

the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2025

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:
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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We are excited to announce our new Elders, Deacons, and Department Heads for 2025-2026!

Elders:

Wayne Lotz, Chairman
Steve Allison
Ryan Schmidt
Jim Kaecker
Roger Curry, *elder emeritus*

Deacons:

Tim Smith
Corey Chasek
Galvin Garcia
Randy Denekas
Bob Gipson
Mike Winger
Larry Van Oosten

2025-2026 Department Heads

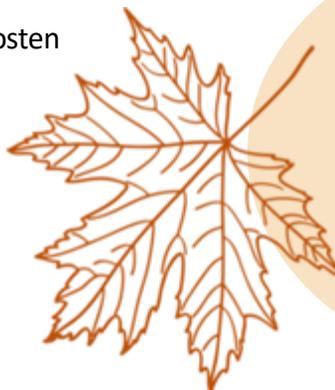
Christian Education – Cathy Lotz, *interim*
Evangelism – Georgia Cullison
Fellowship – Criss Evans
Finance – Wayne Lotz
Missions – Wayne Lotz
Property – Steve Allison
Seniors Ministry – Dennis Ford
Women's Ministry – Teresa Garcia
Worship – Ryan Schmidt



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



*Thank you, leaders
for serving our
church so faithfully.
We are thankful for
you!*



VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

On November 11th, 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

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!

Christian Education Department Update

As we start to close out a wonderful year of ministry, the Christian Education Department would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Cathy Lotz** for her faithful service as Interim Chairman this past year. Cathy's leadership, dedication, and joyful spirit have been a true blessing to our teachers, students, and families.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are prayerfully seeking **volunteers** to serve in various Christian Education roles. If you feel called to help teach, assist, or would possibly like to chair this department, we would love to have you join our team!

We also want to offer special thanks to the **new teachers who have volunteered to lead Children's Church in 2026**. Your willingness to share your time and faith with our youngest members helps lay a strong foundation for their spiritual growth.

We are grateful for a **wonderful year filled with learning, fellowship, and faith**, and we look forward with excitement and thanksgiving to what God has in store for **2026!**

"Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16:14



"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 a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

We ask you to support our efforts by donating money towards a gift card this year in order to allow us to give specific gifts to meet specific needs.

In the past, we have put together baskets with a turkey, gravy, 5lb bag of potatoes, ingredients for green bean casserole, butter, sweet potatoes, gallon of milk, pumpkin pie, and dinner rolls. However, we understand that not all families are the same size and some have dietary restrictions. So, this year again, we are going to be blessing these families with a gift card according to their family size to purchase the groceries they need instead.

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

All donations due Sunday, Nov 16th

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

SPECIAL MOVIE RE-SHOWING

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



In July, we had a movie night, showing *The Christmas Jars*, as a result of one of the adult Sunday School classes' desire to bless a family at Christmas time this year. We have been collecting money for the last few months and would like to offer a special re-showing of the movie for those who missed it in July. Please also be thinking of any suggestions of a family or individual who could use this special anonymous gift. Please reach out to Steve with any suggestions.

MOVIE NIGHT!

Christmas Jars

**Sunday,
December 7th
5:30pm**

Based on the bestselling novel by Jason F. Wright, it tells the story of reporter Hope Jensen, who uncovers the remarkable secret behind the "Christmas Jars" - glass jars filled with coins and bills anonymously left for people in need. Christmas Jars is a phenomenon with a reach far beyond that of a typical novel, as it created a new tradition that has changed the lives of many people in their time of need all over the country.

Please join us for another great movie night at the church on Sunday, December 7th at 5:30pm. Popcorn and candy provided. Please bring your own beverage if you would like.

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Me & My House

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.

In September, Susan Sanchez came to the States to visit family and supporting churches. We, at Countryside, were blessed to have her here for our Faith/Promise mission weekend on September 6 and 7.

"I missed my family that mostly live in Missouri. It had been four years since I'd seen them, since my mother's funeral. So, when a supporting church held their missions emphasis weekend nearby and asked us to be in attendance with their other six missions that they support, I jumped on the opportunity. I spent the month of September visiting six of our ten supporting churches and six of our thirteen individual supporters, all within the area. But mainly I recharged, I saw everyone from my oldest sister to my newest member of the family, my great nephew. I saw my aunts and uncles, cousins, a foster brother, even a few friends. Now that Rafa and Scarlett are independent, we plan to return in 2026 to see other supporting churches and individuals. It's essential to the mission work, and it's good for the soul to see all of you whom we cherish so much." (from Susan September newsletter)

Idol worship and cult practices are popular in Mexico even though the population is 90% Catholic. They know of God but Animism, or folk religion has crept in as a way of life. Over the past few months, the Sanchezes have tried to evangelize individuals about the depth of the sin and their desperate need of a Savior.

In June, Oraliz's house caught fire. Several from the church stepped up to help clean and a supporting church sent funds for appliances. Temporary housing was arranged for her and her sister. Other structural issues were uncovered as the result of the fire. Hopefully the next newsletter will include that she is back in her house.



Prayer needs: Safety in the storm of this drug war, Isaac's schooling, Mexico's new president, new contacts, basketball league connections, Sam's new school year back home, Rafa's work hours, Oraliz's house restoration after the fire. You can read more about the mission in Colima and the Sanchez family in the mission booklet on the mission table.

