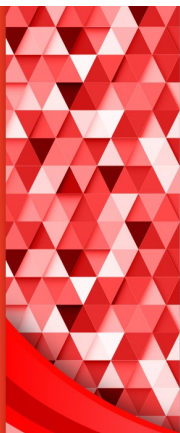


# The Harper Journal

August  
2021



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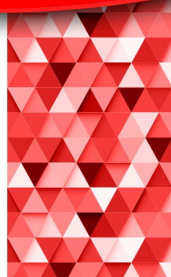


#### OUR VISION:

"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...

The month of August promises to be a month of transition, change, challenge, and opportunity. Things will happen that are beyond our control. Thankfully, we know that God is in control even when we want to be.

Sadly, due to circumstances beyond our control, we will be ending our ten-year run with Shining Stars. The preschool ministry has been one that has impacted lives, given parents a place to trust with their children and given a great head start for children getting ready for school. Due to COVID induced shutdowns, reduced attendance, and staffing changes, the leadership team determined that we should close the ministry for a year, rebrand and reopen for fall of 2022. The last day of the Summer Preschool session and the last day for Shining Stars sponsored activities, including the after-school program, will be August 12.

We are also getting ready for the return of the Harper Bazaar. We began over a month ago collecting items for the sale and have been blessed with many boxes of wonderful things to sell and donate to help people in our community. The proceeds from this sale will be donated to Lamb House and the Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association. Anything not sold will be donated to Share the Harvest. Advertising is happening, plans are being made, help is being enlisted and Jeanne Gordon and her team are doing a wonderful job.

Billye Bennett is busy restarting our parish nurse program, planning activities, and working to help establish an environment that supports our physical and emotional health. She will be coordinating our grief support group efforts which is scheduled to start in September with an organizational meeting on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am.

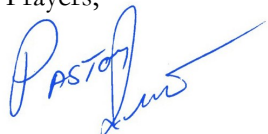
In addition, we will be joining with a group from the hospital to attend several plays at the Lyceum Theater, details are in this addition of the newsletter, but the ticket deadline to see *Singing in the Rain* is August 2, and for *Sister Act* the deadline is August 9.

Tentatively, we have scheduled a fall kickoff/restart for August 29. The timing of this event will depend upon the COVID situation and will be subject to change. The last thing we want to do is create an event that exposes individuals to COVID.

Also, in the works for September, the return of Adult Sunday School with a potential children's class. Judy Smits has agreed to offer a children's class if needed. We will also be offering a Bible 101 class starting with "Where did the Bible come from?" The Just Older Youth (J.O.Y) group, for those of us over 55, will also kick off in September.

The challenge in all of this will not be can we do all this, nor is it a question of resources, or do we have the ability to do different new things that create opportunities for learning, fellowship, and growth. The biggest challenge will simply be the unknown impacts of COVID. Please be careful, wear a mask, get your vaccination, and stay safe.

Prayers,



Pastor Jim

# God's Cupboard



Thank you so much for your constant contributions to God's Cupboard. You are what has made the Cupboard into what it is today. The following are some items we are a little short on:

- Knorr's Side Dishes
- Rice A Roni or Other side dishes  
(NO MAC & CHEESE)
- Cans of Soup  
(NO SPAGHETTIOS/RAVIOLI)
- Canned Fruit

As always, monetary donations are certainly welcome. Thank you again for your support to the Cupboard. You are very much appreciated.



... invites any youth, Grades 2-6, interested in meeting new (and old) friends, playing games and growing in their faith to join us for food, laughter and a mid-week adventure beginning Wednesday, September 8th, 6-7:30 pm. A light youth-friendly meal is served at 6:00 pm, with activities to follow.

Calls will be coming to past sponsors and cooks, so think about whether you will be interested in working with youth this year!

And, if you have always wanted to be a part of Harper Youth, but do not meet our current age criteria, don't hesitate to volunteer in any area!

We look forward to hearing from you! Call Judy Smits, 402-578-2682 if you have any questions or want to join in the fun!



# Sunday's *Schedule*



*9:00 am Zoom Meeting*

***NOT MEETING  
DURING SUMMER  
MONTHS.***

## *10:00 am 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!



**TAKING  
DONATIONS  
THRU  
AUG. 6TH**

**SATURDAY • AUGUST 14  
8 am - 2 pm**

August 6th is the last date to drop off your donated items. We could use more of the following:

- Jewelry & Purses
- Everyday Dishes & Silverware Sets
- Bikes, Fishing, Boating items
- Lake Living Décor for Decks (as well as for indoors)
- Small Coffee Tables, End Tables and Chairs (must fit in SUV)

There will be food trucks for breakfast and lunch!!

