

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MAY 2026

**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:**

6:00pm Small Groups

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# MOVIE NIGHT!

Join us for a special **Movie Night at the church May 3rd at 5pm** as we watch *Rescued by Faith*!

Popcorn and candy will be provided—just bring your own drinks and settle in for an inspiring evening. This 2026 Lifetime film, starring Nancy Travis and Mike Pniewski, tells the gripping true story of Larry and Connie Van Oosten, who were abducted from their home by a masked gunman and held as hostages. Over the course of several tense days, they rely on prayer, resilience, and unwavering faith to endure a life-threatening ordeal. Rated TV-PG, the film highlights powerful themes of hope, courage, and survival. After the movie, Larry and Connie will be with us for a live Q&A, sharing more about their incredible experience. Don't miss this meaningful night—invite your friends and family to come along!



**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

# BIBLE CAMP STARTS NEXT MONTH!

Kati Jo Chasek, Education Chair

**BRING A FRIEND DISCOUNT:** Campers who "Bring a Friend" (who has never been to RRCC) will receive a \$30 discount (\$15 for one to three night youth camps) for each new camper that registers for youth camp. The camper that does the inviting will receive the discount.

**CCC SCHOLARSHIPS:** Our church also supports kids who would like to attend a camp by helping with \$125 of their registration fee.



## TEDDY BEAR CAMP

June 19-20, 2026 (1st – 3rd Grade)

Cost: \$107 (cost includes camper & parent/guardian)

This is a fun overnight experience for campers going into 1st – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to come to check out RRCC for the first time. Each camper must bring a same-gender parent/guardian (or call the camp office to discuss possible options). Campers spend the weekend swimming, singing, enjoying the campfire, participating in great Bible lessons, having scavenger hunts, wagon rides, and more!



## EMBARK CAMP

July 26 – 31, 2026 (3rd – 5th Grade)

Cost: \$380.00

Campers between 3rd and 5th grade are loading up for the journey of a lifetime. Here at EMBARK, campers will be diving into what it really means to follow God with a lot of fun along the way. Each day, these campers will come face to face with God's truth and grace. They will encounter higher challenges, whether it is stepping up and helping out or maybe it is climbing up the zip line pole. These campers and faculty members will sleep overnight in cabins that are close to the bathhouse and dining hall. A day at camp consists of great worship, dynamic speaking, small family group times, swimming, canteen, campfires, and so much more! Get ready to EMBARK with us!



## ELEVATE (JR HIGH CAMP)

June 21 – 26, 2026

(6th – 8th Grade)

Cost: \$380.00

Campers between 6th-8th grade, are stepping up to Elevate. This week, we are moving and rising to a higher place, position, and state, intellectually and spiritually. We are getting loud! We have embarked on our mission, and now it is time to step up. Here at Elevate, you will encounter situations that challenge and push you to new levels. You'll find life-changing experiences during a week of Elevate. Just as all main camps, Elevate campers and faculty will find themselves sleeping in cabins overnight that are close to the bathhouse and dining hall. A day at Elevate includes worship with a band, speakers who will ignite a flame in you, small family group times, swimming, zipline, canteen, campfires, and so much more!



## EDGE (HIGH SCHOOL CAMP)

June 7 – 13, 2026 (9th – Just Graduated)

Cost: \$400.00

High School students, 9th-Just Graduated, are going to the Edge. These students will make a difference in the lives of others. Campers, during their week of Edge, will be going out into the surrounding communities where they will be serving others. This is a week of stepping up to be the leaders and servants that each of us is called to be: Eagerly Dispersing God's love Everywhere. The service projects will vary, but each one can have an effect on a life. That life could be yours. Edge campers and faculty will sleep overnight in cabins that are near the bathhouse and dining hall. Along with the service projects, campers at Edge will partake in worship with a band, classes, intense speakers, small group discussions, swimming, zipline, paintball, canteen, campfires, and more!

# SEMI-ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL EVENT!

Georgia Cullison, Evangelism Chair

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

# VOLLEYBALL EVENT!



## JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

## 5-7PM



**HOT DOGS AND SNACKS  
WILL BE PROVIDED!**



**WATER SLIDE**



**OTHER GAMES**



**BONFIRE  
TO FINISH!**



**COUNTRYSIDE**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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# Caring & Sharing Day!

Coming Up: **MAY 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 AM – 12 PM**

**EVERYTHING IS FREE!**



— *Start Collecting Now!* —

— Furniture • Household Items • Toys —  
Clothes • Décor • Hidden Treasures

Gather items to share with others!

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!**



# MISSION HIGHLIGHT: C2C Ministry

## MISSION HIGHLIGHT



Wing Wong has worked for over 55 years in China, presenting the message of Christ to the people and also to the Chinese people worshipping in New Hampshire.

“Yes, our mission is to proclaim the Good News of the abundant Life, True Liberty, and Happiness in Christ to all nations and help them do the same for others.” God is so good! He continues to lead us in making disciples in Taiwan, Hong Kong, and China as He has done for the past years.

