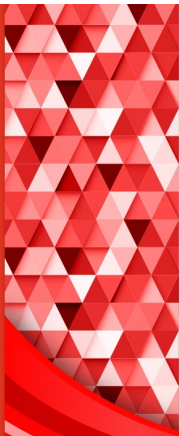


The Harper Journal

June
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If you have anything you would like to be put in next month's Newsletter (prayer list update, thank you, etc.) please email your request to office@harperchapel.org or call the church office at 573-348-2617. Thanks so much and God Bless!

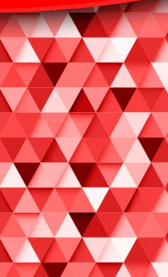


OUR VISION:

"Intentionally connecting people with Jesus Christ & each other through ministries that are: Relational, Invitational, Transformational & Missional"

OUR MISSION:

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World!"



a note from Pastor Jim...

I thought summer time was when things slowed down a little. Not at Harper Chapel. During June we have annual conference, the beginning of collecting for the Bazaar, the second Associate Pastor candidate visit, the start up of our very first summer preschool Shining Stars Program, decisions about which candidate is the best fit for us, recruitment of a planning committee to help with a re-Launch activity (fall kickoff) in August, the start of the nominations committee work for 2022, and the beginning of the budget prep process for 2022.

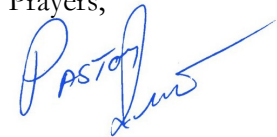
In addition, we are planning for the kick off of an Adult Sunday School, our J.O.Y group (Just Older Youth) for folks who are retired or planning to retire soon, and we will be starting a Widow and Widowers support group.

Mixed in with all this, I plan to take a week of vacation, and a week of sermon planning time to be prepared for the Christmas holiday and the early months of 2022.

I say all this to ask for help. If you are interested in the committee for the kick off, the Sunday School, the J.O.Y group or anything else that is mentioned here or elsewhere in the newsletter please reach out to me and let me know.

The only thing I know for sure with all this on our plate is that I need more coffee.

Prayers,



Coming to Branson in 2021!!

From the bustling streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, JESUS is an action-packed musical stage adventure for the whole family!

Join Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and a multitude of others as they journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth.

Witness the most miraculous events in history as Jesus sets sail with fishermen and makes disciples out of the least-expected.

The lives he touches will never be the same.

Experience the greatest rescue story of all time as it comes to life on stage with massive sets, special effects and live animals in this original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT

God's Cupboard

God's Cupboard – what a blessing to the community. Thank you so much for your constant contributions. You are what has made the Cupboard into what it is today. We are stocked pretty well right now, but that can change very quickly. Anything you would like to donate will be much appreciated.

Again, thank you for your support to the Cupboard.



Youth ended the year with a much anticipated shaving creme sculpturing event. Hopefully, the odor no longer lingers in hair and on clothes!

A special thank you to Selynn Barbour, Nancy Culver and Kristi McGrew for providing adult sponsorship through this crazy year and to Janie Hamner, Pat Pemberton, Linda Barber, Diane Williams, Bill Randall and Carol Wheeler for faithfully serving wonderful youth dinners each week!





SCHOLARSHIP *Sunday*

June 6th, 2021

This year's recipients
will be receiving
\$400 each.

Recipients are:

Alex Baur
Univ. of MO
Music Education

Clayton Cowen
MO Univ. of Science &
Technology
Computer Engineering

Emma Koeppen
Mississippi State University
Environmental Engineering

Blake Roettgen
Univ. of MO
Law/Political Science

Carly Wayman
Univ. of Central MO
Nursing

Sunday's *Schedule*



9:00 am Zoom Meeting

**NOT MEETING
DURING SUMMER
MONTHS.**

10:00 am In-Person Worship Service

Music has blended format with classic and modern
praise songs, and is located in our sanctuary.

You can also
join us from the
comfort of your
own home by
going to our
Live Facebook
page!



Saturday, August 14th

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Accepting Donations

June 1st - August 6th

Drop off in front of Thompson Hall.

