the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

Church Office:
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Church Website:
www.countrysidecc.org

Live Streaming Info:
Paste the links below into your browser:

YouTube
shorturl.at/CIM08

shorturl.at/wBVY4



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



We are excited to announce our new Elders, Deacons, and Department Heads for 2026-2027!

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

Deacons:
Tim Smith
Corey Chasek
Galvin Garcia
Randy Denekas
Bob Gipson
Mike Winger
Larry Van Oosten
Dennis Ford
Brian Tiesman
Noel Paxton
Brennan Harrington

2026-2027 Department Heads
Christian Education – Kati Jo Chasek
Evangelism – Georgia Cullison
Fellowship – Criss Evans
Finance – Wayne Lotz
Missions – Wayne Lotz
Property – Steve Allison
Seniors Ministry – Dennis Ford
Women's Ministry – Teresa Holt
Worship – Ryan Schmidt

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

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

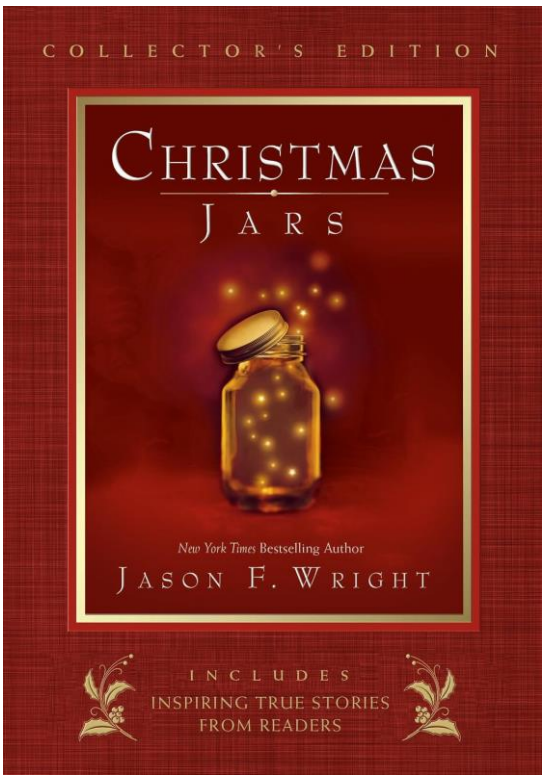
FAMILY PROJECT THIS SEASON

Christmas Jar Project: Small Change, Big Love!

This Christmas, we're inviting our families to be part of something special through our **Christmas Jar Project!** Inspired by the book *Christmas Jars* by Jason F. Wright—which many of us have enjoyed watching together at our Family Movie Nights—this project is a simple but meaningful way to put generosity into action. Our Children's Church kids will decorate their own Pringles cans to take home and turn into savings jars. Over the next six weeks, we encourage families to make this a shared tradition: let the kids drop in spare change, help them save a few dollars, and talk together about how even small gifts can make a big difference. In mid-December, we'll bring our gifts together as a church and anonymously bless an individual or family who could use some extra encouragement this Christmas. **What a wonderful way to help our children discover that Christmas isn't just about what we receive, but the joy of giving, loving, and being a blessing to someone else!**

Let's see what God can do with a little change and a whole lot of love! Start saving, encourage your kids, and join us in making someone's Christmas a little brighter. Every coin counts, and every act of generosity makes a difference!





"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

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

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 15th

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

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

HOEDOWN IS THIS MONTH!

★ SAVE THE DATE ★

HOEDOWN

for Jesus

★ NOVEMBER 7TH ★

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

- Giant **Bounce Houses** & Outdoor Games
- Hands-on **Petting Zoo** – Meet adorable farm animals!
- Classic Tractors & Custom **Car Show**
- **Live Bands** all day long (Blue-grass music)
- **Chili Cook-Off** – Taste & vote for the best!
- Free **Popcorn, Sno-Cones, Cotton Candy, Elephant Ears, Ice Cream** & **Hot Dogs** – While supplies last!
- Cozy up at the **Community Bonfire**
- **Square Dancing** & **Line Dancing** – Fun for all ages!
- **Basket Raffle** with amazing prizes
- **Bake Table** with homemade sweet treats







"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

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Fireside Church & Community

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The mission Department decided to add the Fireside Church and Community to the list of missions that we support through our Faith/Promise donations. That makes eight missions which are supported by Countryside.

Fireside CC was started in 2023 by Pat and Samantha Short, who had been previous members here; Pat being an elder for several years. They left in 2018 for Pat to become an assistant pastor in Sioux Falls, SD. The church has since closed, and Pat is working full time at Scheels and working to raise funds to establish this new outreach community in Sioux Falls.

