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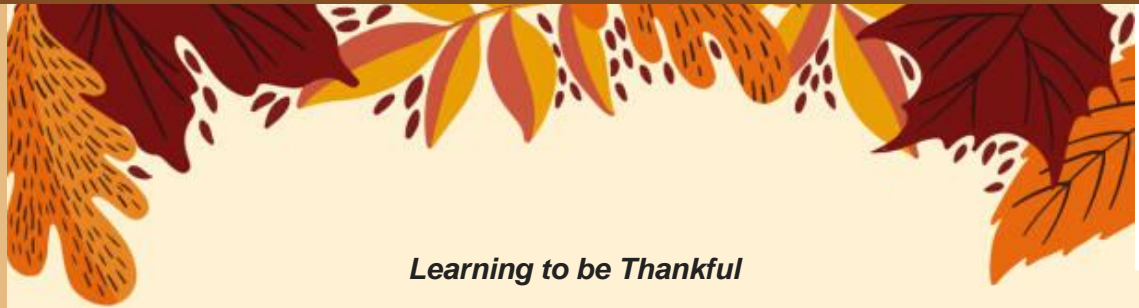
COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2021



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## *Learning to be Thankful*

Having a new five month old grandson reminds me how little we could do when we were born. We had to learn to do everything. We learn to crawl and we learn to walk before we can run. We learn how to ride a bike and we learn how to read and write. I believe we are supposed to be lifelong learners.

I hate COVID-19. I don't like wearing a mask. I'm frustrated with the wide range of "scientific" viewpoints. I am perplexed as to how it can so mildly affect some and so devastatingly affect others. I just hate COVID-19.

As we head into November, most of us think about Thanksgiving and that's a good thing. We need to be reminded to be thankful...we need to learn to be thankful. Here are three things COVID-19 has done but I am thankful for:

1. Covid forced us to reach out to people in new ways that we would not have without it. I'm thinking of technology such as zoom meetings and Facebook live worship services. Covid forced this on us and that has helped us connect to people far away with a fresh new format.
2. Covid has tested my patience. I don't like to admit it but I don't like to have my patience tested. However, I know it's the only way I grow and the only way I learn patience. One of the fruits of the Spirit is patience. And I do well to learn it.
3. And finally, Covid has put us in touch with our own mortality. It's healthy to reflect on the fact that this life is temporary. And it's even better to think about the life that is to come. It should help us to be ready to meet Jesus. Every day.

I still hate Covid. But there are things I can learn in the midst of it.

*Steve*

**Steve Allison,  
Minister**

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

1 Cor. 15:58



**Happy  
Thanksgiving**

# VETERANS DAY

## HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we salute our nation's brave veterans who served our country in moments of turmoil and in moments of peace.

Thank you for your sacrifice.  
We are the land of the free  
because of the brave!



*"We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause."*

*-- Ronald Reagan*

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT



## THE Christmas STORY

December 19, 2021 at 10:45am  
Countryside Christian Church

*It's already time to start planning for Christmas! This year, the children of the church will be putting together a Christmas play that will be presented during the Worship Service on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Over the next few weeks, the kids at Sunday School and Kids Club will be hard at work memorizing, acting, and recording their parts of the program. We can't wait to show you what we've been working on!! Invite your families to the sharing of our Savior's birth truly from the "mouths of babes."*

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17*



# Thanksgiving Food Baskets!

We are supporting **7 families** in need in our area by providing complete baskets containing all the makings of a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

*We ask you to support our efforts by donating any of the following:*

- ❖ 14 gravy packets/ 2 per basket
- ❖ Seven 5lb bags of potatoes
- ❖ 7 cans of corn
- ❖ 14 cans of green beans
- ❖ 7 packages of butter or margarine sticks
- ❖ 7 cans of cream of mushroom soup
- ❖ 7 cans of original French's Crispy Fried Onions
- ❖ 7 cans of sweet potatoes
- ❖ 7 packages of dinner rolls
- ❖ 7 loaves of bread
- ❖ 7 boxes of Stove-Top stuffing
- ❖ 7 cans of fruit
- ❖ 7 pumpkin pies
- ❖ 7 tubs of Cool-Whip topping
- ❖ 7 packages of cookies

*If you wish to donate a turkey or money to purchase any of the above items... please contact the Church Office!*

The Evangelism department will be providing 7 (15lb) turkeys and 7 gallons of milk, but we appreciate the donations above (or cash donations for the turkeys).

