

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:

3:30-5:00 Kids Club/Impact
6:00pm Small Groups

Church Office:

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Church Email:

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Church Website:

www.countrysidecc.org

Live Streaming Info:

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2024 Annual Meeting



October 20, 2024

Department reports due Oct 13th



Approve Budget and Nominations for 2024-2025



Potluck Lunch following Worship Service

Join us on Sunday, October 20th after the Worship Service for a potluck lunch and our Annual Meeting at 1pm to help plan and prepare for the upcoming year.




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

**Elders: Wayne Lotz
Ryan Schmidt
Jim Kaecker**





— 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. 27th



A basket for cards or love gifts will be placed at the front door Oct. 27th and presented to Steve and Karen at the end of the worship service.

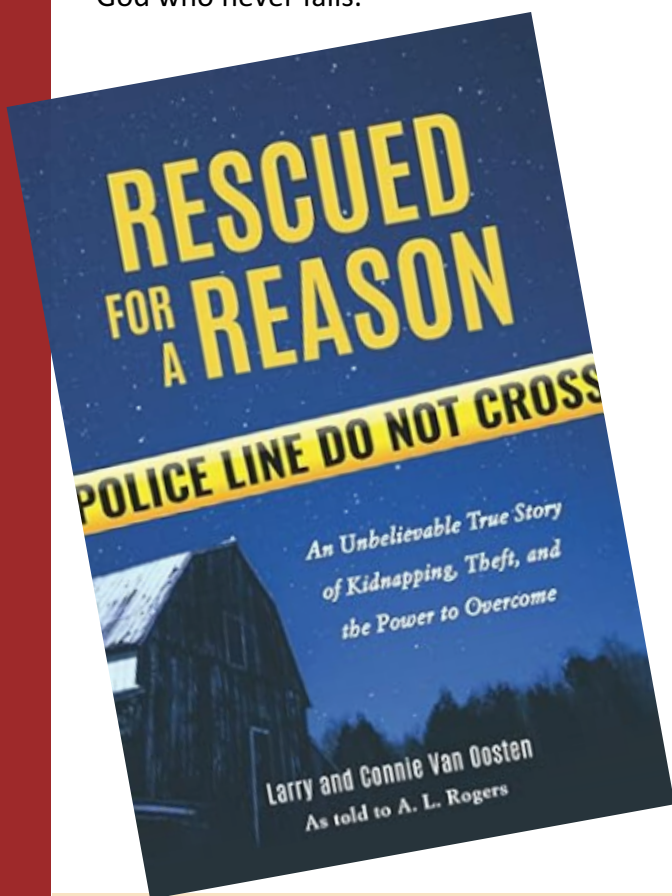


In 2017, Larry and Connie Van Oosten went through a terrifying and unthinkable ordeal as they were abducted at gunpoint in their quiet, small, rural town. One of the questions the man asked them was, "Where is your God now?" Through this experience, the Van Oosten's have had the opportunity to answer this question on national TV, in newspaper articles, and through the writing of their book shown below (which is available on Amazon). They have agreed to share their story on Sunday, October 27th during our Worship Service and have turned the lessons they have learned about trust, forgiveness, and dealing with fear into three Sunday School lessons they will be presenting on November 3, 10, and 17 to the adult classes. Please join us to hear their amazing story and their testimony in a God who never fails.



Presentation during Worship on
October 27th

Sunday School lessons for the Adult
classes on:
November 3rd
November 10th
November 17th



Rescued for a Reason recounts the abduction of Connie and Larry Van Oosten and the days of terror, uncertainty, and desperate prayers that preceded their escape. Written like a novel, this true-crime story seeks to answer the hardest question of all: why? Why did these horrific events happen? Is there a reason—a *purpose*—for all the pain and chaos?



Harvest Fest!

October 26th
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!!



Fall 2024

Club Begins!

