3,912 and the Country Store took in \$1,198.55. After expenses, our profit (as of this publication) was \$6,733.48! A decision will be made at the annual meeting in January as to how we want to use this money to help others.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, October 6:**

Operation Christmas Child  
Shoebox Project Kickoff

**Sunday, October 6:**

Neighbors in Need Offering to  
benefit Ebenezer UCC

**Wednesday, October 9:**

Church Board Meeting at 6 PM

**Sunday, October 20:**

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

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**Scenes from the Harvest Festival**  
Thank you to Pastor Jim for the wonderful photos!







Sunday School for children and youth is in session each Sunday at 9:30 am. We have classes for ages 4-8 taught by Marg and Rhea and ages 9-14 taught by Holly. Both classes have interesting and exciting lessons about the Bible. All children and youth are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have questions, please call or email Marg.

### Best Choice Labels & Box Tops for Education

We would really appreciate everyone saving your Best Choice UPC labels to benefit our Sunday School.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:30 A.M.

By Nancy Meyer

Job, Chapter 8 vs 9-22. Bidad is telling Job that life is fragile like a spider's web; it gives way when leaned on.

Chapter 9 vs 1-35. Job replies and shows humility as he accepts his losses (family, livestock, crops). He attempts to bring acceptance of his situation. He may be close to despair and depression and giving up.

Chapter 10 vs. 1-22. Job questions God because he feels useless and angry. We remember how Peter was angry toward Jesus. A question to ponder: How does one control their anger?

Chapter 14 vs. 1-22. This is an example of Old Testament theology. Job addressed God and describes God as punishing him. He is aware of his sins and wrongdoing of his youth and now regrets his actions. A question to ponder: What is the real image of God? Imago Dei is a theological term of image of God. Each of us have the capacity of good and evil and the will to choose good is the image of God.

### From the October 1979 issue of "The Voice of Billingsville":

#### "A SPECIAL VISITOR COMES TO ST. JOHN'S"

Rev. Otto Schroedel, who served St. John's from 1971 to September 1978, returned for a visit to all of his old friends recently. He arrived on Wednesday September 26th and stayed till October 8th. He stayed with Ed and Anita Helmreich but visited in the homes of many area friends.

On October 7th, World Wide Communion Sunday, Rev. Schroedel gave the sermon at St. John's. His subject was "Ebenezer", which means "God has brought us safely this far", and Rev. Schroedel reminded the congregation of St. John's to remember that. Following the service a basket dinner was held in Rev. Schroedel's honor.

Everyone was glad to see their friend and to know that God is keeping him safely too! We'll look forward to his next visit!

### GOD'S KIDS SAY & DO THE FUNNIEST THINGS

A new Sunday school teacher wanted to find out how much her second-grade students knew about God. "Can anyone tell me something about God?" she asked.

"He's all-wise and all-knowing, so He's really smart," one student said.

"He can see the future," another said.

Then little Johnny said, "I know something no one else knows."

"Really? Please tell us," the teacher said.

"God is left-handed," Johnny said.

"Really? How do you know that?" the teacher asked.

"Easy... 'cause Jesus sits on God's right hand!" Johnny replied.

Johnny got an "A" for the most original idea.

— via Rev. Harry Mahoney  
Dedham, MA

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Bert & Beth McClary for their donation of two large tents to the church. Even though we didn't need the shade at the Harvest Festival this year, they will come in handy for future events!

### Stained Glass Window Project

**Total Donations**  
\$29,585.00

**Balance in Fund**  
\$23,601.85

**Recent Donations**  
Tim Harvey  
Janie Taylor

## Congratulations Corral

Lachlen Alvis, son of Lisa Simmons and Cedric Alvis, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 6-11 month-old baby contest at the Cooper County Fair. Grandma Linda says he should have won 1<sup>st</sup> (but she may be a little biased).

Congratulations to Michael and Alyssa Grissum on the birth of their son, Fletcher Ross, born September 3<sup>rd</sup>! Proud grandparents are Scott and Peggy Grissum.

## NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Mr. O'Brien, from O'Brien Stained Glass Co., Inc., arrived at church September 3<sup>rd</sup> and with church member volunteers, removed nine windows to take to his shop in Rollingstone, MN.

The results of the surveys given to the congregation to gain comments and choices for combining a pastoral search with the Evangelical UCC and possible worship service times were discussed. The majority agreed to work with the EUCC and were agreeable to change the worship time. More discussion will be done at the Annual Meeting regarding worship service time change.

Harvest Festival planning is on-going. Signs advertising the Harvest Festival will be placed at strategic sites in Boonville, Pilot Grove, and New Franklin.

