

the MESSENGER



COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2021

From Steve's Desk...

We are making changes to our church lobby in hopes of bringing a fresh and welcoming look to our church building. Our church building is a tool for advancing the Gospel. We want to make a good first impression and communicate that the Gospel is new and fresh every day. However, we must always keep our one true God at the center of who and what we do. This reminder comes from the July issue of Christian Standard Magazine.

Celebrating the Presence of God
2 Chronicles 5:1-14

The temple of Solomon was one of the grandest sites in the ancient world. It could easily have given the "seven great wonders of the ancient world" a run for their money. The temple took seven years to complete and was finished around 959 BC. It was filled with gold, silver, and bronze. King David had dedicated (made holy) many of the things in advance (1 Chronicles 22:14; 29:1-9). They were stored away for just the right time.

Solomon made it happen. He enlisted the elders, the heads of the tribes, and the chiefs of the families to bring the ark of the Lord's covenant (box or chest) from the old city of David up to the newly completed temple. This was all to be done during the seventh month. This was a party month—not only celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles but also the Day of Atonement. Good timing.

Even though the ark would not be carried a great distance (the old city of David sits just south of the temple area), they were going to transport it correctly this time (cf. 2 Samuel 6:1-11). The Levites were to bear it up along with the sacred furnishings. They would function both as the movers and the butchers. So many sacrifices were made that people lost count of them—though they tried to keep a record (2 Chronicles 7:4-6).

The ark was placed in the Holy of Holies (inner sanctuary or Most Holy Place). The priests placed the mercy seat (wings of the cherubim) on top of the ark (sending the message that mercy triumphs over judgment). The poles for carrying it extended so far that they could be seen in the Holy Place (the room just outside the Holy of Holies). The Ten Commandments were placed inside the ark. The writer of Hebrews speaks as if the jar of manna and Aaron's rod were also inside of it, but the Old Testament never exactly said that (Hebrews 9:4; cf. Exodus 16:33-34; Numbers 17:10).

The decibel level of this celebration must have been deafening. Consecrated priests within their Davidic divisions, the musicians among the Levites (three are mentioned by name along with their sons and relatives), and a 120-priest brass band offered up praise to God. They sang that familiar song from Psalm 136 (God is good and his "loyal love" endures forever).

Reminiscent of when the tabernacle was finished, the cloud of God and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. In fact, it so filled this new house of worship there was room for no one else. The word ark occurs nine times in this chapter. It symbolized God's presence, which is something to celebrate."

Church family, as we make some transitions in the appearance of our lobby... Let us keep our God at the forefront of what we do.

Steve

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

Hey All!

I really appreciate all who volunteer for Children's Church/Nursery. You are changing lives and planting seeds in these kids who are our future. With that said, I wanted to give you some updated information since we are getting back to normal again!



We are starting up Sunday School on August 1, 2021. Yay! As we start off, we are only having one adult class and that will be a topical study on Forgiveness by Don Vickroy. Connie Curry will be teaching the children's Sunday School class for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Roger Curry will be teaching a Youth/Jr. High Sunday School class for kids ages 6th grade through High School. Nursery will also be available to children 6 weeks through age 3. (Please check the Nursery schedule that was created at the beginning of this year if you volunteered to help). Each class will start at 9:30 AM. After that we will have breakfast in the gym and church will start at 10:45 like usual.

During the Worship Service, we will continue to have Nursery and Children's Church available. Nursery (for kids 6 weeks through age 3) will be available during the entire church service from 10:45 until the end of the sermon. (If you are scheduled to be in the nursery, please plan on being in there for the entire church service.) Children's Church (for kids age 4 through 6th grade) will be available during the sermon.

Parents, we appreciate the time and effort that you spend shaping and molding the minds of these kids in order to learn about and love Jesus. This is one of the most important things you will ever do! If you have been considering becoming a volunteer, I would greatly appreciate more help! We could use teachers, helpers, and nursery workers. And, of course, if you have any questions or concerns, I would love to speak to you about them!

Thank you for your service!

Sarah



"I knew we were in trouble when she said, 'Hi, I'm the new Sunday School volunteer. Don't make me page your mother.'"

Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance. Proverbs 1:5

HELPING AREA SCHOOLS

Thank you for your donations!! School supply lists by grade are in the church foyer beside the large box for donations. Please have your donations to the church the first week of August so we can deliver them to Riverdale School on August 7th. Thank you!

