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# MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2024

**Sunday Morning Services:**

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

**Wednesday Activities:**

3-5pm Kids Club (K-5<sup>th</sup>)  
3-5pm Impact (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)  
6:00pm Small Groups

**Church Office:**

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cccportbyron@gmail.com

**Church Website:**

www.countrysidecc.org

**Live Streaming Info:**

Paste the links below into your browser:



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**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

# Shiny New Year!

Our society proffers that the New Year is a new beginning, a time to make promises and resolutions about being a better person and doing more for humanity. I will lose 15 pounds and go the gym three times a week. I will volunteer regularly at the food pantry and my child's school. I will be a better wife and mother. I will . . . I will . . .

But it's not about me and it's not really a new beginning, but calling it that may inspire me to try to do something different, better.

For those in the Lord, every day is a new beginning. God never fails to give us another chance when we mess up and then come to him in repentance and ask forgiveness.

We must always aspire to do things better than the day before, but if we make a mistake, He is there to wipe the slate clean, make it shiny and new. It's even better than putting that new pocket calendar in my purse with all the blank pages to be filled!

I want to begin this new year with a prayer of thanksgiving and a plea for wisdom and holiness in my life, that I might touch the lives of others.

*"... for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness."  
Lamentations 3:23*



# 2024 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Some exciting new things happening in Christian Education in 2024!!

## Nursery/ Children's Church

We are happy to announce that Mikah Mikles has accepted the position of **NURSERY WORKER for 2024**. We are so thankful for her commitment to providing great childcare for our littlest attendees each Sunday. We will also be having a rotation of volunteer nursery workers to help each Sunday as our children's program keeps growing! Check out the following page for the first six months of the 2024 Children's Ministry Schedule.

Thank you Shanie Bird for working in the nursery during 2023!! We so appreciate your time and commitment to the children of our church! You always greeted each one with a big smile and was so patient and kind. Thank you for serving each Sunday in 2023!!



## Upcoming Women's Study



Our women's weekly Bible study at the church will be starting back up after the holidays on January 9th at 9:00am. They will be using the study shown to the left: "Twelve More Women of the Bible". All women are welcome!

# 2024 Children's Church and Nursery Schedule

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)		Worship* (10:45-12:00)					
		Children's Church			Nursery		
Date	Nursery	Date	Teacher	Helper	Leader	Helper	Jr. 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					
January		January					
7	Ruthie Coverdill	7	Cathy Lotz	Cheryl Gipson	Mikah Mikles	Georgia Cullison	Lauren Tiesman
14	Cathy Lotz	14	Cathy Lotz	Laura Schmidt	Mikah Mikles	Ruthie Coverdill	Fallen Byers
21	Sarah Denekas	21	Cathy Lotz	Chris Evans	Mikah Mikles	Amber Miller	Maddie Holderman
28	Becki Winger	28	Cathy Lotz	Amber Harper	Mikah Mikles	Addison Tiesman	Kareena Holderman
February		February					
4	Sarah Denekas	4	Sarah Denekas	Connie Curry	Mikah Mikles	Becki Winger	Natalia Ramos
11	Ruthie Coverdill	11	Sarah Denekas	Alicia Simms	Mikah Mikles	Sandy Lawrence	Gabby Krogman
18	Becki Winger	18	Sarah Denekas	Kati Jo Chasek	Mikah Mikles	Shanie Bird	Lauren Tiesman
25		25	Sarah Denekas	Donna Vickroy	Mikah Mikles	Vanessa Krogman	Fallen Byers
March		March					
3	Ruthie Coverdill	3	Chris Evans	Jamie Schumpert	Mikah Mikles	Becky Collis	Maddie Holderman
10	Becki Winger	10	Chris Evans	Karen Allison	Mikah Mikles	Ruthie Coverdill	Kareena Holderman
17	Sarah Denekas	17	Chris Evans	Cheryl Gipson	Mikah Mikles	Amber Miller	Natalia Ramos
24		24	Chris Evans	Naomi Jones	Mikah Mikles	Sarah Denekas	Gabby Krogman
30		30	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Mikah Mikles	Addison Tiesman	Lauren Tiesman
April		April					
7	Ruthie Coverdill	7	Karen Allison	Laura Schmidt	Mikah Mikles	Sandy Lawrence	Fallen Byers
14	Becki Winger	14	Karen Allison	Donna Vickroy	Mikah Mikles	Becki Winger	Maddie Holderman
21	Cathy Lotz	21	Karen Allison	Connie Curry	Mikah Mikles	Georgia Cullison	Kareena Holderman
28	Sarah Denekas	28	Karen Allison	Amber Harper	Mikah Mikles	Shanie Bird	Natalia Ramos
May		May					
5	Cathy Lotz	5	Cathy Lotz	Kati Jo Chasek	Mikah Mikles	Vanessa Krogman	Gabby Krogman
12	Ruthie Coverdill	12	Cathy Lotz	Chris Evans	Mikah Mikles	Ruthie Coverdill	Lauren Tiesman
19	Gail Horst	19	Cathy Lotz	Alisha Simms	Mikah Mikles	Amber Miller	Fallen Byers
26	Becki Winger	26	Cathy Lotz	Donna Vickroy	Mikah Mikles	Sarah Denekas	Maddie Holderman
June		June					
2		2	Sarah Denekas	Cheryl Gipson	Mikah Mikles	Addison Tiesman	Kareena Holderman
9	Gail Horst	9	Sarah Denekas	Gail Horst	Mikah Mikles	Becki Winger	Natalia Ramos
16	Becki Winger	16	Sarah Denekas	Jamie Schumpert	Mikah Mikles	Sandy Lawrence	Gabby Krogman
23		23	Sarah Denekas	Ruthie Coverdill	Mikah Mikles	Shanie Bird	Lauren Tiesman
30		30	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Mikah Mikles	Vanessa Krogman	Fallen Byers