WILL NOT TAKE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Men's & Women's
Clothing (accessories
& shoes will be
accepted)
Electronics
~ TVs, DVD Player,
etc.
Computers &
Accessories

Mattresses
Used Pillows
Books
Crafts
Cleaning Supplies
Underwear
Coffee Mugs
Clear Glass items
~ Unless unique

Small Picture Frames
Large Appliances
Used Candles
Used Furniture
~ Needing Cleaning
or Repair
Large Furniture

For more information contact the church office: 573-348-2617

SHINING Stars

May was an eventful month for our Shining Stars. We celebrated our mothers with a Mothers' Tea on May 6. On May 18, at our Preschool Finale, we performed the world premiere of "The Five Little Pigs" along with music demonstrations, a slide show, a story, and refreshments. This summer, we'll have preschool on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we're looking forward to gardening and lots of fun in the sun.



Prayer List: Joys & Concerns

Hazel Cory	Nigel Wood	Kathleen Marco's Parents
Sharon Shrimp (Culver's)	Judy Jansma	Findley, Cara & Shawn
Elaine Blackwell	Charlie Saunders	Gerdiman & Family
Elizabeth Neill (Wheeler's)	Emily Wheeler	Hannah (Mitchell)
Rick & Robert Myers	Dave Logsdon	Susan Robinson (Rives)
Kristen Turner	Sasha Rupert	Tracy "Bud" Penfield
Shawn Pederson (Karen's)	Ellen Covington	Bridget Huckaby
David Culver	Allene Kroll	Chester Cook (Day)
Jeanne Boardman	Trudy Marco	Annie Elizabeth Henry
Marcia Murrow	Debra Penfield	(Debbie Lord)
Richard Coburn (Meyers')	Sue Carroll	Eric Divens (Wheeler)
Richard Moore	Louise Anderson	Dennis Moyer (Wheeler)
Todd Frazier	Sadie Richey	Brooke Crawford
Jan Berry	Ron Miller's Mom	Callen Crawford
Shelley Burks	Tony & Sandi Zaucha	Juanita Day
Eva Cannon	Maureen Buzbee & Floy	
Jan Brooks	(sister) & Family	
Graham Tatomer	Cordy Shepard	

Members & Friends facing hard times

Bahule UMC & Maivene UMC

Mozambique churches sponsored by Harper Chapel

All men and women serving our country

Local families in need

Members & friends in Long-Term-Care Facilities

Elaine Blackwell
Juanita Grote
Mary Barber

June Birthdays

Andrea Nowak (4th)	Chris Seider (14th)	Pam Shelton (27th)
Alivia Alley (6th)	Michael Mistler (16th)	Sue Fletcher (28th)
Gary Hamner (8th)	Joel Pottinger (22nd)	Jane Myers (28th)
Pat Pemberton (10th)	Kathleen Miller (23rd)	Jan Campbell (28th)
Carol Cole (12th)	Georgiann Gustin (24th)	
Danielle Lutz (14th)	Natalie Short (25th)	



*Happy Birthday
and God Bless*

SHINING Stars



Shining Stars was given a generous donation of hand-shelled pecans from Jim and Pat Dexter. We will be selling them in the narthex after church services soon. You can purchase 4 oz. (1/2 cup) of these tasty nuts for \$5.00.



LRHS Parish Nurse Network Wellness Tip of the Month June, 2021

Summer Safety - Water

Water Safety

Between the lake, pools, hot tubs, and bathtubs, we are exposed to lots of water every day and we need to keep ourselves and our kids safe.

Safety Tips

Lake/Beach

1. Make sure there is adult supervision.
2. Wear a life jacket when near the lake.
3. Never swim alone.
4. Wear foot protection- such as water shoes
5. Watch out for obstacles in the water- such as rocks, broken glass, trash, or weeds.
6. Watch for large waves or undertows.
7. Get out of the water during bad weather, especially lightning.
8. Watch alcohol consumption and assign or hire a designated driver when boating.

Pool/Hot tubs

1. Do not allow a fence around the pool and hot tub.
2. Do not allow children to use a hot tub, they may get overheated or drown more easily.
3. Place low children in the pool without adult supervision.
4. No running or pushing around the pool
5. No diving in undesignated areas.

Bathtubs

1. Make sure there is adult supervision.
2. Put away all electrical appliances.
3. Be aware of the temperature of the water - children may burn more easily as they have thinner skin.

How to be prepared in case of emergency

1. Take a cell phone with you with 911 keyed in.
2. Learn CPR
3. Have emergency flotation devices available.
4. Have children wear flotation devices when near the lake/docks.
5. Remove all toys from the water at the end of the day.