*All donations due Sunday, Nov 14th*

*There is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer for all donations. We thank you very, very much!*



*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11*

# SPAGHETTI SUPPER

## KIDS CLUB

# KIDS CLUB HIGHLIGHT

### WHAT WE ARE DOING IN CLUB THIS MONTH...

This month we are going to be doing a unit on Thanksgiving. Lots of fun games, lessons, and activities planned to remind us all that we have to be thankful for!



*We are thankful for the families who bring their children each week and support our program. We look forward to building more relationships throughout this year!*

**NOTE: There is NO Kids Club on the last Wednesday this month (November 24th).**



**Week One:**

*Thankful that God hears my prayers*



**Week Two:**

*Thankful for His love for me*



**Week Three:**

*Thankful that He's always with me*

## Spaghetti's Supper

**Our Annual Spaghetti Supper for Kids Clubbers and their families at Countryside Christian Church, is Saturday night, November 13th at 5:00pm.**

**Watch upcoming bulletin for more details.**



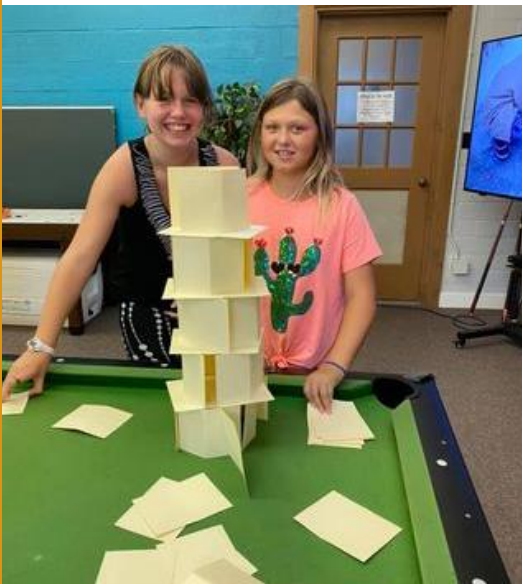
*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105*

# IMPACTING OUR SCHOOL

## IMPACT HIGHLIGHT



We finished our first full month of our new middle school program, Impact. God continues to surprise us. We know it is true that we “can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps” (Proverbs 16:9 NLT) but watching that play out is humbling and exciting. We have about 12 students coming to Impact from Riverdale school each Wednesday and the majority of them didn’t start with our Kids Club program which is something we did not expect. We ask for your prayer as we seek to affect these children for eternity. Our greatest desire is that they would come to know Him and His love for each of them. We pray that He works through us and in spite of us. To Him be all the glory!



*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

# Welcome *Criss Evans*

We are excited to announce  
Criss Evans as our new chair of  
the Fellowship Department for  
2021-2022!

Thank you, Criss, for getting involved in this way. We are so happy to have you and excited to see what you have planned!

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess. 5:18*

# MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Outreach International

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*Outreach International was founded in 1977. Since that time many people have been recruited for missionary work in several countries. "The operating philosophy of Outreach International since its beginning in 1977, is based on the fact that all mankind deserves the chance to hear about the saving grace of Jesus Christ and that it is each Christian's responsibility to do all we can to reach the world with the Good News of Salvation found in Jesus Christ'. Therefore Outreach International has acted as 'starters' for those new to worldwide missions and has helped start, by the grace of God, several new missions across the world." (Brochure of Sept. '10).*

"In 1998 there were approximately 18 workers, in 9 projects and 9 countries. Currently there are 60+ workers, in 37 projects in 18 countries. By God's grace, OI has helped workers start and establish their own ministries as well as recruited workers to serve with other mission ministries. Because of supporters like you that continue to support the Outreach International General fund, we are able to have 100% of the funds each missionary raises go to their projects without worrying about funds being taken out for administrative costs and support services."

Praises include Dale and Sonja's recovery from Covid except for some taste and smell issues for Dale. Several outreach workers have finally been able to return to the field or come home for their furlough or home assignment. A new worker, Austin, is raising support and preparing for a two year commitment at Colegio Biblico Bible College for Spanish speakers in Eagle Pass and in Mexico. OI was able to spend weeks this summer at camps, retreats, and VBS's with the opportunity to encourage young people. Dale's father Noble Hawkins, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, a true blessing from God in Dale's life. The new office in Shelbyville continues to bless us and work well as the hub for support services for our 60+ workers in cross-cultural work.



