

the MESSENGER



COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2024

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 (6th-12th)
6:00pm Small Groups

Church Office:

309-523-2834

Church Email:

cccportbyron@gmail.com

Church Website:

www.countrysidecc.org

Live Streaming Info:

Paste the links below into
your browser:



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40th Anniversary

of the Sanctuary Addition to CCC

1984 - 2024

Countryside Christian Church was founded in 1856 (then known as Rapids City Christian Church) by twelve charter members. The church purchased the Zuma school building in 1978 and held its first service at this location on Easter Sunday. In 1984, the congregation voted to renovate the building and add the current sanctuary. The new sanctuary was dedicated on June 3rd of that year. This year marks the 40th year since that dedication and we would like to celebrate that!!

If you are interested in being a part of a special celebratory planning committee, please attend our first meeting this week on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30pm. Bring any special memories, photographs, or ideas to honor our history. Thank you!



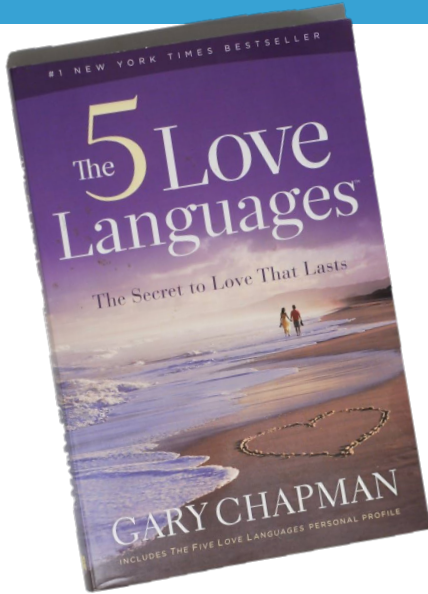
Steve Allison, Minister

"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



"Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ~ Matthew 3:8

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



This month we added a new Sunday School class for adults taught by Larry and Connie Van Oosten. They are using the book, *The 5 Love Languages* by Dr. Gary Chapman. Thank you Larry and Connie for being willing to launch a new class!

Our children's classes are filling up too and we are thankful to Trisha Sedlock for helping Connie Curry in the younger Sunday School classrooms also!

If you are not a part of a Sunday School class, please consider attending as a family!

Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:30am, followed by breakfast at 10:15am. Nursery is provided during this time also.

- ***Preschool – 5th grade – Connie Curry, Teacher and Trisha Sedlock, Helper***
- ***Jr High/High School – Judy Millies, Teacher***
- ***Adult Sunday School Class (studying Isaiah) – Wayne Lotz, Teacher***
- ***Adult Sunday School Class ("That the World May Know" Video Series by Ray Vander Laan) – Steve Allison, Teacher***
- ***Adult Sunday School Class (5 Love Languages) – Larry and Connie Van Oosten, Teachers***



Larry and Connie Van Oosten
New Adult Sunday School Teachers



*"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."
Colossians 3:14*



KIDS CLUB & IMPACT

March 2024

Events

- March 6 - Weekly Meeting
- March 13 - NO KIDS CLUB/IMPACT
- March 20 - Weekly Meeting
- March 27 - Weekly Meeting
- March 31 - EASTER CELEBRATION

EASTER CELEBRATION!

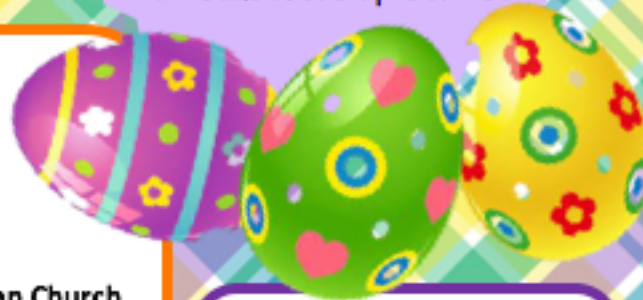
March 31, 2024

- 9:45am Breakfast
- 10:30am Egg Hunt
- 10:45am Worship Service

Contact Us!



Countryside Christian Church
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309-523-2834
www.countrysidecc.org
cccportbyron@gmail.com



The kids are going to be helping prepare for our Easter celebration this month. We hope you will join us as a family on Sunday, March 31st!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2024

Kellan Schmidt

"I'm most looking forward to seeing the reactions of the people we help, knowing that we helped them because of Jesus and that maybe it will motivate them to seek him."