The next meeting will be October 9th, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Meyer*, Secretary

## HEALTH FACTS

### E-Cigarettes

Electronic cigarettes are battery-operated devices which heat a liquid solution turning it into a vapor that can be inhaled. Using e-cigarettes is often referred to as vaping.

The liquid can contain nicotine, flavorings, propylene glycol and vegetable glycerin. The devices have refillable cartridges. The contents of this e-liquid should be on the package.

In mid-2019, U.S. state health departments reported more than 200 potential cases of serious lung illness associated with use of vaping devices. A specific device hasn't been determined. The CDC is recommending that people need to stop vaping now as they investigate the cause of the lung illness.

E-cigarettes aren't approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a quit smoking aid. Research has shown that teen use of e-cigarettes is on the rise and associated with increased future use of traditional cigarettes.

# Bible Facts

By Pastor Jim Elliott

The word "Bible" ("biblos", in the Greek) simply means, "library of little books". How many books of what Christians refer to as "Old Testament" were actually declared as books defining the Jewish faith? There were 39 books declared as "canon" ("canon" means "measuring rod") by Jewish leaders for Jewish people, and this was done between 90 and 95 A.D., when Christians were becoming a serious threat to Judaism. The books which ultimately became part of the Hebrew "canon" were written between about 1100 B.C. to perhaps as late as 100 B.C. There are many books written in the OT period of time, which the scholars simply declared: "No, these books do not define the Jewish faith"! Most of these books were declared: "Pseudepigrapha", which means "false writings".

"The Word of God" for the ancient Hebrews was the "Torah" or the 5 books of Moses, i.e., Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Leviticus and Deuteronomy. Ultimately, in the NT, Jesus has been defined as "The Word of God". The NT, when properly defined, is the "witness to the Word of God"! {or Jesus}. This is a very important distinction. We can hold the Bible in our hands and shake it in someone else's face and demand, "Do you believe this is "the Word of God?" Ultimately this book is only "the Word of God" when its message **shakes you in some way that changes your life!** If the Bible doesn't shake up your life in some way, then the words on those pages are just useless words on paper!

## STATISTICS

Sept	Offering	Benevolence	Attendance
01	\$2017	\$25	37
08	\$1491	\$130 Penny Sun: \$31	30
15	\$672	\$25	40
22	\$386	\$0	35
29	\$1475	\$25	24

## Health Kits

We collected 47 Health Kits for the Share Fest in Tipton. They will be used to help people in disasters when they are forced from their homes. Thank you to everyone who prepared a kit or gave a donation. God bless you for helping others in their time of need.

*Marg*



	Worship Leader	Greeters & Ushers		Scripture Readings
Oct 6	Melissa Hundley	Linda Simmons	Laura Grathwohl	Luke 17:5-10 2 Timothy 1:1-14
Oct 13	Jason Hundley	Bob Painter	Mary Painter	Luke 17:11-19 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Oct 20	Rhea Helmreich	Donna Kammerich	Scott Grissum	Luke 18:1-8 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Oct 27	Angie Hackman	Holly Hughes	Charles Stegner	Luke 18:9-14 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Aimee Sandy	01
Dale Wassmann	02
Justin Kueckelhan	03
Steve Cooper	05
Rodney Richardson	06
Ginger Wenger	06
Ed Schler	09
Cayley Schler	10
Cora Smith	10
Adam Million	11
Carson Bail	12
Luke Geiger	12
Shelley Jennings	23
Jeanne Muse	25

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

## PRAYER CHAIN

Marcos @ ECH (SS Sponsor Child)  
 Don Bail  
 Jackson Brinkman (Diane Gerke's grandson)  
 Angie Carmichael, cancer  
 Family of Dorothy Chrisman  
 Pastor Jim Elliott  
 Sharon Elliott, cancer  
 Olivia (Sharon's niece), cancer  
 Arlene Friedrich  
 Jared Friedrich  
 Rob Friedrich  
 Bob & Linda Gander  
 Grey, 6 yr. old friend of Holly's  
 Lyndall Galloway (Laura's father)  
 Mary Ann Henke (friend of Pat & Tracy)  
 Shelley Jennings, bone cancer  
 David Keltner (Jeanne's brother)  
 Jenny Kirchner, cancer  
 Dorothy Koestner, cancer  
 Ava LeCave  
 Lynda Lyles, heart and lung problems  
 Angie Nave  
 Andrew Painter  
 Jill Pflantz (friend of Marg)  
 Sawyer Quinlan, cancer  
 Clifford Richey (friend of Charles Stegner)  
 Marilyn Rethemeyer, brain cancer  
 Virginia Reynolds (Cathy's mom), breast cancer  
 Sanders Family, expecting high-risk twins  
 Erika Sanderson (Pat's niece)  
 Charlotte Schanzmeyer  
 Karen Schnetzler  
 Kathryn Schupp (Nancy Meyer's mother)  
 Laverne & Shirley Schmidt (Vicki's parents)  
 Family of Sandy Shaffner  
 Vicky Simmons  
 Trevor Thurman (Linda Claas' grandson)  
 Bernadine Wassmann