We could use some help for clean up on Aug. 14 at 2:00 pm when the sale is over. Contact Jeanne Gordon to add your name to the list.

## ***Thank You!***

**For more info contact  
Jeanne Gordon at 573-230-1401**



# SHINING Stars

Your Shining Stars enjoyed lots of time outside this month. We set up a campground out back by the garden. We had three tents, plus a campfire ring and sand and water tables in the playhouse. (Thanks Clark and Norm for fixing the floor in the playhouse.) We played games and read books in the tents, sang songs around the campfire with Ms. Sydney on guitar, went fishing in a pool, and even went on a bear hunt. Ms. Nancy came and showed us all of her special walking sticks. One was a shepherd's staff, which she used for a fun game of bringing wayward sheep (or preschoolers) back to the fold by hooking them! Then we each decorated our own walking stick (with a bell to alert the bears of our presence!) and took a hike all the way around the garden fence. We also learned about fireflies and made some that actually light up.



We also welcomed two new (unexpected) preschoolers this month when our guinea pig Cooper (we thought she was a boy!) gave birth to two babies during a worship service one Sunday morning! We love our babies and are happy that Ms. Sydney is giving them a loving home when summer preschool is over.



## Prayer List: Joys & Concerns

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

## 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

## August Birthdays

Marilyn Goswick (1st)	Jan Berry (18th)
Jerry Thompson (1st)	Jan Thomas (18th)
Pat Dexter (3rd)	Riley Short (21st)
Judy Knudson (7th)	Rosalie Christiansen (27th)
John Berry (7th)	Richard Luelf (27th)
Susan Buckingham (11th)	John Buckingham (29th)
Christine Weber (12th)	
Gloria Homan (12th)	



Flappy Birthday  
and God Bless



# SHINING Stars

This week, we had a special treat. We all got into the van and drove to Pastor Jim's condo. There, we got to hear a story and see his amazing electric train community. We saw scale model freight trains and passenger trains complete with lights and sound effects, as well as intricately detailed buildings, cars, parks, and many other features. It was awesome! Pastor Jim is a really good engineer, and he even gave each of us a tiny train car to keep! After that, we went to Culvers for some delicious ice cream (with sprinkles, of course!) A fun time was had by all ages.



During our last three weeks of summer preschool, we will be making tie-dyed t-shirts, enjoying outdoor water activities,



making homemade ice cream with our reading buddies, and spending fun times with our special friends. We have had a wonderful year of Shining Stars, and we will miss it, but our memories and friendships will live on.



## LRHS Parish Nurse Network Wellness Tip of the Month August, 2021

### *Summer Safety- Heat Illness*

Heat illness occurs when the body cannot cool itself effectively through sweating, which in turn causes the body temperature to increase. Young children and people over the age of 65 are more at risk, as well as persons on certain medications that slow down sweat production and diuretics. There are two levels of heat illness - 1) Heat Exhaustion and 2) Heat Stroke.

### *Symptoms*

#### **Heat Exhaustion - mild**

- Thirst/dehydration
- Fatigue/weakness
- Cramps in legs/abdomen
- Clammy skin
- Headache

#### **Heat Stroke - serious**

- Dizziness/diminished alertness
- Headache
- Nausea/vomiting
- Irritability
- Rapid heartbeat/rapid breathing
- Temperature of 105° F or more

#### **Severe Cases**

- Liver, brain and kidney damage
- Death

### *Prevention*

- Air conditioning
- Decrease strenuous activities or change activities to early morning or evening hours when the temperature is cooler.
- Carry water and drink fluids regularly-before, during and after the activity.
- Don't push the limits.
- Wear light colored, loose fitting clothes

### *How to be prepared in case of emergency* **Heat Exhaustion**

- Bring person into a cool location
- Loosen clothes
- Encourage cool liquids
- Bathe in cool (not cold) water
- Call your doctor for further advice

### **Heat Stroke**

- Call 911
- Until help arrives-get person into cool area, loosen clothing, use a cool, wet sponge or towel and fans to cool them down and DO NOT give fluids.