Resource: <http://health.msn.com/kids-health>

Lake Regional Health System
54 Hospital Drive
Osage Beach, MO 65065
Billye Bennett, RN, Parish Nurse

COPING WITH DEATH, LOSS, & GRIEF

The death of someone we care about is distressing, and the sense of loss and grief which follows is a natural and important part of life. It is not a sign of weakness, but rather a healthy and fitting response - a tribute to someone we loved and lost to death.

NORMAL GRIEF REACTIONS

When experiencing grief, it is common to:

- Feel like you are “going crazy”
- Have difficulty concentrating
- Feel sad or depressed
- Be irritable or angry (at the deceased, oneself, others, God)
- Feel frustrated or misunderstood
- Experience anxiety, nervousness, or fearfulness
- Have an upset stomach
- Feel like you want to “escape”
- Experience guilt or remorse
- Be ambivalent
- Feel numb or empty
- Lack energy or motivation
- Have difficulty sleeping or have nightmares
- Feel helpless or hopeless
- Feel a sense of disbelief

Whatever feelings or reactions you have are OK. Criticizing yourself for your feelings or thinking that you should “just pull yourself together” is usually not helpful. Grief is as individual as a fingerprint; however, the need to grieve is universal.

GRIEF AS A PROCESS

Seldom does a person go into one side of grief and come out the other side the same as before the loss. Think of going through your grief rather than getting over the loss. It is important to note that the grief process is not linear, but is more often experienced in cycles. Grief is sometimes compared to climbing a spiral staircase where things can look and feel like you are going in circles, yet you are actually making progress. Being patient with the process and allowing yourself to have any feelings about your loss can help.

COPING WITH GRIEF

There are many passages of Scripture to help ease our way through grief, of which “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted” (Matthew 5:4), is most familiar and comforting to God’s people. I recall caring for a 93 year old woman, who died after a few days in the hospital. When her son showed up at her bedside, she asked “What are you doing here, Howard?” “I’m here to see you,” he said. “I’m just dying, and I will be in the Lord’s house soon,” she said. She knew, just as much as Jesus knows, that dying is a part of life. So is God’s Comfort. Also, Psalm 147:3 says “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” God heals our broken hearts, even when we lose someone we love. Unfortunately, there is no timetable for grief, but you can cling to the promise that God heals broken hearts.

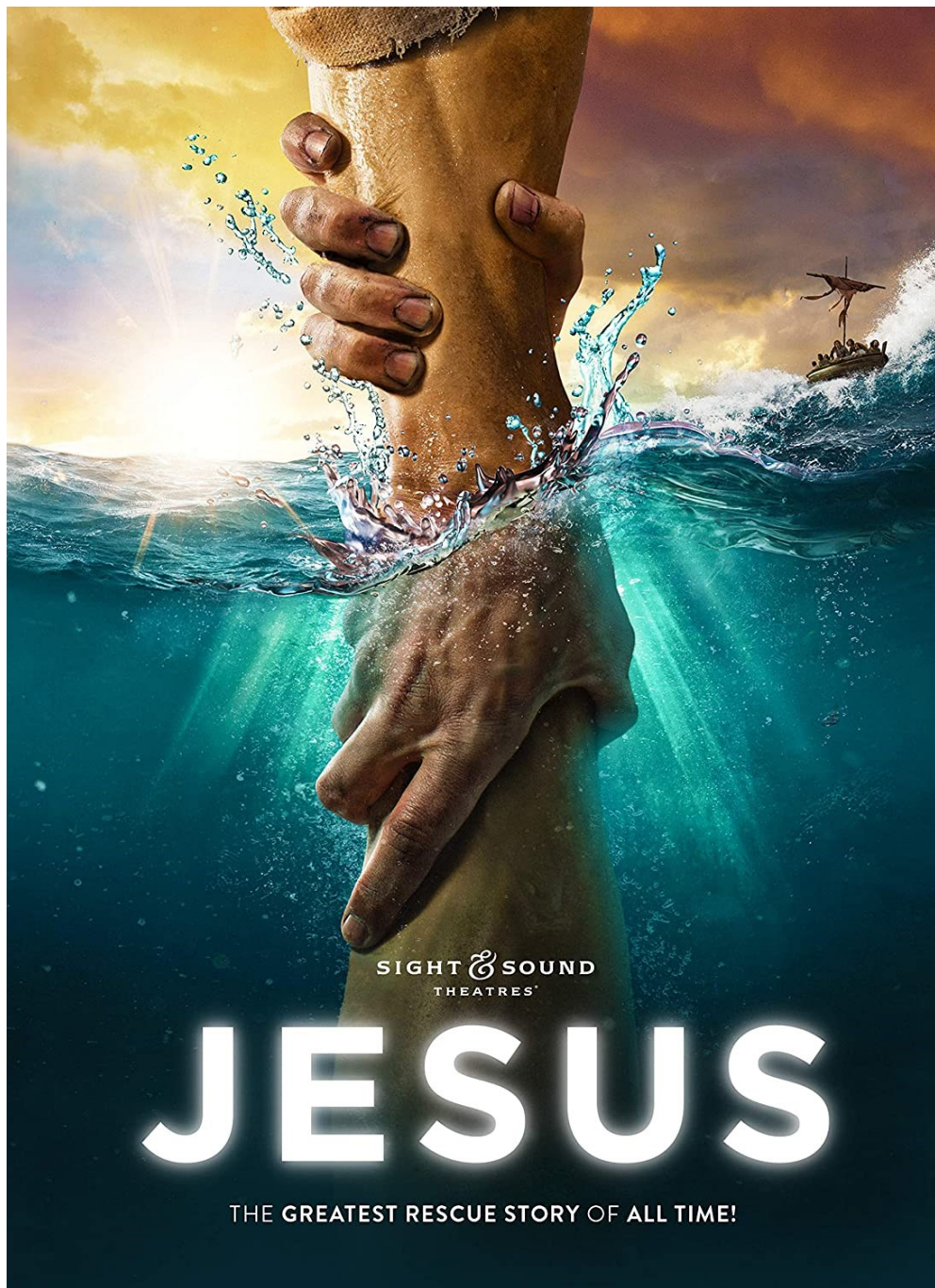
Running away from grief postpones sorrow; clinging to grief prolongs pain. Neither leads to healing. Each one of us has our own way of coping with painful experiences. The list below may help you generate ideas about how to manage your feelings of grief.