Ellie Johnson

"I'm looking forward to this mission trip to just see the happiness on the other's faces. I am excited to see how God is going to use us this week. I pray we all can have an open heart and mind to this huge opportunity."



Judy Millies

"I'm looking forward to returning to the ASP to love up on God's people there and for the youth to experience this life-changing adventure."



Fallen Byers

"The thing I'm most looking forward to is helping people like Jesus wants us to."



Preston Krogman

"I'm most excited to bring safety and security to these families. Overall, it brings both parties closer to Christ, which is the only thing that matters in the end."



Laura Schmidt

"I'm so grateful for this opportunity to minister to others and watch the youth experience love in action in this way. I pray it is a life-changing experience for all involved."



Taylor Krogman

"I'm looking forward to the growth we will receive, knowing we helped the quality of life improve for these families, which will hopefully be a witness to bringing them to Christ."



Sioux Jackson

"The thing that I am most looking for on this trip is helping people in need and to spread the words of Jesus to people who need and want support, by helping them grow within themselves and within Jesus."



Kati Jo Chasek

"I'm most looking forward to watching and helping our youth grow closer to the Lord as we work on putting the needs of others before ourselves."



Ryan Schmidt

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the people we minister to, helping them, and teaching the youth. I am excited to see how God grows us through this trip."



Jacob Johnson

"I'm looking forward to working to improve the living conditions of people, hearing their stories, and sharing the love of Jesus."



July 28 – Aug 3

Appalachia Service Project

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TRIP

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2024



Serve in Central Appalachia!



YouTube Facebook Instagram @AppServProject ASPHome.org

All donations received will be used for the cost of the missions trip. Thank you for supporting our team!



Appalachia SERVICE PROJECT

On Sunday, March 17th, the Missions Team will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast before church at 10:15am

CCC Youth presents a

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Donations benefit 2024 Mission Trip

March 17th
10:15am

Countryside Christian
3817 230th St. N
Port Byron, IL

Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. John 15:9

Rock River Christian Camp is located near Polo, IL. It is our local Christian Camp and is supported by approximately 30 Christian churches.

“Camp is an investment in the kingdom and God’s people, especially our children. What happens at camp? What comes from our children going to camp: Campers experience a week on their own, experiencing God in their own community in nature, helping them grow in their faith with other kids away from their everyday influences.

Sometimes kids can grow up in the church with their family, which is excellent, but many times their parent’s faith is what they take on. Camp gives our children time away from their parents to help them grow their own faith and friendships outside their local church in Christ. I think kids that attend camp help grow their church. Camp is a unique experience. Giving our kids as many different experiences in Godly environments helps them figure out who they are as servants of Christ. None of us are the same and we grow in different environments. The more God-centered encounters they experience, the more well-rounded followers they will be.” (Newsletter Jan. 23)

The camping season for 2023 saw 10 campers attend from Countryside. CCC will contribute financially toward camp registration for each camper attending a week of camp. Registration will begin in a month with early discounts being available. Faculty and camp leaders are needed for many camps including medical staff for some of the camps. The SAW program was brought back last summer where a week of work at camp can be exchanged for financial help with camp registration fees.

There are many financial needs of the camp, including day to day expenses and long term maintenance projects. Roofs are needed on the Earth Lodge, the Old Chapel., the well house, the garage and the Office. An extensive rework of the Earth Lodge is planned so the financial need at this time is great.



For more information about Rock River Christian Camp check the booklet on the mission shelf in the foyer. Camp registration information is on a display in the entry way. Countryside will also financially help anyone who requests assistance.



2024 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

*Four of our missionaries will be here this year for the Annual
Missions Conference:*



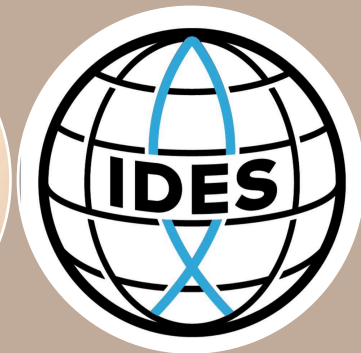
*Rock River
Christian Camp*



*Dale & Sonja Hawkins,
Outreach International*



*Wing Wong,
C2C Ministries*



*IDES (International
Disaster Emergency
Services)*

"Mission NOT Impossible"
APRIL 20-21, 2024

SPENDING TIME TOGETHER

2024 Women's Retreat

May 17-18

Rock River Christian Camp

Register online today!!