I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:10-11



YOU ARE NEEDED

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

Countryside is sponsoring a blood drive with ImpactLife (formerly Mississippi Blood Center) on **Saturday November 15, 2024**. It will be held from 7:30-11:00 A.M. in Countryside gym. Appointments can be made by contacting Connie Curry at 309-523-2504 or online at www.bloodcenter.org. Use Group Sponsor code 288 to schedule online. Appointments are required, bring a photo ID and please eat before donation. The last date to donate elsewhere is **September 20, 2025**. Blood is always in short supply, but the need is greater during the holidays.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, DONATE.

Connie Curry



ImpactLife



THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



The URICMA (*Upper Rock Island Community Ministerial Association – made up of area churches*) Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday, November 23rd at 6pm 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.

\$12 each

Orders due by Sunday, November 16th

Thank you!!



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

Psalms 73:26

Grateful to God

Our Giving

YTD Offering Budget: \$21,350

YTD Offering Actual: \$22,818

Faith Promises Goal: \$48,600

YTD Faith Promises: \$3575

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!



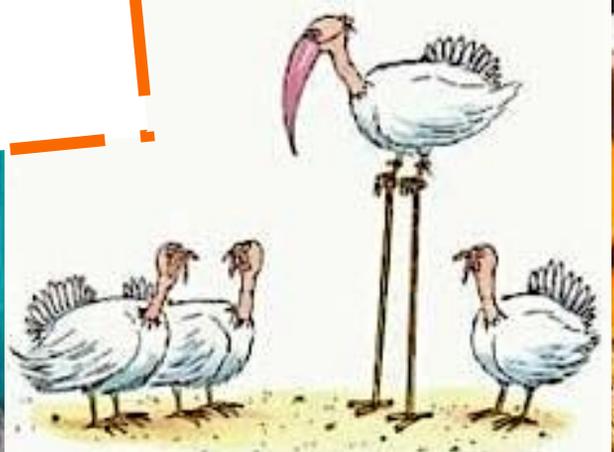
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 – Ken & Stephanie Wainwright
- 16 – Larry & Georgia Cullison
- 29 – Angela & Joe Heydeman



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 – Naomi Jones
- 8 – Karen Allison
- 10 – Tim Trout
- 12 – Judah Bird
- 12 – Nathan Johnson
- 14 – DJ Sedlock
- 17 – Ana Biscantine
- 19 – Sawyer Horton
- 19 – Holly Trout
- 20 – Jorgia & Riley Horton
- 23 – Amelia Jones
- 26 – Fallen Byers
- 30 – Archer Heydeman



"He's got a point. Nobody eats a flamingo on Thanksgiving."

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Children's Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)	Worship (10:45-12:00)	
Nursery	Nursery	Children's Church

Nursery workers are scheduled for the entire church service from 10:45-12:00

Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering

2	Mikah Mikles	Kathy Kohrt	Mikah Mikles	Sarah Denekas	Karen Allison	Georgia Cullison	Patti Stith/Kim Ford
9	Mikah Mikles	Dawn Tiesman	Mikah Mikles	Amber Miller	Karen Allison	Naomi Jones	Patti Stith/Kim Ford
16	Mikah Mikles	Becki Winger	Mikah Mikles	Natalia Ramos	Karen Allison	Kati Jo Chasek	Patti Stith/Kim Ford
23	Mikah Mikles	Sarah Denekas	Mikah Mikles	Sandy Lawrence	Karen Allison	Alicia Simms	Patti Stith/Kim Ford
30	Mikah Mikles	Kathy Kohrt	Mikah Mikles	Bella McClintock	FAMILY SUNDAY		

Worship Ministry



COMMUNION MEDITATION

- November 2 – Corey Chasek
- November 9 – Ryan Schmidt
- November 16 – Jim Kaecker
- November 23 – Steve Allison
- November 30 – Larry Van Oosten

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

- Judy Millies
- Ryan & Laura Schmidt
- Jeff & Becky Wierenga



"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



2025 NOVEMBER

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34**

1

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**
 8:00am

2
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME
 10:15AM
WORSHIP
 10:45AM


3
**Evangelism/
Missions 6:30pm**
All Depts. 7pm

4
 Men's Study 9am
 Women's Study
 9am

5
**LAST WEEK OF
Kids Club &
Impact 3:30-5pm**

Small Groups
 Port Byron -6pm
 Geneseo - 6pm

6
 IDES Dedication
 Dinner -
 Noblesville, IN

7
 Stamping Club
 (Bev Skelton)
 9am-12pm

8
 Women's Coffee
 9:30am


9
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME
 10:15AM
WORSHIP
 10:45AM
 Family Movie
 Night - 5:30pm

10

11
 Men's Study 9am
 Women's Study
 9am

Veterans Day

12
Small Groups
 Port Byron -6pm
 Geneseo - 6pm

13
 Zuma Home
 Extension
 1:00-4:00pm

14

15

Blood Drive
 7:30am-11:30am

16
**Poinsettia Orders
Due**

**Thanksgiving
Donations Due**
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME
 10:15AM
WORSHIP
 10:45AM

17

18
 Men's Study 9am
 Women's Study
 9am

19
Small Groups
 Port Byron -6pm
 Geneseo - 6pm

20

>>Deliver Thanksgiving
Baskets<<

22

23
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME
 10:15AM
WORSHIP
 10:45AM

 6:00 pm URICMA
 Thanksgiving
 Service - Messiah

24
 Men's Study 9am
 Women's Study
 9am

25
 Men's Study 9am
 Women's Study
 9am

26
**No Wednesday
activities**

27
THANKSGIVING


 Gym in Use-Collis

28

29
**Senior Adults
Potluck**
 12:00pm


30
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME
 10:15AM
WORSHIP
 10:45AM
POTLUCK LUNCH