Education Highlight

# ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Give from  
the heart.



**DATE/TIME:** Saturday, January 13th, 2024  
7:30am – 11:30am

**LOCATION:**  
Countryside Christian Church (In The Gym)  
3817 230<sup>th</sup> St N, Port Byron, IL 61275

Impact Life (formerly Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center) is holding a blood drive at Countryside. The annual blood drive is scheduled for Saturday January 13, 2024. The hours are 7:30-11:30 A.M. To be eligible to donate, you must not have given a blood donation since

**November 8, 2023.**

**If you would like an appointment or have questions, please see  
Connie Curry: 309-523-2504**

Thank You!

Because of your generosity with Angel Tree gifts, we were able to bless many individuals with Christmas gifts this year!!

Thank you so much for helping to make someone's Christmas special!



*"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31*

Evangelism Highlight

# MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Me and 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.**

This past year the Sanchezes have moved from Manzanillo to Colima to establish a new church. The year has presented many challenges in moving as well as getting established in a new area and starting a new church. They have also taken in teenagers, Rafa and Scalett who previously lived in Manzanillo.

Josh returned home November 11<sup>th</sup> after eight weeks in the United States. "We are so glad to be together as a family." Josh visited Countryside on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.



"The purpose of this trip was (1) a rest break in routine since Josh hasn't taken a break from ministry or been stateside in 5 years, (2) gaining new monthly supporters to replace those we have lost in death or financial hardships, and help the hurt of the failing peso exchange rate (3) update current monthly supporters by physically visiting as many as possible (4) aggressively pay down car debt (5) raise funds to build a room for a single Mom's small business, (6) re-connect with good friends and family (7) purchase clothes and shoes for our children whose sizes cannot be found in MX (example, Isaac wears men's 14 shoes, and the biggest here is 12, 36x34 jeans and the tallest here is 32.)"

Financially: one supporting church has committed a generous raise for 2024, a possible raise from another, a positive maybe for a new church supporting us, and 3 couples committing to support us monthly." (newsletter Oct. 23)

### PRAYER NEEDS:

*Safety in the storm of this drug war, Isaac's schooling, praise for funds raised, Rafa and Scarlett's family issues, new contacts, families in the church, and Erika's house arrangement You can read more about the mission in Colima and the Sanchez family in the mission booklet on the mission table.*

# SLEDDING PARTY!

*Kids Club/Impact Highlight*



January 2024

KIDS CLUB  
& IMPACT

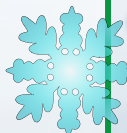
Happy New Year!

We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. We are excited to see you again at Kids Club and Impact!! We will not meet the first Wednesday that you are back in school – our first week will be January 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Events

- January 4 – NO KIDS CLUB/IMPACT
- January 11 - Weekly Meeting
- January 18 – Weekly Meeting
- January 21– Annual Sledding Party (1-3pm)
- January 25 – Weekly Meeting



Contact Us!