BACK to SCHOOL



Aug 7th

For a complete list of school supplies by grade, check <https://bit.ly/3zQ5CDh> or pick up a paper copy in the church lobby

KINDERGARTEN School Supply List



- 1 Box of Crayons 24/Pkg
- 12 #2 Pencils
- 1 Pink Eraser
- 1 Pkg Washable Markers 8 ct.
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Bottle of School Glue
- 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 1 Pkg Wipes
- 1 Pair Fiskar Blunt Tip Scissors
- 1 Pencil Box
- 3 Plastic Pocket Folders with Brads

WWW.SCHOOL-SUPPLY-LIST.COM

1st Grade School Supply List



- 12 #2 PENCILS
- 1 Box of Crayons 24/Pkg
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 1 Pink Eraser
- 1 Pkg Washable Markers 8ct.
- 1 Pair Fiskar Blunt Tip Scissors
- 1 Pencil Case
- 2 Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- 3 Pocket Folders
- 1 Pkg Map Colored Pencils

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2nd Grade School Supply List



- 12 #2 Pencils
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 1 Pink Eraser
- 1 Pkg washable Markers 8 ct.
- 2 Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Pkg Wipes
- 1 Pencil Box
- 1 Pair Fiskar Blunt Tip Scissors
- 2 Plastic Pocket Folders with Brads

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I searched everywhere, determined to find wisdom and to understand the reason for things.

Ecclesiastes 7:25

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT



Back to School Prayer

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52



In Wisdom

God, we pray for all of our students that they will grow in wisdom over the course of this year. We pray that they will grow academically, learning all that is required of them. We pray that they will work hard, and be successful in their studies. More importantly, we pray that they continue to grow in the wisdom that comes from You. We pray that they become more capable lights to those around them and learn and follow Your heart for them as they make decisions. Give us as parents the wisdom to assist our children as they walk through this life and help us to discern how best to help them

In Stature

God we thank You for the lives of our children. We pray that You protect them from harm and give them health throughout this year. We are thankful for Your loving hand, even in the midst of difficulties. We pray that our children will know that they are made in Your image and that they are valuable because they are known by You. We pray that children everywhere will be comforted by You and know that they are valuable – no matter how they look and no matter what others may say. We pray You protect our children from the cruelties of this world.

In Favor with God and People

We pray that our children will continue to grow in faith and obedience to You. We pray that they have integrity in their choices, whether those choices are seen by others or not. We pray that they act in love and kindness towards others, especially those whom the world pushes to the margins. We pray You give them strength to stand up for the outcast. We pray that they may have strength to stand up for what is right. We pray for their obedience to You and other authority figures in their lives. We pray that they image Jesus in all their actions, words, and interactions with others. We pray that they are a light to those around them. We pray that they surround themselves with people who will help them grow closer to You.

~Phil Travis, 2014



CRUISE IN IS COMING!

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT



Saturday, August 21, 2021

11:00AM – 3:00PM

Countryside Christian Church

3817 – 230th St. N, Port Byron, IL

All Donations benefit the Riverdale School District

*Free Entry!
Free Food!
Free Fun!*

Vehicle Sign In When You Arrive
Vehicle Entry Fee – FREE

Shine 'em up and Show them off!

CLASSIC ROCK MUSIC, FANTASTIC FOOD, CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES

DASH PLAQUE TO FIRST 50 CARS!

PRIZES AWARDED TO:

- ***THE OLDEST VEHICLE***
- ***THE OLDEST PARTICIPANT***
- ***PASTOR'S CHOICE AWARD***

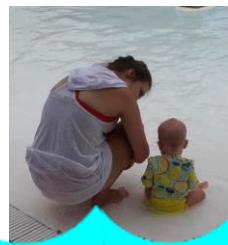


Thank you Port Byron Fire
Dept for bringing a truck
and goodie bags for the kids!

ENJOYING THE SUMMER!

The Kids Club were able to spend a day at Splash Landing this month! The weather has not been super cooperative lately and we almost got rained out again but it turned out to be a great day! We had pizza and a little birthday party while it rained and then the skies brightened and the kids were able to finish out the day with some more fun in the pool!