“We thank God for you. Your faithful prayers and generous financial support have been a lifeline to our ministry. Your prayers strengthen weary hands, your giving fuels the work, and encouragement reminds us that the family of God is wide and strong. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being co-laborers with us in God’s harvest field.

Praise the Lord that five people were baptized into Christ last month. It is amazing to see how the Lord works even in the deep valleys. Please continue to pray for China- for the Lord’s protection, provision, and for His unstoppable work to spread throughout the land. Praise Him for His amazing grace!” (Newsletter from October 2025)

Many young people are being brainwashed into the communist philosophy of atheism and rejecting Christianity. Spreading the Gospel message is becoming more and more of a challenge. Several small church groups are meeting in homes for their safety. Pray that more disciples can be made and another new church will be planted. Most importantly, please pray for all the Christians in China for their safety from Communist rule.

***“What will the next generation of Christians in China be like if we sit back and take the easy road? Will God be pleased? Thank you for laboring with us in prayers and support!”***  
***(Wing Wong)***



Pray for Wing Wong as he brings the message of Jesus Christ to the Chinese people in New Hampshire and in China. For a more vivid picture of C2C Ministry, watch the video on the TV by the office.

# BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

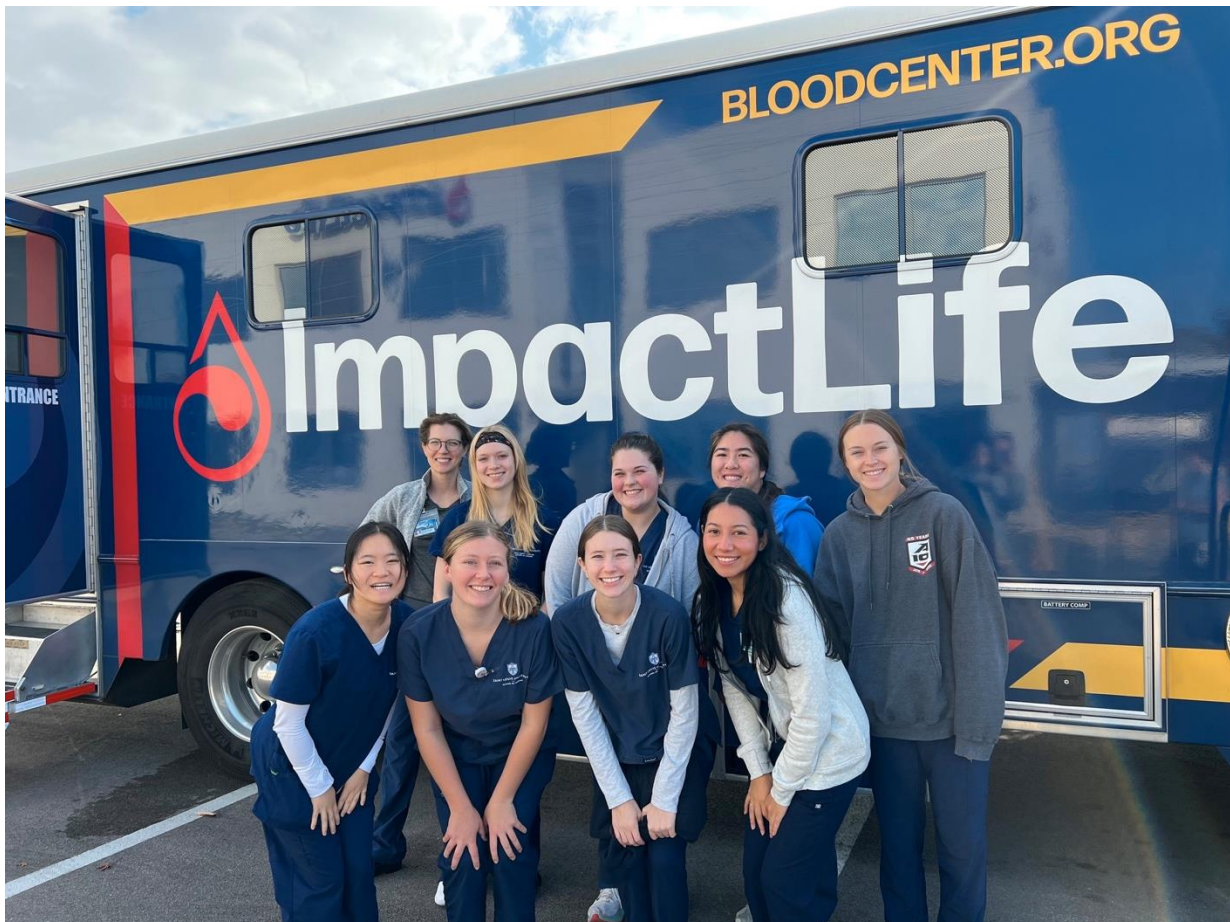
On April 11, a blood drive was held at Countryside for Impact Life. We collected 25 units of blood!. We far surpassed our goal! Our next blood drive will be in November.