Prayer requests: for our OI worker Ronnie Hoyer who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's, who also has served as the main translator in India, Ezra passed away suddenly from a stroke, he leaves behind a wife, two young daughters and the church family. For the Bledsoe family (Sonja's youth group leader and family) dealing with Covid, for the upcoming Ladies' retreat at Shelby County Christian Assembly, for Sonja and those leading it, for the children and adults who have heard God's message this summer that they will respond, for the fall ICOM in Virginia November 18-21<sup>st</sup>, for funds for Austin to attend Colegio Biblico, for Sonja and Dale that, with the Lord's help, that they will meet the needs of OI and the workers, being ever sensitive to god leading us through the Holy Spirit, and for our country in all of its issues and our leaders as they make such important and long lasting influential decisions, for all of us (including you our partners in this work) that we will accomplish the purposes God has placed us here to do." (Sept. 17, 2021 Newsletter).

"Thank you for praying for us and with us-you bless our lives and ministry over and over again and we thank God for you! We love you all. We too, pray for the Lord's Blessings on each of you! Because of Jesus and in His Love, Dale and Sonja." (Newsletter Feb. 2021)



One of the missions under the umbrella of OI is Me and My House in Colima, Mexico. Countryside Christian Church also financially supports that work as well as funding OI.

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9*





# THANK YOU!

## FOOD BAG PACKING

I want to extend a huge thank you to all who helped with the GAP (God Always Provides) food bag packing on October 2nd. There were 75-80 volunteers who worked from 8:00 am -2:00 pm. There were 6,720 bags filled (40,320 meals, 6 meals /bag). Many of these food bags will be sent to Haiti where they are recovering from a recent hurricane.

GAP is one of the programs of IDES (International Disaster Relief Service). Countryside regularly supports IDES through our Faith/Promise mission program. We partnered with Erie Christian Church both financially and with workers for this event. This was the third time for the food bag packing. Our tentative plans are to repeat this again in 2023. Prior to that time \$2000 will need to be set aside in our annual budget to cover the cost of the ingredients needed to fill the bags.

Thanks again for everyone's help with this worthwhile project.

*Connie Curry*



# THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



The URICMA (*Upper Rock Island Community Ministerial Association – made up of area churches*) Thanksgiving Service will be on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at Messiah Lutheran Church.



**It's already that time again!!**

The Worship Department will be scheduling a day to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and order poinsettias. If you would like to purchase one of the poinsettias in memory of someone, or to help beautify our sanctuary, please sign up in the church foyer and let the office know.

**\$10 each**

**Orders due by Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Thank you!!**



*"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

*Psalms 73:26*

# OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

## Grateful to God

### Our Giving

YTD Offering Budget: \$140,000

YTD Offering Actual: \$136,890

YTD Faith Promises: \$11,102

Our new fiscal year started this month. These numbers reflect Year-End 2020-2021.

### 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

# NOVEMBER *events*

11/1

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

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



11/7

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Set back 1 hour)



11/11

VETERANS DAY

11/13

KIDS CLUB SPAGHETTI DINNER  
5:00pm



11/14

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS DUE  
Please bring donations for the Thanksgiving baskets to church this Sunday.



11/21

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE  
See the Worship Report for more information

11/22

URICMA THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
7pm at Messiah Lutheran Church

11/26

THANKSGIVING DAY



11/28

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



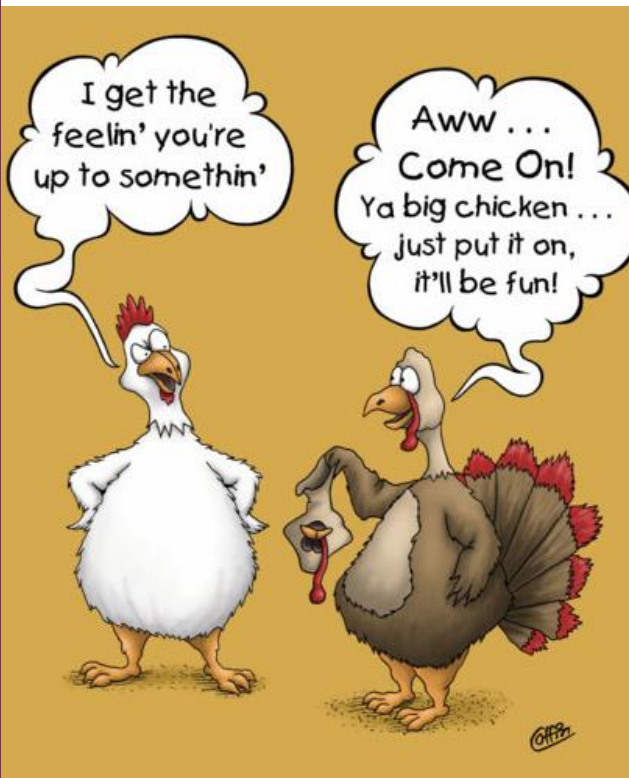
*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1*

