



NEWSLETTER 2026

Hello All,

It is now April. The year is flying by. It seems like it was just Christmas a few weeks ago and it's already April. Wow.

April tends to make think of new life. Spring is an obvious example. The trees are starting to bud out. Plants are coming to life. Unfortunately, insects are coming to life as well.

April is also the month I was baptized. I was baptized 20 years ago on the 30th. It was a day that I was essentially reborn. My new life began that day 20 years ago. Sure I was a Christian before, but my baptism is where I made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Looking back it was a turning point in my life. That day everything changed. Though, in the moment, I didn't feel different, like I thought I would. But everything did indeed change.

Looking back, I can see how God was at work in my life. How God protected me. He guided me. He put people in my life that could pour into me. I also look back at everything I learned, and how much I have changed while walking with Jesus.

Which brings me to something I want to ask you. When you look back, can you see how God has protected you, provided for you? Can you see how he provided people to pour into you?

We tend to mellow as we get older. Is the change you see in yourself from your younger years, naturally mellowing with age, or is it because you have been walking with Jesus?

1 Corinthians 13:11 says:

"11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me." (NIV)

In that passage, the Apostle Paul is likening the Christian walk with the ways of life. As you grow older, you should be maturing as a Christian. It comes right after Paul describes what love is. In other words, as Christians, we should become more mature, and loving more.

If you're looking back, and you see that the changes in your life are due to mellowing and not maturing as a Christian, let me encourage you that today, you can begin a new life.

Jesus loves you!

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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Chris Brock

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Monday—Friday

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Wed. 5:30-7:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm



Christ Jesus
OUR LORD.

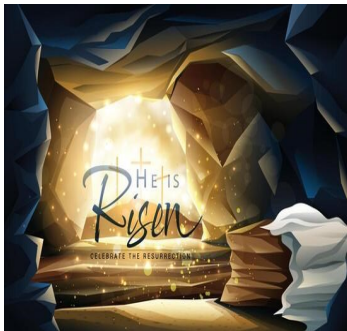
ROMANS 6:23, NIV

March 11, 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 eyes....Acts 26:18



When you are hanging on by a thread, make sure it is the hem of His garment.



Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Chris Brock

- - Brad Bishop from The Access spoke at the meeting about The Access and their need for donations for their Youth Worship Night that they hold 2-4 times a year for Wabash County Youth (usually at Eagles Theater). Troy Baer made a motion seconded by Cody Chamberlain to donate \$600 from the General Fund to the Access.

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Secretary's Report

The secretary's report was reviewed by the board and approved with a motion by Troy Baer. The motion was seconded by Donna Harman.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Ed Fitch. The motion was seconded by Cody Chamberlain.

Pastor's Report

- Mileage total January was 30.4 miles for a total of \$22.04. The mileage report was approved with a motion by Tami Overman and seconded by Bryan Frank.
 - A reminder that Pastor Chris will not be giving the message on Sunday, March 15th due to attending the Brethren Way of Christ. Dr. Aaron Gross will fill the pulpit for that Sunday. Rena' will make sure the speaker gets paid.
 - The new sound system needs to have some things adjusted and Chris is meeting with Todd Miller next week.
 - Chris has started the new member's class. They have had 3 meetings. They are on hold for a little while until all attendees can be present.
 - ORKIN-Pastor Chris called ORKIN for a quote for the church. Cody Chamberlain made a motion to treat the outdoor bi-annually and treat in March/April/May for now. It was seconded by Troy Baer.
- The Pastor's Report was Approved with a motion from Cody Chamberlain and a second by Ed Fitch.

Committee Reports:

Benevolence:

Rena' mentioned 30 Pieces of Silver did not get in the mail in time and will be passed out in church on Sunday mornings and a text sent out by Pastor Chris that people can use their own Ziploc bags for this also.

Christian Ed: Donna Harman

Donna reported VBS dates are set for June 13th from 9-2. She will be getting palm leaves for Palm Sunday, March 29th. She is attending the Character Building Meeting.