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# ENCAMPMENT RETREAT

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN CAMP



## ENCAMPMENT RETREAT

6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

JANUARY 13-15, 2024

COST \$85

[WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.COM](http://WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.COM)

Check-in Saturday @ 5:00pm / Check-out Monday @ 1:00pm  
rrccoffice@gmail.com 815-493-6622  
16486 W IL Route 64, Polo, IL 61064

*This is a jam-packed weekend event for 6th-12th graders. Campers will be playing games, meeting new friends, hearing lessons, singing praise songs, and so much more! Check-in will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. All meals will be provided from dinner on Saturday through lunch on Monday. We will conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Monday. We will divide the boys and the girls into their own separate lodges each night. Weather permitting, we will be spending some time outside, so dress for the weather!*



*"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31).*

*Kids Club / Impact Highlight*

# HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR

This year our Worship Team at CCC has changed quite a bit. We welcomed some new members: Judy Millies on the keyboard, Jimmy Schumpert on the drums, and Ellie Johnson moved to vocals. We are always trying to grow and push ourselves outside of our comfort zones in an effort to connect with God in a deeper way and bring others into worship with us. I appreciate each one on our team so much. They are all so talented musically, but more than that, each one has a heart for the Lord and for ministry. When we sing together on Sunday mornings, I truly feel that unity of Spirit and I'm so thankful for each one!



Ryan Schmidt (Bass Guitar), Laura Schmidt (piano), Kati Jo Chasek (Vocals), Mike Winger (Rhythm Guitar), Jimmy Schumpert (Drums), Ellie Johnson (Vocals), and Judy Millies (Keyboard)

*"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."*  
*Ephesians 3:16-19*

This has long been one of my favorite passages of Scripture. How can we fathom how great His love is for us? He loves you deeply. He adores you! Our Father sent His one and only Son to die for YOU and your sins because He loves you that much. He does not want heaven without YOU.

And do you realize one of the best parts about God's relentless, pursuing love? It cannot be earned. There is nothing that you can do or say that will change God's love for you. This is truly unconditional love. The Greeks called it agape love, encompassing a sacred love that keeps no record of wrongs—love that always protects and hopes and perseveres.

Rest in this fact as you begin this new year....You are loved.

*I would like to challenge you to daily draw near to God this new year:*

- Do you have the **YouVersion Bible app** on your phone? Not only can you look up scriptures but you can also start a study plan about any topic you choose by yourself or with a friend.
- On the following pages are a brand new **"Read through the Bible" Bible plan** I am going to use this year. The way this is broken up is a very easy way to reach a goal of reading the entire Bible in the year!
- Did you know our church has a blog? Every Monday morning, **Joanne Wiklund** writes a beautiful and thought-provoking devotional for us. You can find it on our website: [www.countrysidecc.org](http://www.countrysidecc.org)
- One final way to engage in worship to God is to watch our **online services** and sermons (Youtube or Facebook) if you are not able to come to church.