KIDS CLUB HIGHLIGHT



Kids started a new project this month at Kids Club! You may get to see them soon on display at a special event (hint....it's on August 21st!) Steve is also starting a new sermon series this month and the sanctuary has a very "Olympic" feel! The kids got a special lesson just for them with this same theme!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Women's *Renew & Refresh*

9:30am August 14th
Countryside Christian Church



Please mark your calendars for these special Saturdays coming up just for women (August) and for men (September). Thank you Teresa Garcia for planning these! We are looking forward to time together.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Faith. Food
& Fellowship**

9:30am September 25th
Countryside Christian Church



*Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.
Psalm 5:3*

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Me & My House

MISSION HIGHLIGHT

Josh and Susan Sanchez are missionaries who established the church in Manzanillo, Mexico and are now working with the church in Colima, Mexico. They have worked in Mexico since January of 2006. Josh grew up in Mexico City, Mexico and attended Central Christian College in Moberly, MO 1999-2003. Susan grew up in Mexico, MO in the Christian Church. She attended CCCB in 1999-2003 also.

On May 30th, 2021 Susan's mother passed away in Missouri. She had struggled for several years with health problems. Susan wrote a wonderful tribute to her mother in their May newsletter. Susan and the boys traveled to the U.S. for the funeral on June 24th. Her stay will be extended beyond the funeral to finalize estate details as her father passed away in 2014. The travel expenses have put a strain on their financial situation.

They celebrated Father's Day a bit differently than Mother's Day. "On Mother's Day they gathered on a beautiful day and ate a lovely meal. Father's Day was spent shoveling mud and creating drainage at our home after a tropical storm and going to the church to combat the washed out road, and deliver gift baskets. In both cases Josh stepped up did a great job, and we had a great day, rain or shine."

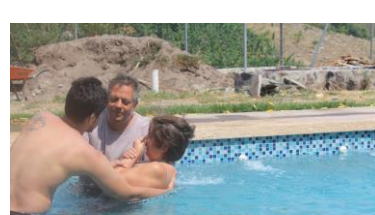
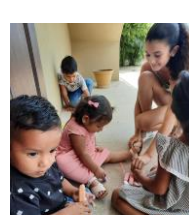
"Some people have been fabulous and have asked, "What do you guys need?" They know that going stateside means major expenses as we stock up on clothes for Isaac (you cannot find men's 14 shoe anywhere in the country or jeans that fit his 6'1" frame). We also get his therapy items that cannot be found in

Mexico, and stock up on books for them to read in English. We are also looking at some major expenses including getting a new U.S. phone line as our internet switched to satellite in the mountain and we lost our landline and U.S. phone number that is on all our accounts stateside. Not even family can call us at this point. We are looking at getting a cell phone plan with international minutes. Plus ministry supplies among some trips to a few fast food joints the boys miss. The women of the church always ask for IKEA shopping bags, the ones that fold up into a small pocket. All four kids need shirts and shorts. If you can help with any of these items, or would like more details, please let us know. ALL are necessary.

Scarlett and Rafa have been spending some time in Manzanillo with their little sister. Both were competing in volleyball. Then another bombshell moment happened in their family, and all we can say is, it is not good. So we let the kids stay together. Rafa returned to take his college entrance exam. Scarlett is finishing the school year (ends in July) and then will be joining us. The good news is their Mom started seeing a psychologist. Please pray for all of them. (Newsletter June 22, 2021)

Prayer requests include:

- Susan's family
- Money to buy supplies stateside
- Road to church getting cemented to fix constant wash outs from storms
- Healing for Joshi's family
- Finishing the house
- Praise God the church roof is done.



Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

1 John 3:18

JULY 18, 2021
BAPTISM
SUNDAY

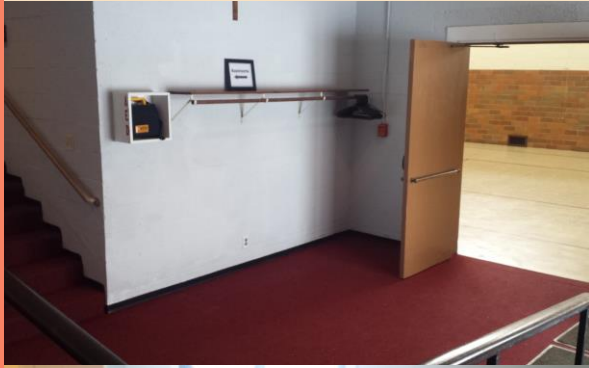


On Sunday, July 18th, five individuals in our church family were baptized during the service. We are so excited for each of you and pray God's blessing on you. It's a beautiful thing to see the testimonies of God's redeeming work and hearts changed for the Lord. Brandon Simms, Madalyn Simms, Morgan Rutledge, Sandy Lawrence, and Criss Evans, we love you and praise God for your commitment to follow Him!