Their vision is "*Fireside Community is a vision for a place where young people can move from survival to stability. Imagine a community where life is built around working the land and working with your hands, growing food, learning practical skills, and discovering entrepreneurial gifts you may not have known you had. With space to play, gather, and rest, it would be a home where people are known, supported, and pointed toward the hope of Jesus Christ. Our focus will be families and teens coming out of or aging out of foster care.*"

"*This year looked different than we expected. We moved out of our home with plans to sell it and put the profits toward a down payment on land for Fireside. From May through October, we served as maintenance hosts at Palisades State Park, SD, living simply and learning what it means to need less. Our house hasn't sold, so we are moving back in for the winter and hoping to list it again or rent it in the spring. Through it all, we believe God has been teaching us closeness, how to live with less, and that He does not need our money to establish Fireside. Meanwhile, support raising has been moving forward. We have made meaningful contacts and helped more people become aware of the vision, and we are grateful to share that we have raised over $22,500 in 2026, bringing our total to $37,000 since we began in 2025. Thank you for walking with us this year.*" (Newsletter October 2026)





A NEW POD IS OUT!!

Check out Episode 13: Physical Health on Youtube.

Connections are:
Facebook: Fireside Church and Community
Instagram: Firesidechristiancommunity
Podcast: Fireside Talks
Email: firesidecc23@gmail.com
Website: firesidecommunity.org

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

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIFE



Saturday, Nov. 14th
7:30am – 11:30am
Appointments can be made online or with Connie Curry at the church.

Please help us reach our goal of donating to help save lives! Our semi-annual blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th. The last day you can donate to be eligible is September 29th.

ImpactLife
Changing The World Together

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS



The URICMA *(Upper Rock Island Community Ministerial Association – made up of area churches*) Thanksgiving Service will be on Monday, November 23rd at 6pm at St John's Catholic 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 15th
Thank you!!



"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."
Psalm 73:26

FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

Grateful to God

We held our annual meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2026 and approved the budgets listed for our Worship offering and our Faith Promise offering. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in giving to the Lord!

2026-2027 Offering Budget

(Starting 10/1/2026):
Offering Goal: $250,000

2026-2027 Mission Year

(Starting 10/1/2026)
Faith Promises Goal: $53,730
YTD Actual:$53,730

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.

4 WAYS TO GIVE

- IN PERSON
- MAIL
- ONLINE
- MOBILE APP

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!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRATE TOGETHER

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

16 – Larry & Georgia Cullison
17 – Don and Tammy Wood
29 – Joe & Angela Heydeman

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 – Donna Andersen
6 – Naomi Jones
6 – Megan Meeske
8 – Karen Allison
8 – Terry Campbell
8 – Paul Ganahl
10 – Tim Trout
12 – Judah Bird
12 – Nathan Johnson
14 – DJ Sedlock
17 – Ana Biscontine
19 – Sawyer Horton
19 – Holly Trout
20 – Jorgia & Riley Horton
21 – Ashley Adams
23 – Amelia Jones
30 – Archer Heydeman





But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. Jeremiah 17:7

Children's Ministry

	Sunday School (9:30-10:15)	Worship (10:45-12:00)				
	Nursery	Nursery		Children's Church		
		Teacher	Helper	Teacher	Helper	Helper
		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*		
1	Mikah Mikles	Mikah Mikles	Georgia Cullison	Karen Allison	Natalia Ramos	Patti Stith/Kim Ford
8	Mikah Mikles	Mikah Mikles	Kati Jo Chasek	Karen Allison	Amy Blair	Patti Stith/Kim Ford
15	Mikah Mikles	Mikah Mikles	Shanie Bird	Karen Allison	Sandy Lawrence	Patti Stith/Kim Ford
22	Mikah Mikles	Mikah Mikles	Natalia Ramos	Karen Allison	Donna Vickroy	Patti Stith/Kim Ford
29	Mikah Mikles	Mikah Mikles		FAMILY SUNDAY		

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

November 1 – Corey Chasek
November 8 – Ryan Schmidt
November 15 – Jim Kaecker
November 22 – Larry Van Oosten
November 29 – Steve Allison

GREETERS

Teresa Holt



"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



2026 NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:30AM **COFFEE TIME** 10:15AM **WORSHIP** 10:45AM Fall Back	2 **Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm** **All Depts. 7pm**	3 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	4 **Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm** **Small Groups** Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	5	6 Gym in Use 9am-12pm	7 MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:00am **HoeDown 3-7pm**
8 **SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:30AM **COFFEE TIME** 10:15AM **WORSHIP** 10:45AM	9	10 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	11 **LAST WEEK OF Kids Club & Impact 3:30-5pm** **Small Groups** Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm **Veterans Day**	12 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm	13	14 Women's Coffee 9:30am **Blood Drive 7:30am-11:30am**
15 ***Poinsettia Orders Due*** ***Thanksgiving Donations Due*** **SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:30AM **COFFEE TIME** 10:15AM **WORSHIP** 10:45AM	16	17 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	18 **Small Groups** Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	19	20 *>>Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets<<*	21
22 **SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:30AM **COFFEE TIME** 10:15AM **WORSHIP** 10:45AM	23 **URICMA Thanksgiving Service** **6pm St. John's Catholic Church**	24 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	25 ***No Wednesday activities***	26 **THANKSGIVING** Gym in Use-Collis	27	28 **Senior Adults Potluck 12:00pm**
29 **SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:30AM **COFFEE TIME** 10:15AM **WORSHIP** 10:45AM	30 Food Pantry Needs					

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

1 Chronicles 16:34