- Talk to supportive family, friends, church family members, & Pastor frequently about your feelings and memories
- Keep routines of life going (e.g. work, interests, friends, volunteer activities, church participation)
- We often help ourselves best by helping others. Use your talents and experiences to assist other grieving individuals; remembering that we are just walking one another home.
- Exercise; Eat healthy, good foods
- Get plenty of rest
- Seek Spiritual Support; Pray often
- Be patient with yourself; give yourself permission to grieve; don’t try to rush things along
- Allow emotions and allow a break from emotions
- Don’t make any big or sudden decisions about life
- Avoid extra responsibilities during this healing time
- Consider establishing a memorial to honor the memory of your loved one. A member of my grief support group built a little free library, similar in size to our God’s Cupboard box, & installed it in the park in Laurie. Members of his deceased wife’s book club care for and maintain this library in her honor.

You may want to experiment with these ideas or create a list of your own. You may have heard - indeed you may believe - that your grief journey’s end will come when you resolve, or recover from your grief. But your journey will never end. People do not “get over” grief. Reconciliation is a term I find more appropriate for what occurs as the mourner works to integrate the new reality of moving forward in life without the physical presence of the person who died.

With reconciliation, the sharp, ever-present pain of grief gives rise to a renewed sense of meaning and purpose. Your feeling of loss will not completely disappear, yet, it will soften, and the intense pangs of grief will give way to gratitude to God for being able to share your life with the deceased. The person who died will never be forgotten, as you incorporate the best of them into yourself as you move forward through life.

Billye Bennett, RN
Parish Nurse



JESUS, LIVE ON STAGE

Wednesday, October 13, 3:30 PM

**SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE
1001 SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS EXPRESSWAY
BRANSON, MISSOURI**

Length: 2 Hrs. 20 min. with one intermission

Ticket Price \$59.77 per person, deadline September 10

**Checks payable to Billye Bennett and can be left in the Church Office with Andrea
or given to Billye Bennett, Parish Nurse**

1:00 PM Lunch Reservations at Billy Gail's Restaurant, 1882 James River Road in Ozark, MO

***This trip is in conjunction with Lake Regional Health System's
New Horizon's Widow Support Group.***

**We will leave Harper Chapel Parking lot at 11:00 AM
New Horizons Support Group will Car Pool; Pastor Jim will drive the Church Van for
those members who would like to take advantage of this travel option.**

**SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRES, in Lancaster, PA and Branson, MO,
is the largest faith-based live theatre in the country and has been described as
"Christian Broadway", with stories taken from the pages of Scripture and brought to life on stage.**