*Laura*

*"You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." Psalm 65:11*



# one-year Bible Reading Plan

WEEKS 1 - 26

<b>WEEK 1:</b> Creation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genesis 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>○ Psalm 33:6-9</li> <li>○ Jeremiah 32:17</li> <li>○ John 1:1-5</li> <li>○ Romans 1:20</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 10:</b> Sacrifices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hebrews 10:1-23</li> <li>○ Exodus 12:21-28</li> <li>○ Psalm 51:16-17</li> <li>○ Romans 12:1</li> <li>○ Hebrews 4:14-16</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 19:</b> Holy Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 2:1-21</li> <li>○ Joel 2:28-32</li> <li>○ Romans 8:26-27</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20</li> <li>○ Galatians 5:16, 22-25</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 2:</b> Sin & Solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genesis 3</li> <li>○ Psalm 51:3-5</li> <li>○ Isaiah 53:5-12</li> <li>○ John 3:16-18</li> <li>○ Romans 6:22-23</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 11:</b> Confession & Forgiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 51:1-12</li> <li>○ Proverbs 28:13</li> <li>○ Matthew 9:1-8</li> <li>○ Acts 3:19</li> <li>○ 1 John 1:8-9</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 20:</b> Worries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew 6:25-34</li> <li>○ Psalm 94:19</li> <li>○ Matthew 11:28-30</li> <li>○ Philippians 4:6-7</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 5:6-7</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 3:</b> Covenants & Promises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 105</li> <li>○ Genesis 9:12-17</li> <li>○ Genesis 12:1-3</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 1:20</li> <li>○ Hebrews 9:15</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 12:</b> Crucifixion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 23:26-47</li> <li>○ Numbers 21:4-9</li> <li>○ Isaiah 53:3-10</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-23</li> <li>○ Galatians 2:20-21</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 21:</b> Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Daniel 9</li> <li>○ 2 Chronicles 7:14</li> <li>○ Jeremiah 33:2-3</li> <li>○ Matthew 6:5-13</li> <li>○ James 5:13-16</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 4:</b> God's Calling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jeremiah 1:4-19</li> <li>○ Isaiah 6:8</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 7:17</li> <li>○ 2 Timothy 1:8-10</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 2:9-10</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 13:</b> Resurrection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John 20:1-18</li> <li>○ Daniel 12:2-3</li> <li>○ John 11:25-26</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 15:20-22</li> <li>○ Philippians 3:10-11</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 22:</b> Friendship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ruth 1:1-18</li> <li>○ 1 Samuel 18:1-5</li> <li>○ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12</li> <li>○ Proverbs 18:24</li> <li>○ John 15:12-15</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 5:</b> God's Commands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exodus 20:1-17</li> <li>○ Psalm 103:17-18</li> <li>○ Matthew 22:34-40</li> <li>○ John 15:14-15</li> <li>○ James 1:22-25</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 14:</b> Evangelism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 8:26-40</li> <li>○ Deuteronomy 32:3-4</li> <li>○ Matthew 28:19-20</li> <li>○ Romans 10:10-17</li> <li>○ Colossians 4:2-6</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 23:</b> Salvation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 16:22-34</li> <li>○ 2 Samuel 22:1-4</li> <li>○ Psalm 37:39-40</li> <li>○ Acts 4:8-12</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 1:8-9</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 6:</b> Love <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 13</li> <li>○ Isaiah 54:10</li> <li>○ Romans 8:35-39</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 4:8</li> <li>○ 1 John 4:7-12</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 15:</b> God's Word <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 119:9-16, 103-105, 114, 129-131</li> <li>○ Isaiah 40:8</li> <li>○ Romans 1:16-17</li> <li>○ 2 Timothy 3:16-17</li> <li>○ Hebrews 4:12</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 24:</b> Baptism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew 3</li> <li>○ Genesis 7:17-18;</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 3:18-22</li> <li>○ John 3:3-6</li> <li>○ Acts 2:38-39</li> <li>○ Romans 6:1-4</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 7:</b> Purpose & Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ephesians 1:3-14</li> <li>○ Job 42:1-2</li> <li>○ Proverbs 19:21</li> <li>○ Jeremiah 29:10-13</li> <li>○ Romans 8:28-30</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 16:</b> One Body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 12:12-27</li> <li>○ Proverbs 27:17</li> <li>○ Acts 2:42-47</li> <li>○ Romans 12:1-8</li> <li>○ Ephesians 4:11-13</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 25:</b> Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 91</li> <li>○ Psalm 46:1-3, 7</li> <li>○ Isaiah 41:10</li> <li>○ Mark 4:35-41</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 4:7-10</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 8:</b> Praise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 96</li> <li>○ Exodus 15:2</li> <li>○ Psalm 71:14-16</li> <li>○ Luke 1:46-55</li> <li>○ Hebrews 13:15</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 17:</b> Faith & Faithfulness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hebrews 11</li> <li>○ Lamentations 3:22-23</li> <li>○ Mark 11:22-24</li> <li>○ Luke 16:10-12</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 5:7</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 26:</b> Honesty & Truth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Acts 5:1-11</li> <li>○ Proverbs 12:22</li> <li>○ John 14:6</li> <li>○ Colossians 3:9-10</li> <li>○ 3 John 1:3-4</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 9:</b> Temptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 4:1-13</li> <li>○ Deuteronomy 8:2</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 10:12-13</li> <li>○ Hebrews 2:18</li> <li>○ James 1:2-4, 12-15</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 18:</b> Father & Son <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John 14:6-17, 23-24</li> <li>○ Psalm 2:6-7</li> <li>○ Matthew 11:25-27</li> <li>○ John 17:1-5</li> <li>○ Colossians 1:15-20</li> </ul>	