"They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.'" Acts 16:31

SPRUCING THINGS UP

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHT



Before



After



Before



After

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with sprucing things up at Countryside the past few months! With the fear of inadvertently leaving someone out, we would like to thank Tim Baxter and Jeremiah Bird for painting, Teresa Garcia for renovating both the women's and men's bathrooms, Roger Curry and Steve Allison for many projects, Gabe Garcia and Mike and Becki Winger for many other projects, the Kids Club and parents for helping with the lower lobby, and the teens for painting the Teen Room. The transformation is really beautiful. Check the newsletter next month for the lobby, bathrooms, and youth room update pictures!

*Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.
Colossians 4:5*

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

YTD Offering Budget: \$94,230

YTD Offering Actual: \$97,777

YTD Faith Promises: \$3,272

FAITH *Promise* GIVING

A Faith Promise is a FAITH commitment. Promise only what you believe God wants to give through you. Then trust God to be faithful in this promise.

Your Faith Promise involvement says that you believe:

1. World evangelism is vital to accomplishing the mission of the church
2. The gospel can change lives
3. Giving, although important, is secondary to faith and praying
4. God will help pay the amount promised

How do I decide how much my Faith Promise should be?

- Study the scriptures.
- Prayerfully consider the amount you can faithfully purpose to give. (II Corinthians 9:7). Do not be surprised at what God lays on your heart. Just be obedient.
- Fill out a Faith Promise Card, indicating your Faith and Promise.



MY FAITH PROMISE TO WORLD MISSIONS

After a period of much prayer and discernment, I/WE promise to support the worldwide missionary program of the Countryside Christian Church over the next year. In total dependence upon God for HIS provision, it is our promise that "As God Gives, So Shall We Give." By faith, I/We promise the following amount of money:

\$ _____ Annual Total

Note: This is a faith promise, a covenant between myself and God. It is my voluntary offering for the evangelization of the world.

5 WAYS TO GIVE

- IN PERSON
- MAIL
- ONLINE
- MOBILE APP
- TEXT

Point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right to be taken to the online giving site. From here you can choose to give online or via text



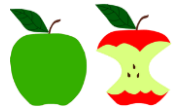
We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support of our church. Together, we will continue to do God's amazing work!

UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST

events



8/1

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS!

6:30pm



8/2

DEPARTMENT MEETING

Evangelism/Missions (6:30pm)
All Departments (7pm)

MONTHLY MEETING

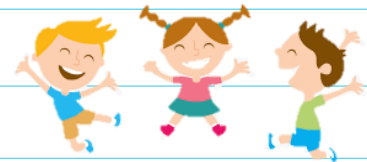
Be Connected Be Heard Be Informed



8/4

KIDS CLUB OFF-CAMPUS DAY

Helium Trampoline Park (Eldridge, IA)
11:00am – 1:00pm



8/7

PACK THE BACKPACK DUE



8/8

YOUTH MISSION PRESENTATION

10:45am Worship Service



8/12

ELDER MEETING

9:00am



8/14

WOMEN'S COFFEE SATURDAY

9:30am



8/18

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

Please be in prayer for the students, teachers, and administration as they begin this new school year.



8/21

CRUISE-IN

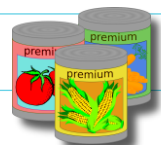
11:00am – 3:00pm



8/29

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Items for the month are due this Sunday and will be delivered to the Food Pantry this week



"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1



AUGUST Birthdays

- 4 – Laura Schmidt
- 14 – Jaelin Hawkins
- 16 – Becky Wierenga
- 16 – Randy Denekas
- 21 – Sarah Denekas
- 27 – Rock Lawrence
- 28 – Bob Gipson



AUGUST Anniversaries

- 6 – Jamie & Gail Horst
- 11 – Ryan & Laura Schmidt
- 29 – Bob & Cheryl Gipson



“Can you say ‘try the patience of a saint’ in a public school?”