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 – Karen Allison
- 10 – Tim Trout
- 12 – Nathan Johnson
- 18 – Madison Schmidt
- 19 – Holly Trout
- 22 – Elmo Lawson
- 25 – Mary Lawson
- 26 – John McCoy



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 – Elmo & Mary Lawson
- 16 – Larry & Georgia Cullison
- 29 – Angela & Joe Heydeman

## November

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1. Luke 18-21
  2. Luke 22-24
  3. John 1-3
  4. John 4-6
  5. John 7-10
  6. John 11-13
  7. John 14-17
  8. John 18-21
  9. Acts 1-2
  10. Acts 3-5
  11. Acts 6-9
  12. Acts 10-12
  13. Acts 13-14
  14. Acts 15-18
  15. Acts 19-20
  16. Acts 21-22
  17. Acts 23-25
  18. Acts 26-28
  19. Romans 1-4
  20. Romans 5-8
  21. Romans 9-11
  22. Romans 12-16
  23. 1 Corinthians 1-4
  24. 1 Corinthians 5-8
  25. 1 Corinthians 9-12
  25. 1 Corinthians 13-16
  27. 2 Corinthians 1-3
  28. 2 Corinthians 4-6
  29. 2 Corinthians 7-9
  30. 2 Corinthians 10-13



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

# VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH



## NURSERY WORKERS

	During Sunday School	During Worship Service
Nov 7	Cathy Lotz	Holly Trout
Nov 14	Mary Green	Kathy Kohrt
Nov 21	Becki Winger	Georgia Cullison
Nov 28	Cathy Lotz	TBD

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

	Teacher	Helper
Nov 7	Sarah Denekas	Cathy Lotz
Nov 14	Sarah Denekas	Connie Curry
Nov 21	Sarah Denekas	Ruth Coverdill
Nov 28	Sarah Denekas	TBD



COMMUNION  
MEDITATION

Nov 7 – Steve Allison  
Nov 14 – Teresa Garcia  
Nov 21 – Wayne Lotz  
Nov 28 – Don Vickroy



*New Sign-Up Sheets are in the Lobby. Please sign up for a Sunday that works for your family! Welcome people, direct them to the sanctuary, nursery, or rest rooms if needed, and hand out bulletins.*



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



*New sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Please sign up for a Sunday that works best for you! Provide breakfast treats and help serve coffee and clean-up between Sunday School and Worship.*

*"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38*

# 2021

# November



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	01 <b>Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm</b> <b>All Depts. 7pm</b>  U of I Home Extension 7-9pm	02 Men's Study 9am  Cub Scouts 5:30pm Girl Scouts 6-8pm  Worship Team - 7pm	03 Kids Club 3-5pm Impact 4-5pm  <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	04	05 Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	06
07 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS</b>  <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM	08 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting  Cub Scouts 6-7pm	09 Men's Study 9am  Cub Scouts 6-7pm Girl Scouts 6-8pm  Worship Team - 7pm	10 Kids Club 3-5pm Impact 4-5pm  <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	11 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm   <b>VETERANS DAY</b>	12	13 <b>Women's Coffee 9:30am</b>  <b>Spaghetti Supper - Kids Club 5pm</b> 
14 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM  <i>Thanksgiving Donations Due</i>	15 Cub Scouts 5:45pm	16 Men's Study 9am Girl Scouts 6-8pm  Worship Team - 7pm	17 Kids Club 3-5pm Impact 4-5pm  <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	18 Elder Meeting - 9am	19 >>Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets<<	20
21 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM  <i>Poinsettia Orders Due</i>	22 Cub Scouts 6-7pm  URICMA THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 7PM Messiah Lutheran - Port Byron	23 Men's Study 9am  Cub Scouts 6-7pm Girl Scouts 6-8pm  Worship Team - 7pm	24 <b>NO WEDNESDAY KIDS PROGRAMS</b>  <b>NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS</b>	25 Thanksgiving Day  	26	27
28 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM Baby Shower 2pm 	29 Cub Scouts 5:45pm	30 Men's Study 9am Girl Scouts 6-8pm  Worship Team - 7pm				



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## LIVESTREAMING *info*



[Youtube: \(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR735qhzkzpFlujtP-A\)](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR735qhzkzpFlujtP-A)



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



Facebook: [www.facebook.com/countrysidecc.org](http://www.facebook.com/countrysidecc.org) at 10:45am.



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.