# one-year Bible Reading Plan

WEEKS 27 - 52

<b>WEEK 27:</b> Freedom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exodus 14</li> <li>○ Isaiah 61:1</li> <li>○ John 8:31-36</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 3:17</li> <li>○ Galatians 5:1, 13</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 36:</b> Kindness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 10:25-37</li> <li>○ Joshua 2:1-16</li> <li>○ Jeremiah 31:3</li> <li>○ Matthew 5:43-48</li> <li>○ Ephesians 4:32</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 45:</b> Endurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Job 1</li> <li>○ Matthew 24:9-14</li> <li>○ Romans 5:3-5</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18</li> <li>○ James 1:2-4</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 28:</b> Sabbath <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exodus 31:12-17</li> <li>○ Isaiah 58:13-14</li> <li>○ Mark 2:23-28</li> <li>○ Luke 13:10-17</li> <li>○ Hebrews 4:9-11</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 37:</b> Good Shepherd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John 10:1-18</li> <li>○ Psalm 23</li> <li>○ Luke 15:1-7</li> <li>○ Hebrews 13:20-21</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 2:25</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 46:</b> Light <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew 17:1-13</li> <li>○ Isaiah 60:1-3</li> <li>○ Matthew 5:14-16</li> <li>○ John 8:12</li> <li>○ 1 John 1:5-7</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 29:</b> Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 150</li> <li>○ 2 Chronicles 5:13-14</li> <li>○ Psalm 59:16-17</li> <li>○ Luke 1:46-55</li> <li>○ Ephesians 5:18-20</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 38:</b> Lord's Supper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 22:7-20</li> <li>○ Exodus 12:1-8</li> <li>○ John 6:52-58</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 10:14-17</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 11:23-29</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 47:</b> Thanksgiving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 17:11-19</li> <li>○ Joshua 4:19-24</li> <li>○ 1 Chronicles 16:34</li> <li>○ Colossians 3:15-17</li> <li>○ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 30:</b> Good Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ James 2:14-26</li> <li>○ Psalm 1</li> <li>○ Matthew 7:17-20</li> <li>○ John 15:1-8</li> <li>○ Colossians 1:9-10</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 39:</b> Humility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Philippians 2:3-11</li> <li>○ Proverbs 11:2</li> <li>○ Matthew 20:26-28</li> <li>○ John 13:1-9</li> <li>○ James 4:10</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 48:</b> Hope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 2:25-38</li> <li>○ Psalm 33:20-22</li> <li>○ Romans 15:13</li> <li>○ Ephesians 1:18-21</li> <li>○ Hebrews 6:13-20</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 31:</b> Patience & Perseverance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7</li> <li>○ Psalm 37:5-9</li> <li>○ Galatians 6:9-10</li> <li>○ James 1:12</li> <li>○ 2 Peter 3:8-9</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 40:</b> Strength <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ephesians 6:10-20</li> <li>○ Isaiah 40:28-31</li> <li>○ Joshua 1:9</li> <li>○ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10</li> <li>○ Philippians 4:13</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 49:</b> Peace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 Samuel 24</li> <li>○ Isaiah 26:3</li> <li>○ John 14:27</li> <li>○ Philippians 4:7</li> <li>○ James 3:17-18</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 32:</b> Unity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Genesis 33</li> <li>○ Psalm 133</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 1:10</li> <li>○ Galatians 3:26-29</li> <li>○ Philippians 2:1-2</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 41:</b> Grace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 103:1-12</li> <li>○ Romans 6:14</li> <li>○ John 1:16-17</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 15:9-10</li> <li>○ Ephesians 2:8-9</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 50:</b> Joy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Psalm 16</li> <li>○ Nehemiah 8:10</li> <li>○ Proverbs 17:22</li> <li>○ John 16:19-24</li> <li>○ Philippians 4:4</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 33:</b> Mercy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jonah 3</li> <li>○ Psalm 145:8-9</li> <li>○ Matthew 5:7</li> <li>○ Luke 6:36-38</li> <li>○ Titus 3:3-8</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 42:</b> Saints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revelation 7:9-17</li> <li>○ Psalm 37:28-29</li> <li>○ Daniel 7:27</li> <li>○ 1 Corinthians 1:2-3</li> <li>○ Hebrews 12:1-3</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 51:</b> Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 2:1-21</li> <li>○ Isaiah 9:6-7</li> <li>○ Micah 5:2-4</li> <li>○ Matthew 2:9-11</li> <li>○ Titus 2:13-14</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 34:</b> Parables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Luke 15:11-32</li> <li>○ 2 Samuel 12:1-10</li> <li>○ Matthew 13:31-35</li> <li>○ Mark 4:26-29</li> <li>○ Luke 18:9-14</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 43:</b> Redemption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Romans 5</li> <li>○ Job 19:25-27</li> <li>○ Isaiah 44:21-22</li> <li>○ Galatians 3:13-14</li> <li>○ 1 Peter 1:18-21</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 52:</b> Heaven & Eternal Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Revelation 21:1-7</li> <li>○ Isaiah 65:17-25</li> <li>○ John 14:1-4</li> <li>○ 2 Timothy 4:7-8</li> <li>○ Revelation 2:10</li> </ul>
<b>WEEK 35:</b> Money & Treasure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19</li> <li>○ 1 Chronicles 1:7-12</li> <li>○ Malachi 3:10</li> <li>○ Matthew 6:19-21</li> <li>○ Acts 20:35</li> </ul>	<b>WEEK 44:</b> Preparedness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew 24:36-51</li> <li>○ Proverbs 6:6-8</li> <li>○ Matthew 25:1-13</li> <li>○ Romans 13:11-14</li> <li>○ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6</li> </ul>	

