

# SEPTEMBER

## NEWSLETTER 2025

What is signal and what is noise?

That's what Meghan's boss said as we were sitting at the Igloo in Silver Lake. We met there one Saturday because of a birthday party. Those words have been rattling around my brain ever since.

To best illustrate what he was talking about, I need you to think back to the days of Amplitude Modulated or AM radio. Yes, I know what AM radio is (I hear you making comments about my age ☐).

On an AM signal there is often a little bit of static in the background, while in the foreground you are hearing what you want to hear. Whether it be a race, ball game, or some oldies music. The background would be the "noise." The ball game or oldies music would be the "signal" or the thing you really wanted to hear.

I got to thinking about how that applies to general things in life, like my to-do list.

I have also been thinking about how that works in the spiritual aspects of life. See in John 10 Jesus says this:

"16 I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. ***They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.***" (John 10:16, NIV, emphasis added)

So if we are Christians, we will listen to his voice. Jesus also says in Revelation 3:

"20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." (Revelation 3:20, NIV)

So Jesus is going to be calling for us and if we are His, we need to be ready to hear it.

With all the distractions of life (noise), with all of the bad things on the news (noise), with all of our discomforts (noise), with all the wars or rumors of wars (noise), with all of our worries (noise), with the deceitfulness of wealth (noise), with the pursuit of pleasure (noise), are we able to hear the voice of Jesus (signal)?

This is something that I keep thinking about. I keep asking myself, "what do I need to do to turn the knob on the radio of my life to get a clearer signal and less noise?"

So I want to take a moment and ask you the same, what do you need to do in your life, so you hear less noise of the world, and more of the signal of Jesus Christ?

Happy September y'all.

Pastor Chris



URBANA YOKE PARISH  
Box 8 Urbana, IN 46990

**Worship Service**

10:00 AM

**Sunday School**

9:00—9:45 AM

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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 August 2025

### Our Mission Statement

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*To glorify God  
through our ac-  
tions, words and  
deeds as a daily  
way of life by the  
leading of the Holy  
Spirit and commit-  
ment to sharing  
the love of Jesus*



### GRANDPARENT'S ADVICE

Don't pamper the baby,  
Don't run to each cry;  
Don't rock that new infant  
And don't lullaby;  
Don't coddle or cuddle,  
That's all there is to it!  
Don't spoil that sweet baby..  
Let us grandparents do it!

Mary Hurley

The Urbana Yoke Parish Board met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. Claud Newcomb opened the meeting in prayer and Aaron Mattern called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report (minutes by Dawn Mattern in July) was presented and approved with a motion by Tami Overman and a second by Richard Monce.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved with a motion by Claud Newcomb and a second by Bryan Frank.

### Pastor's Report:

Mileage of 316.4 miles for July in the amount of \$221.48.

Old Business:

Water tests will get done. Chris will contact the water softener company and see where we should go from there.

Pastor Chris will be out of the office on October 16<sup>th</sup> (Fall Break) and October 26<sup>th</sup> (Brethren Way).

The wiring has been roughed in for the new sign. Duke Energy will get the pole installed. Tentative sign installation is August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Richard Monce was elected as an Elder of the Church.

Refresh and Rekindle Ministries will come on September 21<sup>st</sup> to speak to the church.

They are working on the wheelchair lift.

They are working on a quote for the smoke detectors.

The outdoor camera quotes came in. It was decided to wait until 2026 to look into this again.

The company from the sound system withdrew their bid, we will look into checking with someone else. Tami mentioned Todd Miller with SoundVision in Wabash.

The Pastor's Report was approved with a motion by Donna Harman and a second by Carol Krom

### New Business:

Announcements will be put back in the worship order August 24<sup>th</sup>.

We have one person being baptized August 24<sup>th</sup> and another person who wants to join the church.

Pastor Chris wanted the Board aware of some help that has been given and more issues have arisen.

There was a discussion on combining the Benevolence and Outreach Committees. The Chairmen will discuss with their committee members and decide. They would still keep two separate money accounts.

Rena' needs a new computer and it was decided on a motion from Brian Chamberlain and a second with Jeff Warnock that Pastor Chris could pick her out a computer up to \$1500.

The Elders will be "the nominating committee" and find new recruits for the 2026 Board for those going off.