Friday and Saturday - \$55

Saturday only - \$25

Our speaker for the weekend is Amy Skogerboe. Amy is an inspirational speaker and believer in Christ with a passion for influencing others to live their faith life to the full! With a bachelor's degree in education and master's in educational leadership, Amy is currently ministering as a pastor's wife just outside of Chicago. She is a proud mother of 5 grown boys through birth and adoption and currently the foster momma of 3 littles, Calvin, Kimmy, and Mercy.



Friday Night/Saturday - \$55

(Includes three meals/lodging)

Saturday Only - \$25

(Includes breakfast and lunch)

Register on our website: www.countrysidecc.org

Senior Adults Potluck

**Saturday,
March 23rd
12:00pm**

*Please bring
a dish
to pass*



Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. John 15:9

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CARING & SHARING

Everything is **FREE!**

SPRING CLEANING TIME!

MAY | 25

10AM-2PM

3817 230th St N. Port Byron, IL

For more information, visit www.countrysidecc.org or call 309-523-2834

9-10AM SET UP TIME BULLETIN BOARD FOR LARGE OBJECTS 2PM CLEAN UP TIME

Looking ahead...on Saturday, May 25th, we will be having a “Caring and Sharing” day!

Time to do some spring cleaning?? You know one person's trash is another person's treasure! Bring your items to the church on May 25th to fill tables in the yard (bring a table if you can) between 9-10am. Everyone in the community is welcome to come and "shop" between 10am-2pm. Any leftover items can be donated to an area donation center. If you have large objects such as furniture or other items, there will be a bulletin board where pictures can be posted and arrangements made for pick up.

Examples of items: towels and bedding, tables and chairs, furniture, tools, clothes bundles (by size or boy/girl).

If you have items you can't haul or you are unable to attend, you can post your items on the bulletin board by the mailboxes in the church hallway.

9:00am Set Up – church tables are available if needed

10:00am – 2:00pm – “shop”

3:00-4:00pm – clean up and remove any remaining items

Anything left over at the end of the day can be donated or taken back home. Some suggestions of area donation locations are:

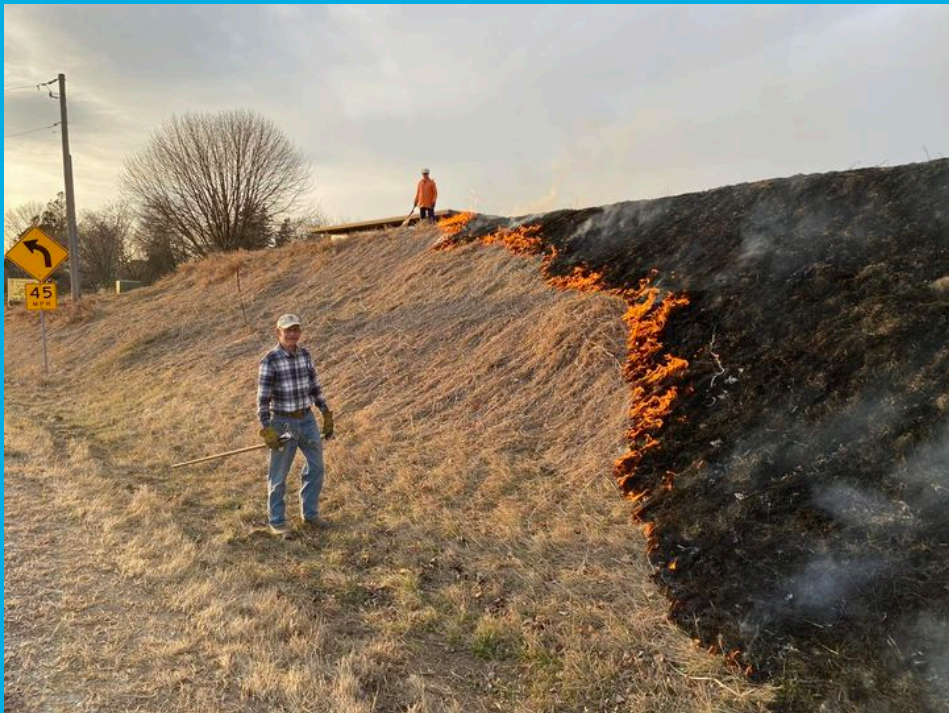
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| <i>Ann's Helping Hands (Port Byron)</i> | <i>The Oasis (East Moline)</i> |
| <i>Humble Beginnings (Eldridge)</i> | <i>Jacob's Ladder (Erie)</i> |

SPRING CLEAN UP

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHT



On Saturday, March 2nd, the men at the men's breakfast worked together to rake the gravel out of the grass after the winter snow plows and also spread grass seed in other areas. Thank you men, for bringing your rakes and brooms to work together on the church yard!