# — Sanctity of human life —



On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating **January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day.** (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.)

The Sanctity of Life means all life is sacred and belongs to God. Nobody should take that away. From the first moments of his or her existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

*Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, oh hold them back! If you say, "See, we did not know this," does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work? Proverbs 24:10-12*



*"Before I*  
**FORMED**  
**YOU**  
*in the womb*  
*I knew you."*

**JEREMIAH 1:5**

# MINISTRY TO OTHERS

*Fellowship Highlight*



There are many in our church who serve quietly and faithfully. At the beginning of this new year, we want to take time to say a BIG THANK YOU to these individuals who are so appreciated and needed in our church family!

Did you know that Becki Winger sends out birthday cards and anniversary cards to EVERYONE in the congregation all year long? What a treasure you are Becki! Thank you for your faithfulness in doing this each year!

Rock and Sandy Lawrence volunteered to take on the updating of our church sign earlier this year. What a blessing you are!! I'm sure you all have noticed all the great messages that are updated frequently!



Joanne Wiklund and Nancy Dufur have been taking care of our prayer shawl ministry for years. This year, these two hardworking ladies created and donated over 200 hats, scarves, cowls, headbands, prayer shawls, and mittens. They delivered them to the Veterans Center, the local Food Pantry, Youth and Family Services for foster kids, and to the Angel Tree. You are a blessing to so many ladies and we know love is in every stitch. Thank you!



*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8*

# SPENDING TIME TOGETHER

*Fellowship Highlight*



**2024 PICKLEBALL league**

**TUESDAY NIGHTS  
STARTING  
JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00 – 7:30PM**

Please see the sign up sheet in the lobby. Contact Brian or Dawn Tiesman with any questions.

We are excited about the addition of a Pickleball League this year! Thank you Brian and Dawn Tiesman for heading this up! There is a sign up sheet at church and we will be starting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Every Tuesday night in the gym from 6:00 – 7:30pm. Come join us!!



*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

Property Highlight



After many faithful years, Gabe Garcia is stepping down as chair of the Property Department. Thank you Gabe for keeping track of what needs to be done around the church and taking care of it. We appreciate all that you have done to organize and contribute to taking care of the house of the Lord.

Steve Allison is going to be our new Property Department Chair. Thanks Steve for taking on yet another responsibility here at church!! We are so thankful for you!

*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3*

# 2024 CHURCHBUILDING CLEANERS



Property Highlight

<b>January</b>	<b>July</b>
Rock and Sandy Lawrence Dennis & Kim Ford Ana Biscontine	Rock and Sandy Lawrence Dennis & Kim Ford Ana Biscontine
<b>February</b>	<b>August</b>
Georgia Cullison Dawn & Brian Tiesman Roger & Connie Curry	Georgia Cullison Dawn & Brian Tiesman Roger & Connie Curry
<b>March</b>	<b>September</b>
Mike & Becki Winger Ryan & Laura Schmidt Kenny & Debbie Collis	Randy & Sarah Denekas LeRoy & Laura Byers Gail Horst & Ruthie Coverdill
<b>April</b>	<b>October</b>
Randy & Sarah Denekas LeRoy & Laura Byers Gail Horst & Ruthie Coverdill	Rhonda Stahl Wayne & Cathy Lotz Bob & Cheryl Gipson
<b>May</b>	<b>November</b>
Galvin & Teresa Garcia John & Vanessa Krogman Jimmy & Jamie Schumpert	Galvin & Teresa Garcia John & Vanessa Krogman Jimmy & Jamie Schumpert
<b>June</b>	<b>December</b>
Rhonda Stahl Wayne & Cathy Lotz Bob & Cheryl Gipson	Mike & Becki Winger Ryan & Laura Schmidt Kenny & Debbie Collis

