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MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2026

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:

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Church Website:

www.countrysidecc.org

Live Streaming Info:

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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*



2026 NURSERY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Education Highlight

| | Sunday School Nursery | Worship Nursery | Children's Church | Children's Church (Littles) |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date | 9:30 - 10:15 | 10:45-12:00 | 2nd - 4th grades | 4 yrs. - 1st grade |
| JANUARY | | | | |
| 4 | Mikah Mikles Sarah Denekas | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Naomi & Jeff Jones | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 11 | Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz | Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz | Naomi & Jeff Jones | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 18 | Mikah Mikles Becki Winger | Mikah Mikles Sarah Denekas | Naomi & Jeff Jones | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 25 | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Mikah Mikles Maddie Simms | Naomi & Jeff Jones | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| FEBRUARY | | | | |
| 1 | Mikah Mikles Sarah Denekas | Mikah Mikles Natalia Ramos | Ana & Chris Biscontine | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 8 | Mikah Mikles Becki Winger | Mikah Mikles Sandy Lawrence | Ana & Chris Biscontine | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 15 | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Mikah Mikles Sarah Denekas | Ana & Chris Biscontine | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 22 | Mikah Mikles Kathy Kohrt | Mikah Mikles | Ana & Chris Biscontine | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| MARCH | | | | |
| 1 | Mikah Mikles Sarah Denekas | Mikah Mikles Shanie Bird | Karen Allison Cheryl Gipson | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 8 | Mikah Mikles Becki Winger | Mikah Mikles Becki Winger | Karen Allison Donna Vickroy | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 15 | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Mikah Mikles | Karen Allison Kati Jo Chasek | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 22 | Mikah Mikles Kathy Kohrt | Mikah Mikles Sandy Lawrence | Karen Allison Connie Curry | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 29 | Mikah Mikles | Mikah Mikles | FAMILY SUNDAY | FAMILY SUNDAY |
| APRIL | | | | |
| 5 | Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Cathy Lotz Ellie Johnson | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 12 | Mikah Mikles Becki Winger | Mikah Mikles Amber Miller | Cathy Lotz Naomi Jones | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 19 | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Mikah Mikles Sarah Denekas | Cathy Lotz Linda Griffin | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 26 | Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz | Mikah Mikles Maddie Simms | Cathy Lotz Alicia Simms | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| MAY | | | | |
| 3 | Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz | Mikah Mikles Natalia Ramos | Criss Evans Georgia Cullison | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 10 | Mikah Mikles Becki Winger | Mikah Mikles Sandy Lawrence | Criss Evans Connie Curry | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 17 | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Mikah Mikles Gail Horst | Criss Evans Connie VanOosten | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 24 | Mikah Mikles Kathy Kohrt | Mikah Mikles | Criss Evans Becki Winger | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 31 | Mikah Mikles Gail Horst | Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz | FAMILY SUNDAY | FAMILY SUNDAY |
| JUNE | | | | |
| 7 | Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz | Mikah Mikles Shanie Bird | Karen Allison Laura Schmidt | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 14 | Mikah Mikles Becki Winger | Mikah Mikles Becki Winger | Karen Allison Amber Harper | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 21 | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Mikah Mikles | Karen Allison Donna Vickroy | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 28 | Mikah Mikles Gail Horst | Mikah Mikles | Karen Allison Sarah Denekas | Kim Ford Patti Stith |

THANK YOU for volunteering to help with the nursery and children's church schedule this year! When many can be involved, the schedule does not get to be too overwhelming for just a few people! You are investing in these children's lives in an eternal way!

THANK YOU!

Thank You!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Angel Tree this year! With your help, we were able to donate 14 backpacks full of hygiene products and warm blankets to those experiencing housing instability in the Quad Cities. We appreciate you!

~Amber Ramos and Georgia Cullison



"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: 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.

The camping season for 2025 saw 11 campers attend from Countryside. CCC will contribute \$125 toward camp registration for each camper attending a week of camp. Cathy Lotz is handling camp registration and the financial vouchers. The list of camps and their dates are on a poster in the church entry.