Thank you, Roger and Connie Curry for taking a beautiful day to burn the ditch at the church also.

EASTER IS COMING!

INVITE SOMEONE!

INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS & COWORKERS TO JOIN US THIS EASTER!
GRAB A YARD SIGN IN THE CHURCH LOBBY ON SUNDAY!



BREAKFAST – 9:45AM
EGG HUNT – 10:30AM
WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:45AM



EASTER *Sunday Brunch*

This year's breakfast will be an assortment of donutnuts, pastries, coffee and juice in the gym prior to the Easter Egg Hunt.

Please drop candy off in church office the next couple of weeks. We also probably need some more plastic eggs. The Kids Club kids are going to fill the eggs on Wednesday mornings.

"I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." ~ Luke 5:32

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

FOUR WAYS TO GIVE



1

Mail-In

Mail in your offering directly to our church office at the address below:

Countryside Christian Church
3817 230th St. N
Port Byron, IL 61275

2

Online Giving

Visit online at: www.countrysidecc.org to use our giving website directly.

3

Mobile Giving

Use our Church App to give on your mobile device. Scan the QR code below to add to your phone.

4

Drop Off or In Person

Visit our church office and use our drop box located in the church lobby.

GIVING

2023-2024

Offering Budget

(Starting 10/1/2022):

\$45,769

YTD Offering Actual

\$56,362

FAITH PROMISE

2023-2024 Mission Year

(Starting 5/1/2023)

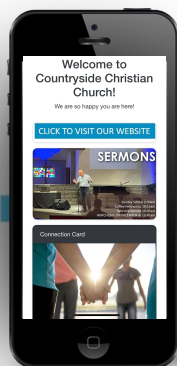
Faith Promises Goal:

\$52,390

YTD Actual:

\$20,960

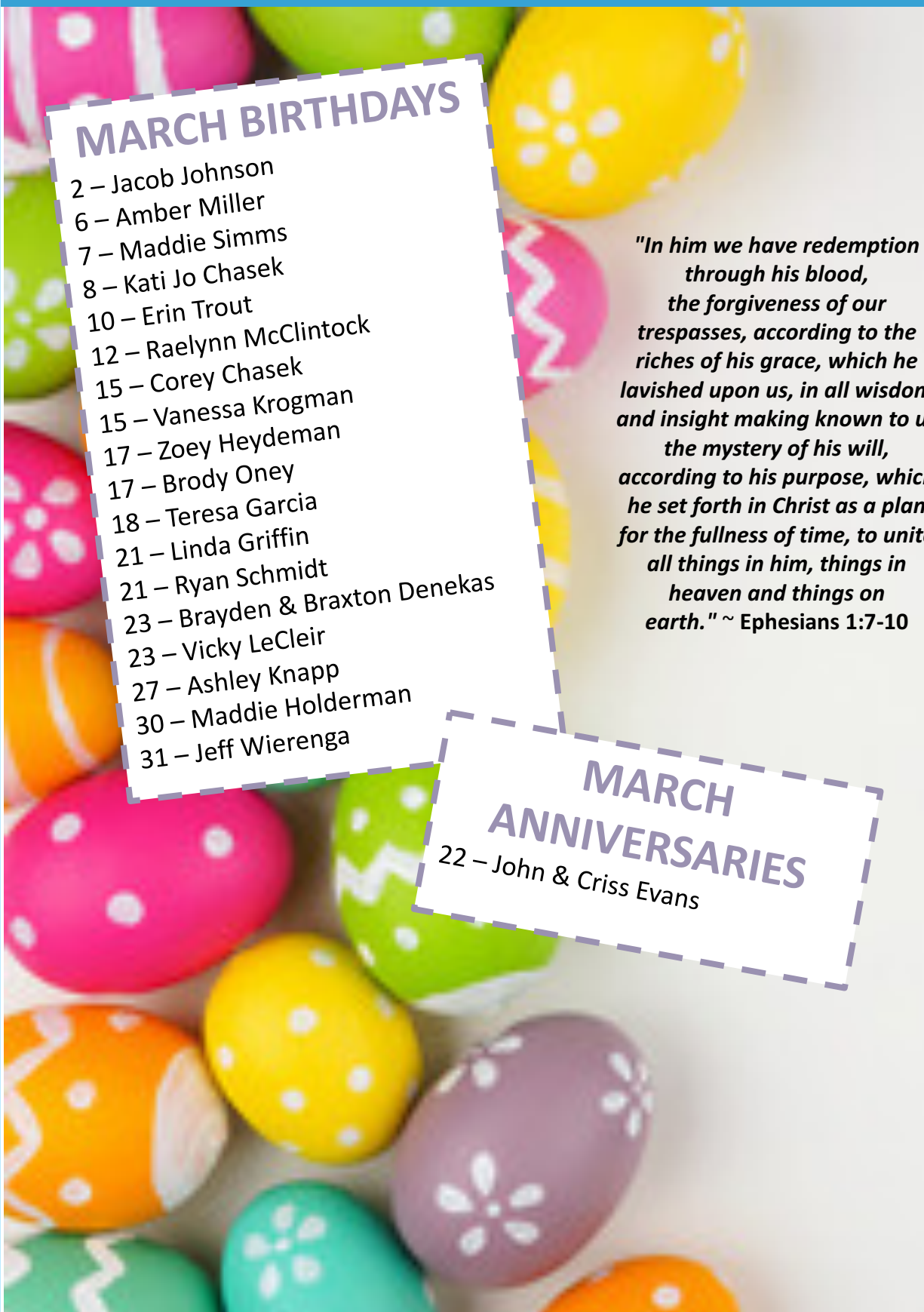
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Jacob Johnson
- 6 – Amber Miller
- 7 – Maddie Simms
- 8 – Kati Jo Chasek
- 10 – Erin Trout
- 12 – Raelynn McClintock
- 15 – Corey Chasek
- 15 – Vanessa Krogman
- 17 – Zoey Heydeman
- 17 – Brody Oney
- 18 – Teresa Garcia
- 21 – Linda Griffin
- 21 – Ryan Schmidt
- 23 – Brayden & Braxton Denekas
- 23 – Vicky LeCleur
- 27 – Ashley Knapp
- 30 – Maddie Holderman
- 31 – Jeff Wierenga