**Benevolence:**

Aaron Mattern reported his committee needs to meet to figure out guidelines for assisting others.

**Program Committee:**

Bryan Frank reported there will be Church in the grove on 8/31/25 with Meghan Brock. Movie night will be September 21<sup>st</sup>. Movie will be announced later.

**Outreach Committee:**

Richard Monce reported the Prayer Tent Ministry is continuing on Wednesdays. The Community Breakfast is the last Saturday morning a month. There were 17 good blood donations at the August Blood Drive. October will be Trunk or Treat.

**Worship:**

Claud Newcomb reported they served 49 Communion in August. They are looking into purchasing new communion linens.

**Trustee Report:**

Northeast corner of the church floor was wet. Aaron Mattern called Edwin to have it looked at. The water softener was cracked and there was a leak. The softener had to be replaced.

Aaron will check on the furnace contract and fire extinguisher quote.

A motion to approve the committee reports was given by Claud Newcomb with a second from Bryan Frank.

**Old Business:**

We have bell tower quotes that will need to be discussed. \$2800 to fix the roof leak and brace the tower, or \$8900 to remove it and possibly have more expenses from this.

Richard Monce closed in prayer.

Those present: Pastor Chris Brock, Aaron Mattern, Bryan Frank, Richard Monce, Donna Harman, Carol Krom, Rena' Warnock, Tami Overman, Claud Newcomb, Jeff Warnock, and Brian Chamberlain

—Submitted by: Tami Overman

**MEETINGS THIS MONTH:**

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Please remember the following in prayer:**

Naomi Miller, Judy Eltzroth, Alma DeVore, Julie Miller, Ron & Rhonda Baer, Duane Wagner, 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

The Program Committee will be hosting movie night on Sunday, September 21st. The movie will be announced at a later date.



FREE PIZZA! Domino's will be at Urbana Yoke Parish on Sunday, September 7th from 1:30—3:00 pm for a Pizza Party. This party is being held to let the people of Urbana know that they will now be delivering to our community. Everyone is welcome to stop by the church to grab some pizza and learn all the details about this new delivery service.



Church in the Grove was held on Sunday, August 31. We want to thank Brian Frank and his Program Committee for once again hosting a wonderful time of fellowship. The music was great and the weather was perfect. After the worship service the Fellowship Hall was full and overflowing into a classroom for a wonderful carry-in lunch.



Please mark your calendars for "Trunk or Treat" to be held on Sunday, October 19th. Watch the bulletin and October newsletter for further details. As in the past we will need donations of candy, food and "trunks".



Our yearly congregational meeting will be coming up in October. We will need three new board members for the 2026 year. If you are willing to service on the board, please contact an Elder or Pastor Chris.



***To Make You Smile:*** "Grand-parenthood is one of life's rewards for surviving your own children".

Erma Bombeck

# THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

**Head Usher: Need a Volunteer**

**Liturgist: Nancy Anderson**

**Acolyte: Elijah Brock**

**Lay Leader: Need a Volunteer**

**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.**

# SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	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 Secretary Hours 5:30—7:00 pm	6 No Secretary Hours
7 Communion Fellowship Hall Reserved 1:30-3:30 pm	8 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	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 Secretary Hours 5:30-7:00 pm	13 No Secretary Hours
14	15 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	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	19	20 Secretary Hours 10:00 am-1:00 pm
21 Refresh & Rekindle	22 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	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	27 Secretary Hours 10:00 am-1:00 pm
28	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	10 Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study Wednesday mornings @ 7:00 am	Community Breakfast—Sept. 27th

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### *AUTUMN BLESSINGS*

*Autumn brings to the soul relief,  
as hot Summer days slip to an end  
God sent the season for weary hearts  
to restore, repair, and mend.*

*Unlike the Autumn trees,  
that shed their changing leaves  
God sent the season for failing hearts  
to adhere, embrace, and cleave.*

*Just as with the Autumn winds,  
there comes a new refreshing rain  
God sent the season for fraying hearts  
to increase, grow, and gain.*

*The Autumn sun is slow to climb  
and dips much earlier into the night  
God sent the season for sleepy hearts  
to rise, shine, and unwind in His light.*

*God gave to us the Autumn season,  
so we could have a respite and rest  
for it is the season for our beset souls  
to see how much we are blessed!*

*Deborah Ann Belka*