Sept 25 – Club Begins!
Oct 2 – Weekly Meeting
Oct 9 – Weekly Meeting
Oct 16 – NO KIDS CLUB
Oct 23 – Weekly Meeting
Oct 30 – Weekly Meeting
Nov 6 – Last Week of Club!

Registration will open in
January 2025 for Spring

Contact Us!

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Georgia Cullison, Evangelism Chair



Harvest Fest

Family Fun Event!

TRUNK OR TREAT – FREE CANDY - FOOD – FUN GAMES –
PRIZES – WEAR COSTUMES!

OCTOBER 26TH 5:00 – 7:00PM

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3817 230th St N, Port Byron, IL

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:2

PUMPKIN PATCH OUTING

Criss Evans, Fellowship Chair

Pumpkin Patch and Lunch Outing



The Fellowship department is organizing an outing to a pumpkin patch and lunch after church service on Sunday, October 13th.

Shady Knoll Farm
3115 Dennhardt Rd, East Moline

Brothers Restaurant

Please sign up at the church or let the office know if you would like to attend!

Sunday, Oct 13th
12:00pm
(following the Worship Service)



"And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—³² to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, ³³ to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts." ~ Exodus 35:31-33

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

2023-2024

Offering Budget

(Starting 10/1/2023):

\$143,846

YTD Offering Actual

\$153,428

2024-2025 Mission Year

(Starting 5/1/2024)

Faith Promises Goal:

\$42,000

YTD Actual:

\$21,496

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

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Rock River Christian Camp

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

"It was a fun and life-changing summer, as we saw 11 campers make the decision to follow Christ and be baptized in the camp pool. The campers got to worship together, share together, have campfires, swim, do the high ropes course, play carpet ball and so much more. They grew together as brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are thankful for each and every one of them." (Newsletter Sept. 24)

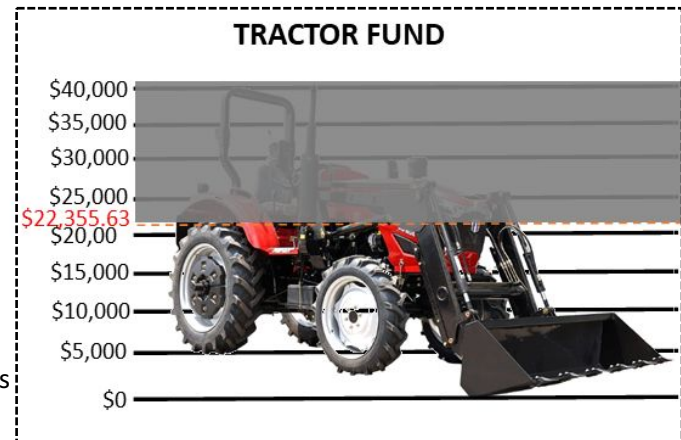


The camping season for 2024 saw 10 campers attend from Countryside. CCC will contribute \$125 toward camp registration for each camper attending a week of camp. There are many financial needs of the camp, including day to day expenses and long term maintenance projects. Roofs are needed on the Earth Lodge, the Old Chapel., the well house, the garage and the Office. Extensive electrical is being done at the main camp removing old aerial lines and putting service underground. The Earth Lodge roof fundraiser is about \$6000 short of the goal of \$84000. Final architect and zoning approval should be coming soon and construction will start this fall.

For more information about Rock River Christian Camp check the booklet on the mission shelf in the foyer.



On July 15 the camp lost its 1998 Massey Ferguson 253 (57 hp) 4/WD manual transmission w/front loader bucket tractor which caught fire. A new comparable tractor will cost \$40,000. The camp is currently researching for a gently used replacement.



Fall workday is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 19. There is lots of fall cleanup that needs doing, leaves, splitting wood, and many other projects. Breakfast is served at 8:00, work begins at 8:30 a lunch at noon and work as late as 4:00. Every weekend through mid-November is booked for retreats. So a busy fall is coming.