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth." ~ Ephesians 1:7-10

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 – John & Criss Evans

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					
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	TBD	24	Chris Evans	Naomi Jones	Mikah Mikles	Sarah Denekas	Gabby Krogman
31	TBD	31	TBD	TBD	Mikah Mikles	Addison Tiesman	Lauren Tiesman

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

March 3, 2024	Ryan Schmidt
March 10, 2024	Jim Kaecker
March 17, 2024	Judy Millies
March 24, 2024	Larry Van Oosten
March 31, 2024	Ryan Schmidt

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

Mike & Becki Winger
Ryan & Laura Schmidt
Kenny & Debbie Collis



"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

2024 MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Peter 1:3</p>					<p>1 Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts Lock-In 4pm</p>	<p>2 Men's Breakfast 9:00am</p> 
<p>3 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30 D.G. – 5pm</p> 	<p>4 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm</p> <p>Softball 5:30-8:00pm</p>	<p>5 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Pickleball 6-7:30</p>	<p>6 Kids Club/Impact 3-5pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>7 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm Gym in use</p> <p>40th Celebration Planning Meeting 6:30pm</p> <p>Basketball 6-7:30</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Daylight Saving SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30 D.G. – 5pm</p>	<p>11 Softball 5:30-8:00pm</p>	<p>12 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Pickleball 6-7:30</p>	<p>13 NO KIDS CLUB OR IMPACT</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>14 Basketball 6-7:30</p> <p>WINTER JAM CONCERT – Peoria 7pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST 10:15 WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30 D.G. – 5pm</p>	<p>18 Softball 5:30-8:00pm</p>	<p>19 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Pickleball 6-7:30</p>	<p>20 Kids Club/Impact 3-5pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>21 Basketball 6-7:30</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Senior Potluck 12:00pm</p> 
<p>24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30 D.G. – 5pm</p>	<p>25 Softball 5:30-8:00pm</p>	<p>26 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Pickleball 6-7:30</p>	<p>27 Kids Club/Impact 3-5pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>28 Basketball 6-7:30</p>	<p>29 GOOD FRIDAY URICMA SERVICE (First United Methodist Church)</p> 	<p>30</p>

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EASTER SUNDAY
BREAKFAST
9:45AM
EGG HUNT
10:30AM
WORSHIP
10:45AM




He is Risen