A big THANK YOU to all who donated on Saturday. Those 25 units of blood have been a blessing to many individuals in need.

Volunteer Co-ordinator

## Connie Curry

MISSION HIGHLIGHT



*Isaiah 58:10: "If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday."*

# SENIOR BUS TRIP OUTING

Dennis Ford, Seniors Ministry Chair

SENIORS MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

# SENIOR Adults Outing

COME RIDE ALONG FOR A FUN AFTERNOON TOGETHER!



**SATURDAY,  
MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>**



**BUS DEPARTS AT  
12:00 PM**



**MEET AT  
11:45 AM**



**COUNTRYSIDE  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH**



HOP ON THE CHURCH BUS  
AS WE HEAD TO:

**Illiniwek Park**

**PAVILION RESERVED JUST FOR US!**

**FOOD PROVIDED:**

**Brats &  
Hot Dogs**



**PLEASE BRING:**

**A side dish  
or dessert  
to share!**



Enjoy good food, great company,  
and a relaxing time outdoors!



# Women's Ministry

You are invited to join us for our weekly and monthly women's ministry events! Together we learn how to focus on Him, serve Him, and live more joyfully.



John 1:14  
 "And the Word  
 became flesh and  
 dwelt among us,  
 and we have seen  
 his glory, glory as  
 of the only Son  
 from the Father,  
 full of grace and  
 truth."



## Tuesday Morning Bible Studies:

9:00am  
 Countryside Christian Church

## Monthly Coffee:

May 9<sup>th</sup>  
 9:30am  
 Countryside Christian Church

## Fall Conference 2026:

More details to come!

Every relationship and friendship grows through spending time together. Your relationship with God is no different. In order to know him and to feel him we must spend time with him. Spending time with God allows us to experience a privilege of expressing our feelings and thoughts to Him and allows Him to speak to us directly through His words (the Bible) and through prayer.

-Misty Bernstein





# OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

As of right now, our goal for the 2024-2025 Missions Year is:

## \$28,888

Thank you for supporting the work of missions!

*Remember our missionaries can only continue the important work of sharing the good news of Jesus with the prayerful and monetary support of churches like Countryside!*

### Countryside supports a wide variety of ministries including:

- Christian higher education
- Youth and adult camping experiences
- Global disaster relief and evangelism
- Ministry to the Chinese people in the U.S. & China
- Church plants in Mexico
- Bible translation in Papua, New Guinea
- Ministry to recruit and support missionaries around the world



#### GIVING

**2025-2026**

**Offering Budget**

*(Starting 10/1/2025):*

\$48,037

YTD Actual:

\$42,823

#### FAITH PROMISE

**2025-2026 Mission Year**

*(Starting 10/1/2025)*

Faith Promises Goal:

\$48,600

YTD Actual:

\$28,888

#### 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.*



# May

BIRTHDAYS

Hetty Volk	1-May
Amber Ramos	4-May
Joanne Wiklund	6-May
Brian Tiesman	9-May
Mikah Mikles	14-May
Annie Harrison	19-May
Molly Paxton	21-May
Steve Allison	22-May
Jasper Denekas	24-May
Larry VanOosten	25-May
Scott Horton	25-May
Rhett Biscontine	25-May
Dylan Trout	26-May
Natalia Ramos	28-May
Teagan Collis	29-May

**Psalm 139:13-14**

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

# May

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Becki Winger	1-May
Adam & Val Rutledge	3-May
Brock & Ruthie Coverdill	6-May
Corey & Kati Jo Chasek	30-May
Rock & Sandy Lawrence	31-May



# 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
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

## Worship Ministry

### COMMUNION MEDITATION

May 3 – Kati Jo Chasek  
 May 10 – Corey Chasek  
 May 17 – Jim Kaecker  
 May 24 – Ryan Schmidt  
 May 31 – Wayne Lotz

### GREETERS

*Becki Winger*

*"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 MAY

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

					1 Building in Use 9am-12pm	2  8:00am
3 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>BREAKFAST</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM	4 <b>Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm</b> <b>All Depts. 7pm</b>	5 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	6 <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	7  <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b>	8	9 Women's Coffee 9:30am 
10 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>BREAKFAST</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S Day!</b>	11	12 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	13 <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	14 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm	15	16 <b>Caring &amp; Sharing Day</b> 9am-12pm 
17 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>BREAKFAST</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM  <b>Riverdale Graduation</b>	18	19 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	20 <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	21	22	23
24 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>BREAKFAST</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM	25  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	26 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	27 <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	28	29	30 <b>Seniors Outing</b> <b>12:00pm -</b> <b>Illiniwek Park</b>  Gym in Use - afternoon

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**FAMILY SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:30AM  
**BREAKFAST**  
10:15AM  
**WORSHIP**  
10:45AM  
**Potluck Lunch -**  
**12pm**



*"She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on  
her tongue." Proverbs 31:26*

