

the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2023

2023 Annual Meeting



October 15, 2023

Department reports due Oct 8th



Approve Budget and Nominations for 2023-2024



Potluck Lunch following Worship Service

Join us on Sunday, October 15th after the Worship Service for a potluck lunch and our Annual Meeting at 1pm to help plan and prepare for the upcoming year.

Sunday Morning Services:
9:30am Sunday School*
10:15am Breakfast
10:45am Worship*
*Nursery is provided
Children's Church (4yrs-4th grade) during Sermon Time

Wednesday Activities:
3-5pm Kids Club (K-5th)
3-5pm Impact (Jr High/High School)
6:30pm Small Groups

Church Office:
309-523-2834
Church Email:
cccportbyron@gmail.com
Church Website:
www.countrysidecc.org


Live Streaming Info:
Check out our Facebook and Youtube pages!



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





— Pastor —
APPRECIATION
MONTH


Pastor Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastor for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided to the church through this man.

God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching”
(1 Timothy 5:17).



Pastor Appreciation Sunday is Oct. 29th



A basket for cards or love gifts will be placed at the front door Oct. 29th and presented to Steve and Karen at the end of the worship service.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

COUNTRYSIDE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

2023

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 28th

3817 230th St. N, Port Byron

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Family Fun Event!

TRUNK OR TREAT - FOOD - FUN GAMES - PRIZES -
WEAR COSTUMES!

For more information:

www.countrysidecc.org

Or Call: 309-523-2834

FREE
for the
whole
family!

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"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

October 8th

6:30pm

THE STAGE
*is waiting
for you*



C C C ' S A N N U A L

TALENT SHOW

Share your awesome talents with us!
Contact Kathy Kohrt to be part of this
year's program.

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

It's time again for our annual Talent Show! Have a rare talent? A unique hobby collection? Do you love to spend a Sunday night as a family being entertained, laughing, and enjoying some fellowship with others? **Our Talent Show is October 8th at 6:30pm!!** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! It's going to be fun!

If you would like to be part of the program, please contact the church office (309-523-2834) or Kathy Kohrt very soon!



"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

HARVEST TIME FUN!

YOUTH HIGHLIGHT



KIDS CLUB & IMPACT

October 2023

Club Begins!

- 4 – After School Kids Club begins
- 11 – Weekly Meeting
- 18 – **NO KIDS CLUB**
- 25 – Weekly Meeting

Harvest Fest!

October 28th
5:00 – 7:00pm



Trunk or Treat – Food – Games – Prizes

Wear your costumes to the church for a fun family night!! Don't forget your bag or bucket to collect lots of candy!!

Talent Show!

October 8th
6:30pm

This month's FAMILY FUN EVENT is a Talent Show! This annual event is always tons of fun! If you would like to be part of the acts, please contact the church!

Contact Us!

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2023

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

you are invited to

connect

October 13th 6:30pm – 8:30pm October 14th 9:30am – 12:00pm

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2023

We are so excited to have a Women's Conference coming up in October! Register TODAY for this amazing weekend full of powerful worship, dynamic teachings, and meaningful moments with God!



Teresa Garcia

FRIDAY SESSION



Judy Millies

SATURDAY SESSION

"And this is the way to have eternal life – to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth." John 17:3

FALL WREATH MAKING

Fall Wreath-Making Class



The Fellowship department will be holding a Fall Wreath-Making Saturday on October 21st at 10:00am. Please bring any fall foliage you may have in your yard and trade with others to create a beautiful fall wreath! Supplies and instructions will be available to help you complete your wreath.

Saturday,
October 21st
10:00am

Countryside Christian
Church Gym



"From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing. I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased; I will bring them honor, and they will not be disdained."

Jeremiah 30:19

Wing Wong has worked for over 53 years in China presenting the message of Christ to the people and also to the Chinese people worshipping in New Hampshire.

Recently Wing Wong returned to China for a visit with family. "You must notice that our gatherings involved a lot of food. Yes, we are looking forward to the even much better feast when we can dine together at the wedding feast of the Lamb! That was the reason we made the trip. Thank you so much for helping us to make the trip possible and profitable for the Kingdom! May God continue to enrich you in every aspect of your life so that you may channel God's blessings to those around you and beyond! An added joy on this trip was that we got to spend time with our biological family, spiritual family and friends who we haven't seen for years." (Newsletter July 2023)



"Praise God for our brothers and sisters in China who keep God's words and have not denied His name! Please pray that they will continue to be faithful in our Lord and make more disciples for Him." (Oct. 2022 newsletter)



Many young people are being brainwashed into the communist philosophy of atheism and rejecting Christianity. Spreading the Gospel message is becoming more and more of a challenge. Several small church groups are meeting in homes for their safety. A music center has opened and several students have signed up for lessons. Please pray that this center will make a good impact to the community and attract more people to Christ and pray for their safety as well. Another Bible study in a second-tier city has started. Pray that more disciples can be made and another new church will be planted. Most importantly please pray for all the Christians in China for their safety from Communist rule.

"What will the next generation of Christians in China be like if we sit back and take the easy road? Will God be pleased? Thank you for laboring with us in prayers and support!" (Wing Wong)

Pray for Wing Wong as he brings the message of Jesus Christ to the Chinese people in New Hampshire and in China. For more information regarding the activities of C2C refer to the mission booklet on the mission shelf outside the office.