Thank you so much to those who volunteered to help keep our church building clean this year! This would not happen without everyone's help! We divide the church into three sections so that it isn't overwhelming and you only need to serve twice during the year. On the following pages are the responsibilities for each area. Thank you again!

*Thank you for being on the cleaning team this year!! Keeping the building clean and orderly and the restrooms well supplied with paper towels and other necessities is a very important ministry. Visitors get a first impression of our church when they experience our facilities. Clean and properly maintained facilities indicate that we care. Your efforts, in this rather mundane task of cleaning the building, are crucial to Countryside's efforts to evangelize our community. Thank you for caring and thank you for your commitment!!*

In order to make things easy for everyone, the church is split into three separate areas. Your responsibility is to clean **prior to each Sunday** of the week. It should only take about an hour for your team to clean one of the areas each week.

**Area A (if your name is listed first for the month) SANCTUARY, INNER AND OUTER FOYERS, OFFICE**

**Weekly:** vacuum floors, straighten material in book racks, pick up old bulletins and paper, empty waste-baskets (*don't forget baptism changing room area*)

**Once during the month:** vacuum the pews, dust the furniture, use vacuum crevice tool at floor to wall edges, steps, etc.

**As needed:** straighten up furniture, replace defective light bulbs (or tell Roger Curry or Galvin Garcia), clean glass in doors, repeat monthly chores.

**Area B (if your name is listed second for the month) CLASSROOMS, HALLWAY, RESTROOMS IN CLASSROOM & NEAR SANCTUARY**

**Weekly:** vacuum floors, straighten up furniture, clean toilet stools and sinks, check paper towels, soap, and toilet paper supply, including *an extra roll on the back of each stool*, clean mirrors, empty waste baskets *and diaper pail* in nursery, clean drinking fountain

**Once during the month:** use vacuum crevice tool at floor to wall edges, wet mop restroom floors, dust furniture

**As needed:** wash chalk boards, wash table tops, replace defective light bulbs (or tell Roger Curry or Galvin Garcia), repeat monthly chores

**Area C (if your name is listed third for the month) KITCHEN, GYM, LOWER FOYER & HALL, LOWER RESTROOMS, LIBRARY**

**Weekly:** dry mop hard surface areas, vacuum carpeted areas, clean toilet stools and sinks, check paper towels, soap, and toilet paper supply, including *an extra roll on the back of each stool*, clean mirrors, empty waste baskets, clean kitchen sinks and counters, clean drinking fountain

**Once during the month:** wet mop kitchen and restroom floors, wipe down stoves, microwaves, refrigerator and freezer

**As needed:** clean glass in doors, repeat monthly chores, wet mop spills from gym floor, replace defective light bulbs (or tell Roger Curry or Galvin Garcia)

**Place all waste material in tied plastic bags and then place in plastic bin located inside the air conditioner fence. List any cleaning supplies that are running low on the pad located just inside the janitor room door. Please tell Gabe Garcia about anything that needs to be repaired.**

**QUESTIONS? Please call the Church Office (309-523-2834)**



# OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

## 2023-2024 Offering Budget

(Starting 11/1/2023):

\$201,602

## YTD Offering Actual

(Starting 11/1/2023):

\$209,042

## 2023-2024 Mission Year

(Starting 5/1/2022)

Faith Promises Goal: \$52,930

Faith Promises YTD: \$19,430

***"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives" (Deuteronomy 14:23).***

Whatever you want God to bless, you have to put him first in. So if you want God to bless your finances, you have to put him first in your money. This is the principle of tithing: You give the first 10 percent of your income back to God.

Here are four verses that explain the **promise, the purpose, the place, and the day for tithing.**

First, Prov 3:9-10 gives the promise about tithing: *"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines"*. God says that if you honor him with the first part of your income, he will bless you financially.

**Why** does God tell us to tithe? Deuteronomy 14:23 says, *"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives"* (TLB). God doesn't need your money, but he wants what it represents: your heart. He wants you to trust him.

