



NEWSLETTER 2026

Hello All,

It's February, and that means that Valentines Day is in a couple of weeks. Because of Valentines day, most people think of romantic love when they think of February. So, I want to take a moment and talk to you about love.

When you think of love, what do you think of? I am not talking about ***just*** romantic love. *But what do you think of?*

Do you think of dates with your spouse? Do you think of the embrace of your mother or father? Do you think of time spent with your brother or sister?

Or do you think of getting a special gift? Do you think of a special time with someone? Do you think of doing a task or chore for someone?

When you think of love, what do you think of?

This is important, because love is a central part of being a Christian. For Jesus said:

"³⁴A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35, NIV)

Have you been obeying what Jesus said? If you have a spouse, are you loving them well?

Are you loving your family well?

Are you loving your friends well?

Are you loving your church family well?

Be honest as you answer these question.

If you are, good, keep going.

If not, what is stopping you? More than likely it is pride. We often will make excuses, but it's often just pride. So, this month I want to challenge you to lay down the excuses and your pride, and make a concentrated effort at loving others well.

This is how people will know that you are a disciple of Jesus Christ. This is how people will know you are a Christian, by your love.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Chris



URBANA YOKE PARISH
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Worship Service

10:00 AM

Sunday School

9:00—9:45 AM

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Monday—Friday

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Church Secretary

Rena' Warnock

Wed. 5:30-7:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm



Christ Jesus
OUR LORD.

ROMANS 6:23. NIV

Urbana Yoke Parish Board Minutes January 2026

January 21st 2026

Our Mission Statement



To glorify God through our actions, words and deeds as a daily way of life by the leading of the Holy Spirit and commitment to sharing the love of Jesus Christ to others. To open their



If the family were a fruit, it would be an orange, a circle of sections, held together but separable — each segment distinct.

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Opening Prayer: Pastor Chris

The Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report was presented. Approved as presented. We discussed that Robert's Rules do not require a vote unless an update is required.

The Treasurer's Report:

The treasurers report was presented. There was a brief discussion about how the budget is set. Specifically, how the monthly budget number in the bulletin is calculated and whether giving is up or down. Approved as presented.

Pastor's Report:

Mileage totaled 217.5 miles for December 2025 which for the 2025 mileage rate is \$152.25. Ed Fitch motioned, Donna Harmon seconded pastors mileage report. All affirmed.

Old Business:

Pastor Chris will be out during Brethren Way of Christ (March 12-15th). Dr. Aaron Gross to pulpit fill.

Received final invoices from SoundVision for the sound system install. Purchasing the last few items. Total spent so far is \$13,592, which is \$1400 under budget.

New member class will start January 28th 2026. The board asked about the contents of the class. That was discussed. The board requested that the congregations history be added to the class.

The new text e-mail chain has been setup. A few board members asked if they could be added. Pastor Chris indicated he would add them.

New Business:

Pastor Chris asked if we want to approach the church council about purchasing the house to the North of the church. There was a discussion and agreed that this will be brought up at the March 1st council meeting.

Committee Reports:

Benevolence:

600lbs of pork is to be sold for the sausage sale. The new meat packer is providing a trailer. Discussed sausage sale marketing.

Christian Education:

We have two potential volunteers for junior church and Sunday School. We would like to have another person in the nursery rotation as well.

Program:

Movie Night - News Year Eve - 32 people attended to see "The Forge." Planning on Valentine's Day event but need to have a committee meeting. Ed asked about Super Bowl Sunday event.

Outreach:

Nothing to report.

Worship:
Nothing to report.

Trustee:

Previous Items:

- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors - received, just need to put them up.
- Liftgate for west entrance - new one installed.
- Steeple maintenance - Meeting scheduled for March 1, 2026
- Reseeding grass - Aaron completing.
- Rebuilding landscaping around new sign - Wait until Spring for Joe Dirt.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Discussed about having greeters on a two week rotation.

Pastor Chris closed in prayer.

Attendees: Jeff Warnock, Rena' Warnock, Donna Harmon, Bryan Frank, Troy Baer, Cody Chamberlain, Ed Fitch

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please remember the following in prayer:

Family of Donna Yentes, Judy Eltzroth, Alma DeVore, Ron & Rhonda Baer, Jim Hartley, Jerry & Nancy McColley, Janene & Wendel Dawes, Nancy Miller, Ray & Esther Terrell, Vi Miller, Janice Miller and her grandson Kole, Coy Eads and his parents and sisters. Also those of loved ones, friends and families. Please pray for continued healing.



OTHER CHURCH NEWS

Please keep the family of Donna Yentes in prayer. Donna passed away on January 19, 2026. Donna was a lifetime member of our congregation. She served her church in many capacities, she was head of our Chancel committee for many years, as well as a church trustee. It will be sad to look at that third pew from the back on the left hand side of the church and not see her sitting there. I am sure when she arrived in heaven she was greeted with "Well done, good and faithful servant."



Our "Sausage Day" will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 9:00 am—1:00 pm or until we are sold out. Sausage may be picked up at the church.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Noisy Bucket" offering in January. We were able to raise \$350.64 to help replenish our Benevolence Fund. This fund is used to help people in our community.



March 1, 2026 we will hold a special congregational meeting following our worship service. Please plan to stay for this meeting as we will be discussing what we will be doing with the steeple and also possibly purchasing an additional property.



Our little food pantry is looking pretty bare! Please donate if you are able. We are able to help many in our community with this outreach project, but we need your help to continue to make it successful. Thank you in advance for your contributions!



To Make You Smile: What did the French chef give his wife for Valentine's Day? A hug and a quiche!

THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

Head Usher: Claud Newcomb

Liturgist: Rena' Warnock

Acolyte: Usher's Choice

Lay Leader: Jeff Warnock

If you are unable to join us in person on Sunday mornings you can now watch the service LIVE on Facebook. Service begins at 10:00 am.

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	3 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	4 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	5 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	6	7 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm Sausage Day
8	9 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	10 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	11 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	12 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	13	14 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
15	16 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	17 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	18 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm Ash Wednesday	19 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	20	21 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
22	23 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	24 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	25 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	26 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	27	28 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
		Prayer Meetings Monday evenings at 6:00 pm	Secretary Hours: Wednesday Evening 5:30-7:00 pm	11 Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study Wednesday mornings @ 7:00 am	

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America's sixteenth president, who died on a Good Friday, was a devoted Bible reader but never joined a church. In a youth of near poverty, the Bible was one of the few books, Lincoln owned. When he became president, its words and phrases found their way into many of his speeches.

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior (Jesus) of the world is communicated to us through this book."

"I am profitable engaged in reading the Bible.. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and dies a better man."