"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

WORSHIP IS A CONNECTION

Most Christians hear the word “worship” and immediately think of music, which is not necessarily a bad thing. Music is a very common way to worship in church and in our communities. However, worship is more than just the music you hear on Sunday mornings. Worship is something we are called to do as Christians every day in everything we do.

That said, what is worship and what are some different ways to do it?

What Is Worship?

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“The inner essence of worship is to know God truly and then respond from the heart to that knowledge by valuing God, treasuring God, prizing God, enjoying God, being satisfied with God above all earthly things. And then that deep, restful, joyful satisfaction in God overflows in demonstrable acts of praise from the lips and demonstrable acts of love in serving others for the sake of Christ.”

– John Piper

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So what does worship mean? To worship is to admire something or someone so deeply that your only response is extravagant love and incredible submission to that thing or person. That is what God desires of us. To know him so well, to love him so dearly and respect him so much, that our only response is to live in honor of him every day in all that we do. Worship is a response to his love and his might.

It is extremely important to point out that worship is not about us. Exalting God is not about what you can get out of it; it is about choosing to praise God and trust him regardless of your circumstances because you know him and you know that he is sovereign, loving and by your side. Worship is about praising God and giving to him, not receiving. God has already given us life, his Son on the cross, grace and the promise of eternal life. When we find ourselves falling into worship for our own gain, we need to come back to the heart of worship.

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“And above all of these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

– Colossians 3:14-17

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

Psalm 73:26

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

2022-2023 Offering Budget

(Starting 11/1/2022):

\$104,326

YTD Offering Actual: \$110,811

2023-2024 Mission Year

(Starting 5/1/2023)

Faith Promises Goal: \$52,390

YTD Actual: \$8875

You know that the hardest thing for you to give up is your money. It represents your time, your energy, your talents, your total personality converted into currency. We usually hold on to it tenaciously, yet it is uncertain in value and we cannot take it into the next world. The Scripture teaches that we are stewards for a little while of all we earn. If we misuse it, as did the man who buried his talent, it brings upon us the severest judgment of God. The tithe is the Lord's. If you use it for yourself, you are robbing God. We are to take the tithe as a standard, but to go beyond the tithe is an indication of our gratefulness for God's gifts to us. In the midst of sorrow and trouble, this life has many blessings and enjoyments which have come from the hand of God. Even our capacity for love is a gift from God. We show our gratitude by giving back to Him a part of that which He has given to us.

"But if someone who is supposed to be a Christian has money enough to live well, and sees a brother in need, and won't help him - how can God's love be within him?"
—1 John 3:17



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.

"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11



OCTOBER

Anniversaries

- 12 – Amber & Jacob Miller
- 21 – Kathy & Harry Kohrt



OCTOBER

Birthdays

- 4 – Seth Johnson
- 8 – Ethel Knight
- 13 – Sandy Lawrence
- 13 – Alissa Heydeman
- 17 – Logan Heydeman
- 28 – Mike Winger



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Children's Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)			Worship* (10:45-12:00)				
			Children's Church			Nursery	
Date	Teacher's	Nursery	Date	Teacher	Helper	Leader	Helper
			*Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering *Nursery workers are scheduled for the entire church service from 10:40-12:00				
October			October				
1	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Ruthie Coverdill	1	Sarah Denekas	Connie Curry	Shanie Bird	Judy Millies
8	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Cathy Lotz	8	Sarah Denekas	Alicia Simms	Shanie Bird	Sandy Lawrence
15	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Ruthie Coverdill	15	Sarah Denekas	Donna Vickroy	Shanie Bird	Cathy Lotz
22	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Sarah Denekas	22	Sarah Denekas	Kati Jo Chasek	Shanie Bird	Georgia Cullison
29	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Kathy Kohrt	29	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Shanie Bird	Becki Winger

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

October 1 – Jim Kaecker
 October 8 – Wayne Lotz
 October 15 – Ryan Schmidt
 October 22 – Teresa Garcia
 October 29 – Steve Allison

GREETERS

Please sign up for a Sunday that works for your family! Welcome people, direct them to the sanctuary, nursery, or restrooms if needed, and hand out bulletins.

Breakfast



VOLUNTEERS

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.

Church BUILDING CLEANERS

Georgia Cullison & Donna Vickroy
 Jeremiah & Shanie Bird
 Brian & Dawn Tiesman



"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

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

October

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	2 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	3 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	4 Kids Club & Impact 3-5pm Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	5 Worship Team 6:30pm Budget Meeting 7pm	6 Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	7
8 ALL DEPT REPORTS DUE SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM TALENT SHOW 6:30PM	9 Zuma Township Meeting Columbus Day 	10 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	11 Kids Club & Impact 3-5pm Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	12 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm	13 Women's Conference 6:30-8:30pm	
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH	16	17 Women's Study 9am Rock River Christian Camp Work Day 9:00am	18 NO KIDS CLUB OR IMPACT Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	19 Elders Meeting 2:30pm Worship Team 6:30pm	20	21 Fall Wreath Making 10:00am 
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	23	24 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	25 Kids Club & Impact 3-5pm Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	26 Worship Team 6:30pm	27	28 HARVEST FESTIVAL 5-7PM 
29 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM POTLUCK LUNCH	30 	31	<p>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience ~ Colossians 3:12</p>			