**Where** should you tithe? Do you tithe to United Way? Or do you tithe to your brother who's been out of work for three years? No. That's charity. Tithing is an act of worship. It goes to God.

Malachi 3:10 says, *"Bring to the storehouse a full tenth of what you earn . . . Test me in this," says the Lord All-Powerful. 'I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need'"* The storehouse is the temple or the place where you worship God.

**When** are you supposed to tithe? You do it on the day you worship. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 16:2, *"On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn"*. When you give to God on the first day of the week, the first part of your day, and the first part of your money, you're declaring, "You're really number one in my life."

Notice that the verse says to "put aside." You've got to plan this! Tithing should not be an impulsive thing. You've got to plan for it so that you are honoring God's plan and purpose for tithing. Then you can watch how God blesses and uses you and honors his promise in your life. ~Rick Warren

## 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.***

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## 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



Finance Highlight



# JANUARY

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Cheryl Gipson
- 4 – John Evans
- 5 – Jadya Collis
- 8 – Easton Moore
- 10 – Taylor Krogman
- 13 – Callie Heydeman
- 14 – Dennis Ford
- 14 – Pearl Mikles
- 16 – Ellie Johnson
- 17 – Jamie Horst
- 17 – Kelsey Oney
- 18 – Lee Willis
- 27 – Jim Kaecker
- 27 – Wayne Lotz
- 31 – Hannah Burch
- 31 – Jacob Miller



# JANUARY

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 – John & Vanessa Krogman



# VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

## Children's Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)		Worship* (10:45-12:00)					
		Children's Church			Nursery		
Date	Nursery	Date	Teacher	Helper	Leader	Helper	Jr. 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					
January		January					
7	Ruthie Coverdill	7	Cathy Lotz	Cheryl Gipson	Mikah Mikles	Georgia Cullison	Lauren Tiesman
14	Cathy Lotz	14	Cathy Lotz	Laura Schmidt	Mikah Mikles	Ruthie Coverdill	Fallen Byers
21	Sarah Denekas	21	Cathy Lotz	Chris Evans	Mikah Mikles	Amber Miller	Maddie Holderman
28	Becki Winger	28	Cathy Lotz	Amber Harper	Mikah Mikles	Addison Tiesman	Kareena Holderman

## Worship Ministry

### COMMUNION MEDITATION

January 7– Ryan Schmidt  
 January 14– Jim Kaecker  
 January 21 – Teresa Garcia  
 January 28– Wayne Lotz

### 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




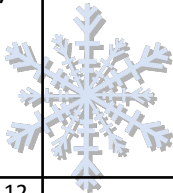


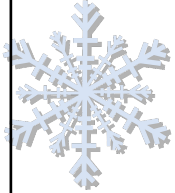
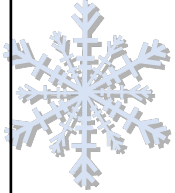


Rock & Sandy Lawrence  
 Dennis & Kim Ford  
 Ana Biscontine



*"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

# 2024 JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
  7 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30 Disciple Group 5pm	1 New Years Day	2 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Pickleball 6-7:30 	3 <b>No Kids Club/Impact this week</b> <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	4 Worship Team 6:30pm Basketball 6-7:30	5 <b>Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</b> 	6 <b>Annual Blood Drive 7:30-11:30am</b> 
14 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM <i>No Disciple Group</i> <b>Retreat (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)</b> Girl Scouts 3-4:30	8 <b>Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm</b> Church in use Zuma Township Meeting	9 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Pickleball 6-7:30	10 Kids Club/Impact 3-5pm (Take Down Christmas Decorations) <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	11 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm Basketball 6-7:30	12 <b>Rock River Encampment</b>	13 <b>Annual Blood Drive 7:30-11:30am</b> 
21 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30 Disciple Group 5pm	15 Softball 5:45-8:45pm MLK Jr. Day	16 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Pickleball 6-7:30	17 Kids Club/Impact 3-5pm <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	18 Worship Team 6:30pm Basketball 6-7:30 	19 	20  <b>Kids Club Sledding Party 1-3pm</b>
28 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30 Disciple Grp 5pm	22 Softball 5:30-8:00pm 	23 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Pickleball 6-7:30 	24 Kids Club/Impact 3-5pm <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	25 Worship Team 6:30pm Basketball 6-7:30	26 	27 
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17</i></p>						