"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

MISSION HIGHLIGHT

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIFE

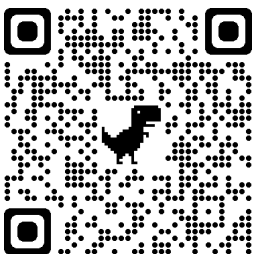


ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 16th

7:30am – 11:30am

Appointments can be made online by visiting this page: <https://shorturl.at/glsPQ> or with Connie Curry at the church. **Last day to donate to be eligible for this blood drive is September 21st.**





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Colossians 2:2: "That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ."

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2024

October 18 – 19, 2024

MEET OUR SPEAKER:

I'm fascinated by women in the Bible who encountered Jesus Christ in amazing ways. The woman at the well and the woman who touched the hem of Jesus's garment are two of my favorites. Utilizing the power of monologue, these women "come to life." Weaving in my own story of emerging from a life dominated by fear and anxiety into greater freedom than I've ever known, I seek to offer others HOPE.

What can you expect at one of my events? I love connecting with my audience, regardless of the size. Plan on laughter, but be sure to bring a few tissues as well. As a storyteller, I love bringing characters to life through monologues. In the end, I'm just a girl in pursuit of a more authentic walk with the Lord.



Jenny Farrell,
Speaker, Author,
Storyteller



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17



OCTOBER

Anniversaries

- 3 – Jeremiah & Shanie Bird
- 12 – Jacob & Amber Miller
- 21 – Harry & Kathy Kohrt



OCTOBER

Birthdays

- 1 – Jonah Bird
- 3 – Rosie Jackson
- 4 – Seth Johnson
- 5 – Rhonda Stahl
- 7 – Debbie Collis
- 7 – Justin Cromie
- 8 – Ethel Knight
- 8 – Jackie Naftzger
- 8 – Chuck Volk
- 10 – LeRoy Byers
- 13 – Alissa Horton
- 13 – Sandy Lawrence
- 17 – Logan Heydeman
- 20 – Reg Stearns
- 22 – Shanie Bird
- 23 – Jadah Bird
- 28 – Mike Winger
- 29 – Kenny Collis



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Children's Ministry



Sunday School (9:30-10:15)			Worship (10:45-12:00)								
Nursery			Nursery				Children's Church				
			<i>Nursery workers are scheduled for the entire church service from 10:45-12:00</i>						<i>Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering</i>		
6	Mikah Mikles	Sarah Denekas	6	Mikah Mikles	Addison Tiesman	Lauren Tiesman	6	Karen Allison	Cheryl Gipson	Ruthie Coverdill	
13	Mikah Mikles	Ruthie Coverdill	13	Mikah Mikles	Becki Winger		13	Karen Allison	Connie Curry	Ruthie Coverdill	
20	Mikah Mikles	Becki Winger	20	Mikah Mikles	Chris Evans	Maddie Holderman	20	Karen Allison	Amber Harper	Ruthie Coverdill	
27	Mikah Mikles		27	Mikah Mikles	Shanie Bird	Fallen Byers	27	Karen Allison	Georgia Cullison	Ruthie Coverdill	

Worship Ministry



COMMUNION MEDITATION

October 6 – Ryan Schmidt
 October 13 – Wayne Lotz
 October 20 – Teresa Garcia
 October 27 – Jim Kaecker

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

Jeff & Naomi Jones
 Wayne & Cathy Lotz
 Larry & Connie Van Oosten



"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 OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience</i></p> <p>~ Colossians 3:12</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Budget Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 9:00am</p> 
<p>6</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>ALL DEPT REPORTS DUE</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Pumpkin Patch Outing & Lunch</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>NO KIDS CLUB/IMPACT</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00-8:30pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am-1:30pm</p> <p>WOMEN'S CONFERENCE</p>
<p>20</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p> <p>ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH</p> <p>Girl Scouts 2:30-4:30</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Riverdale H.S. Trunk or Treat 4:30 - 7:00pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Seniors Dinner 6:00pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>HARVEST FESTIVAL 5-7PM</p> 
<p>27</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p> <p>Food Pantry Needs</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm</p>	<p>31</p>		