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

Lake Regional Health System  
54 Hospital Drive  
Osage Beach, MO 65065  
573.302.2233  
[www.bbeck@lakeregional.com](http://www.bbeck@lakeregional.com)

Becky Beck, RN Parish Nurse Coordinator

# SHINING *Stars* FUN TAKEWELL

Sunday , August 15 • After Church (11:15 am)

**ALL INVITED TO JOIN US**

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## Low Vaccination Rates Could Lead to Fall Surge

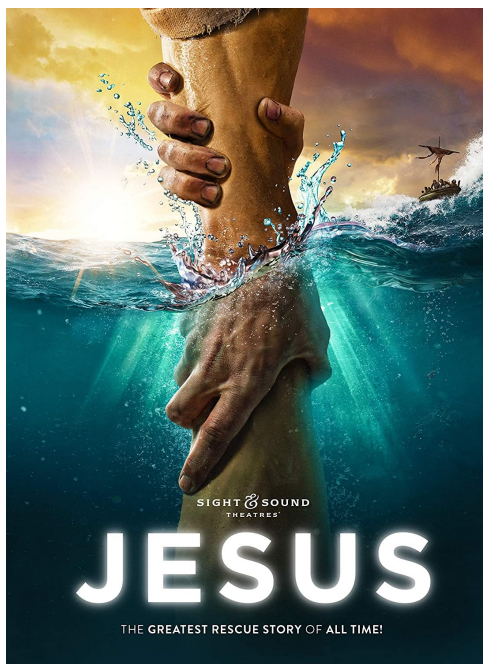
The transmission of the more contagious Delta Variant in Missouri and the United States could spur a fall surge in coronavirus infections if only 75% of the eligible population is vaccinated. Delta is up to 60% more contagious than earlier variants and is expected to become the dominant strain in the United States according to Rochelle Walensky, Director of the CDC. Walensky told Americans during an appearance on ABC's Good Morning America.

Faisal Khan, MD, Director of the St. Louis Department of Public Health, the Delta Variant spreading throughout Missouri should raise alarm bells. He is all but certain that the virus will continue to spread from outstate into metropolitan areas, "threatening to erase the progress we have made beating back the virus". "Unfortunately, too many in our community and state still have not gotten vaccinated, and these are the only covid-19 patients we are seeing in our hospital beds. And concerningly, we are seeing unvaccinated teenagers and young adults with serious cases of the disease due to new variants". Dr Khan continues, "Right now we are in a race against time to hold off the Delta Variant and keep Missouri safe." This means intensifying the vaccine campaign to ensure every resident is protected.

If you have not yet gotten vaccinated, or have a child 12 or older who has not gotten theirs---please visit a vaccination site soon. Getting vaccinated is about building the power of community and protecting yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your future.

Billye Bennett, RN, Parish Nurse

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## ***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 be driving the church van, which is currently at full capacity. You are still able to car pool if you are interested in going with us as a group.

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.



Besides JESUS at Sight and Sound, here are other

# UPCOMING SHOWS

we plan on going to see with Billye Bennett's group from Lake Regional.

Pastor Jim will drive the van if there are enough people interested in going.  
We will stop for a meal before each production.

## LYCEUM THEATRE IN ARROW ROCK, MISSOURI

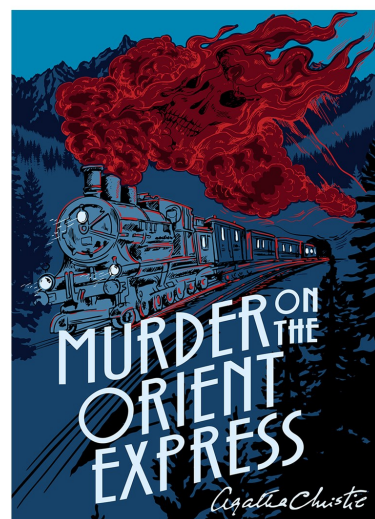


Thursday, Sept. 9th  
Ticket Cost: \$34  
Payment Deadline:  
August 2nd



Wednesday, Sept. 29th  
Ticket Cost: \$34  
Payment Deadline:  
August 9th

*(Alternative Van Driver Needed)*



Wednesday, Oct. 20th  
Ticket Cost: \$32  
Payment Deadline:  
September 15th

## CLAY COOPER THEATRE IN BRANSON, MISSOURI



Friday, Nov. 12th  
Ticket Cost: \$34  
Payment Deadline:  
October 8th

All Shows  
are 2 pm  
Matinees

Please make checks out to Billye Bennett. You can give the checks to her or drop them off at the church office. Also let us know if you will be wanting to ride in the church van.