August

1. Isaiah 7-9
2. Isaiah 10-12
3. Isaiah 13-15
4. Isaiah 16-18
5. Isaiah 19-21
6. Isaiah 22-24
7. Isaiah 25-27
8. Isaiah 28-30
9. Isaiah 31-33
10. Isaiah 34-36
11. Isaiah 37-39
12. Isaiah 40-42
13. Isaiah 43-45
14. Isaiah 46-48
15. Isaiah 49-51
16. Isaiah 52-54
17. Isaiah 55-57
18. Isaiah 58-60
19. Isaiah 61-63
20. Isaiah 64-66
21. Jeremiah 1-3
22. Jeremiah 4-7
23. Jeremiah 8-11
24. Jeremiah 12-16
25. Jeremiah 17-19
25. Jeremiah 20-22
27. Jeremiah 23-25
28. Jeremiah 26-29
29. Jeremiah 30-32
30. Jeremiah 33-36
31. Jeremiah 37-39

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH



NURSERY WORKERS

	During Sunday School	During Worship Service
Aug 1	Cathy Lotz	Cathy Lotz
Aug 8	Cathy Lotz	Nancy Dufur
Aug 15	Becki Winger	Kathy Kohrt
Aug 22	Nancy Dufur	Gail Horst
Aug 29	Kathy Kohrt	Sarah Denekas

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

	Teacher	Helper
Aug 1	Connie Curry	Gail Horst
Aug 8	Connie Curry	Donna Vickroy
Aug 15	Connie Curry	Sarah Denekas
Aug 22	Connie Curry	Ruth Coverdill
Aug 29	FAMILY SUNDAY	



COMMUNION
MEDITATION

- Aug 1 – Wayne Lotz
- Aug 8 – Teresa Garcia
- Aug 15 – Don Vickroy
- Aug 22 – Ryan Schmidt
- Aug 29 – Steve Allison



- Aug 1 – Jerry & Nancy Dufur
- Aug 8 – Criss Evans
- Aug 15 – *Still need a volunteer*
- Aug 22 – Schmidt Family
- Aug 29 – *Still need a volunteer*



BUILDING CLEANERS

- Randy & Sarah Denekas
- Roger & Connie Curry
- Mike & Becki Winger



- Aug 1 – Laura Schmidt
- Aug 8 –
- Aug 15 –
- Aug 22 –
- Aug 29 –

Please sign up in the church lobby for one week if you are able to!
Thank you!

PUZZLE



No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.



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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

"_on't let any_ne _oo_ down o_ you _ecaus_
 you _re youn_, but set an exa_ple for the bel_evers
 in speec_, in _onduct, in love, in _aith and in _urity."

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P



"If you think the Lord moves in mysterious ways, you should see long division."

People who accept discipline are on the pathway to life, but those who ignore correction will go astray. Proverbs 10:17

FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations on Follow the Leader — and remember to follow Jesus wherever you go!

What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter's tape


What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader's movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.

2021

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	02 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm U of I Home Extension 7-9pm Gym in Use 11:30am-1:30pm	03 Men's Study 9am Cub Scouts 6-7pm Worship Team-7pm	04 Kids Club Trampoline Park Event – Time TBD  Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	05	06 Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	07 Pack the Backpack Due 
08 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE <i>with Kids Sharing about Mission Trip</i> 10:45AM	09 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting Cub Scouts 6-7pm	10 Men's Study 9am Worship Team-7pm	11 Kids Club – 10AM-12:30PM Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	12 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm Elder's Meeting 9am Cruise-In Meeting-7pm	13	14 Women's Coffee Fellowship 9:30am 
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	16 Cub Scouts 6-7pm	17 Men's Study 9am Cub Scouts 6-7pm Worship Team-7pm	18 NO KIDS CLUB Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	19	20	21 Cruise-In 11:00am-3:00pm 
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE <i>(Present Awards to Kids Club)</i> 10:45AM	23 Cub Scouts 6-7pm	24 Men's Study 9am Worship Team-7pm	25 NO KIDS CLUB Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	26	27	28
29 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00am COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM POTLUCK LUNCH	30 	31 Men's Study 9am Cub Scouts 6-7pm Worship Team-7pm				



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LIVESTREAMING *info*



Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR735qhzkzpFlujtP-A>



Facebook: www.facebook.com/countrysidecc.org at 10:45am.



Website. The sermon will be available in video or audio form on the church's website page
<http://countrysidecc.org>



If you are not able to access the internet on your computer or mobile device, we will be able to download it to a DVD for you. Just contact the church office to obtain a copy.