“The summer camp season was fantastic. Every session of camp spent time worshipping God, listening to amazing messages, had lots of fun, and built friendships. From Memorial Day to Labor Day we hosted 1,611 people at camp. Four students were baptized in the camp pool this summer and a few more shared with us that they were baptized when they went home to their home churches. We love watching students make decisions to follow Christ. Legacy was the theme for the year. We learned that following Christ is the most important Legacy we can have. We pray all of the campers in 2025 were changed for the better and grow closer to Christ!



The Earth Lodge was the main project for 2025. We were able to get the new roof put on the Earth Lodge this spring. We are so thankful for the people who gave to help make this happen and for all of the volunteers who gave their time to complete the project.” (Newsletter Nov. 2025)

The camps current wish list includes weed trimmers, Golf cart, sand volleyball line kit, pool chairs, outdoor chairs, and Amazon/Walmart/Sams Club gift cards.

Volunteers are always needed through the summer for mowing and general maintenance. If you can spare a day or so Dan Augenstine, camp manager, will be glad to put you to work.

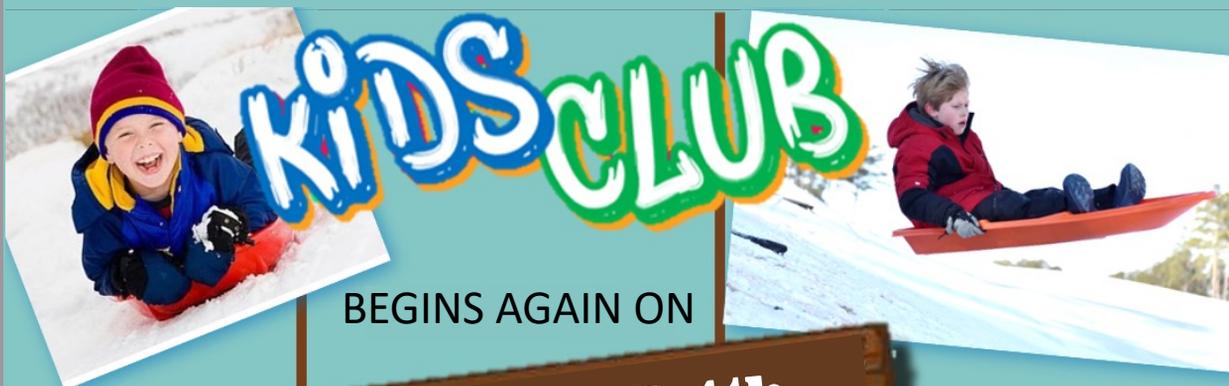
For more information about Rock River Christian Camp check the booklet on the mission shelf in the foyer.



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

Mission Highlight

SPRING SESSION OF KIDS CLUB!



BEGINS AGAIN ON

FEBRUARY 4th



REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON! Please keep in mind that enrollment is limited so sign up early!

If you would like to help with this six-week spring session of Kids Club, please let Sandy Lawrence know! There are many ways to be involved!

Kids Club / Impact Highlight

ENCAMPMENT RETREAT

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN CAMP



ENCAMPMENT RETREAT

6TH – 12TH GRADES

JANUARY 17-19, 2026

COST \$85

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

Worship Highlight



Back Row: Kellan Schmidt (Sound Board), Mike Winger (rhythm guitar), Jimmy Schumpert (drums), Ryan Schmidt (bass guitar)
Front Row: Lauren Tiesman (vocals), Becky Wierenga (vocals), Kati Jo (vocals), Ellie Johnosn (vocals), Laura Schmidt (piano), 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 year our Worship Team at CCC has changed quite a bit. We welcomed some new members: Lauren Tiesman started splitting her time between the sound booth and singing with us during Worship and some boys (Lewis, Witten, and Holden) volunteered to help in the sound both. We also celebrated two retirements on our worship team for Mike and Judy! Jimmy is counting down the days until we get to celebrate his retirement with him! 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!