Program: Bryan Frank

The Valentine Dinner on Sunday, February 15th, served 56 people. The movie night on March 8th had 31 in attendance. Maundy Thursday is on April 2, and there will be a breakfast on Easter morning following the sunrise service.

Outreach: Richard Monce

The blood drive on February 25th-under 20 donated due to some being turned away for various reasons. The Urbana Lions Club Pancake day-15 tickets were purchased and passed out to families in town for the February 28th meal.

Worship:

No new business.

Trustee Report

- Cody Chamberlain will install smoke/carbon detectors.
- The work on the steeple will tentatively begin the end of May.
- Brian Chamberlain has a guy coming to fix the landscaping around the sign for \$350.00
- The controller on the wheelchair lift is broken.
- The Septic Tank filter needs cleaned. Cody Chamberlain will go buy garden hose for this to keep in the basement.
- The landing in the basement needs repaired.

Old Business: It was suggested by the board to create a committee of four members to be a part of the trustees for the church. Names were discussed to ask.

New Business: covered in trustee and pastor’s report.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brian Chamberlain.


Those attending: Richard Monce, Pastor Chris Brock, Brian Chamberlain, Ed Fitch, Troy Baer, Bryan Frank, Cody Chamberlain, Donna Harman, Rena’ Warnock, and Tami Overman.

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, April 8th 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

March 1, 2026 a special congregational meeting was held following our worship service. A ballot vote was taken regarding the bell tower. It was decided to restore the bell tower and not take it down. A benefactor will help pay for this restoration.



The family of Donna Yentes would like to thank the Urbana Yoke Parish for the beautiful flowers and all the prayers and support given after the passing of our mother. Thank you for all the contributions to the church in her memory. We would also like to thank the Church ladies for the delicious meal that was served to our family following the funeral. It was very much appreciated. Mom certainly loved her church, and all of you!



A Maundy Thursday meal and service will be held on Thursday, April 2nd beginning at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to attend this special service.



Easter Sunday, April 5th, we will meet at the St. Peter's Cemetery at 7:00 am for our Sunrise Service. A breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Please bring your Easter flowers to the church on Saturday, April 4th from 10:00 am—12:00 pm. Please remember to include a note as to who they are in memory of honor of.



The "30 Pieces of Silver" mailing went out in March. If you did not receive this information and want to participate in this special Easter offering, simply put your offering (cash or check) in a Ziploc bag and place it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary on Easter morning. If you write a check, please note in the memo line that it is for "30 Pieces of Silver".



To Make You Smile: It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5 year old Sammy stayed home from church with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Sammy inquired as to what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father responded. "Wouldn't you just know it?" Sammy complained, "the one Sunday I don't go and Jesus shows up."

THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

Head Usher: Need a Volunteer

Liturgist: Carla Krom

Acolyte: Usher's Choice

Lay Leader: Richard Monce

Greeters: April 5 & 12th: Kitty Baer & Judy Eltzroth

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.

APRIL 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	2 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm Maundy Thursday	3	4 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm Easter Flowers
5 Sunrise Service/ Breakfast/ Easter Service/ Communion	6 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	7 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	8 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	9 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	10	11 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
12	13 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	14 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	15 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	16 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	17	18 Secretary out of Office
19	20 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	21 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	22 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	23 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	24	25 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
26	27 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	28 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	29 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	30 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm		
		Prayer Meetings Monday evenings at 6:00 pm	Secretary Hours: Wednesday Evening 5:30-7:00 pm	8 Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study Wednesday mornings @ 7:00 am	Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

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*What makes Easter special, a church with crowded pews?
Folks in latest fashions, new frocks, new suits, new shoes?
What makes Easter special, a large and well-trained choir?
Singing Easter anthems the people to inspire?
What makes Easter special, white lilies everywhere?
Filling the sanctuary with fragrance sweet and rare?
What makes Easter special?
To sense Christ's presence there.
Know that He's among them to hear and answer prayer?
Easter will be special regardless of our clothes
If we come to worship our lovely Lord Who rose.*

Ray J. Wilkins