### Serving in our military:

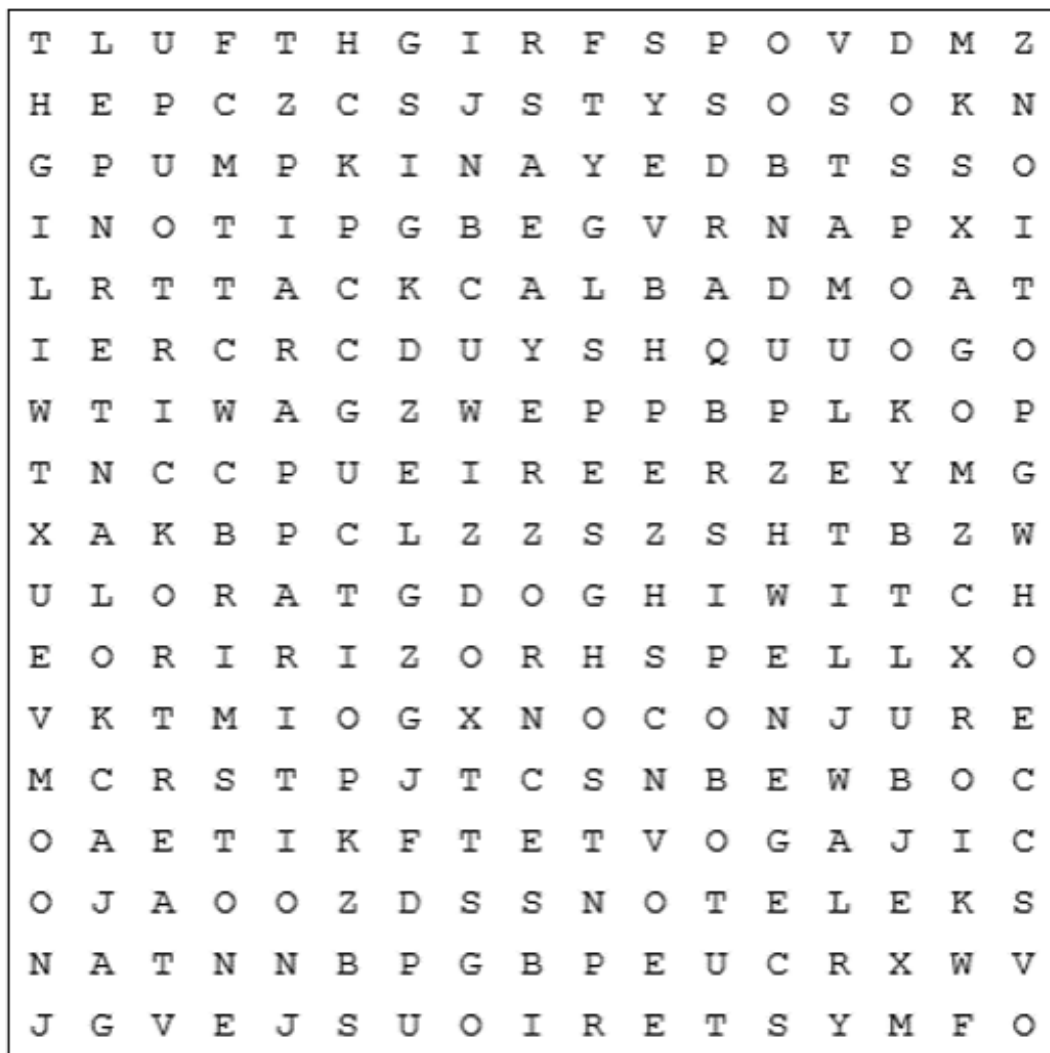
- Landon Bail
- Jeff Burgoyne
- Chris Hawley
- Natalie Meng
- Blayne Vickery
- Cliff Burgoyne
- Lakoda Davis
- Colin Jones
- Craig Randall
- James Walker

### Matthew 5:16

*In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
 so that they may see your good works and give  
 glory to your Father who is in heaven.*



# Happy Halloween



AMULET  
APPARITION  
BATS  
BLACK CAT  
BOO  
BRIMSTONE  
CACKLE  
CAULDRON  
COBWEB

CONJURE  
EERIE  
FRIGHTFUL  
GHOST  
GOOSE BUMPS  
JACK-O-LANTERN  
MOON  
MYSTERIOUS  
PHANTOM

POTION  
PUMPKIN  
SKELETON  
SPELL  
SPOOKY  
TRICK OR TREAT  
TWILIGHT  
WITCH



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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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