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

one-year Bible Reading Plan

WEEKS 1 - 26

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

one-year Bible Reading Plan

WEEKS 27 - 52

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

— 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 faithfully update our church sign throughout the 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

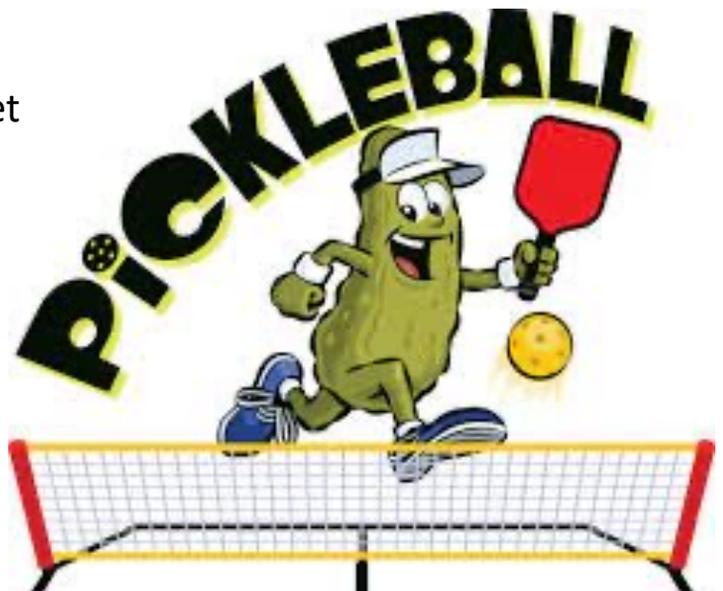
TUESDAY NIGHTS
STARTING
JANUARY 6TH
6:00 – 7:30PM



2026
PICKLEBALL
league

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

We are excited about the return of our 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 6th. 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



For weeks, several men in our congregation have been working tirelessly at improving our back parking lot. They scraped out part of the hill and started putting in a retaining wall. This will allow many more parking spaces behind our building.

Thank you Randy and Jeff Denekas, Brian Tiesman, Steve Allison, and Brennan Harrington for all your work in making this happen! We appreciate you!

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

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

2025-2026

Offering Budget

(Starting 10/1/2025):

\$48,037

YTD Actual: \$42,823

2025-2026 Mission Year

(Starting 10/1/2025)

Faith Promises Goal:

\$48,600

YTD Actual: \$8441

"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





JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

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



JANUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – DJ & Trisha Sedlock



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Children's Ministry

| | Sunday School Nursery | Worship Nursery | Children's Church | Children's Church (Littles) |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date | 9:30 - 10:15 | 10:45-12:00 | 2nd - 4th grades | 4 yrs. - 1st grade |
| JANUARY | | | | |
| 4 | Mikah Mikles Sarah Denekas | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Naomi & Jeff Jones | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 11 | Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz | Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz | Naomi & Jeff Jones | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 18 | Mikah Mikles Becki Winger | Mikah Mikles Sarah Denekas | Naomi & Jeff Jones | Kim Ford Patti Stith |
| 25 | Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman | Mikah Mikles Maddie Simms | Naomi & Jeff Jones | Kim Ford Patti Stith |

*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

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

January 4– Ryan Schmidt
 January 11– Jim Kaecker
 January 18 – Wayne Lotz
 January 25– Corey Chasek

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.*

"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

2026 JANUARY

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

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

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New Years Day Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm  8:00am

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME 10:15AM
WORSHIP 10:45AM
Christmas "Undecorating" Party

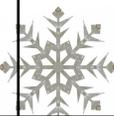
Carnival Planning Meeting – 5:30pm
Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm
All Depts. 7pm

Men's Study 9am
Women's Study 9am
Pickleball 6-7:30

Small Groups
Port Byron –6pm
Geneseo – 6pm

Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm

Women's Coffee 9:30am




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WORSHIP 10:45AM

Men's Study 9am
Women's Study 9am
Pickleball 6-7:30

Small Groups
Port Byron –6pm
Geneseo – 6pm



Rock River

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

MLK Jr. Day

Men's Study 9am
Women's Study 9am
Pickleball 6-7:30

Small Groups
Port Byron –6pm
Geneseo – 6pm



Encampment Retreat (6th-12th)

25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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

 **Food Pantry Needs**

Men's Study 9am
Women's Study 9am
Pickleball 6-7:30

Small Groups
Port Byron –6pm
Geneseo – 6pm

Seniors Dinner 12pm

