



NEWSLETTER 2025

Happy October,

The leaves have started falling. That means change is in the air. As I sit at my desk and think about all of the changes that I have seen in my life. It is amazing.

I remember cassette tapes and VHS. Now we just click a button and hundreds of shows are available. I remember doing all my homework with pencil and paper, now my kids do part of their homework on the computer. I remember a world without cell phones. I remember a world where two people disagreed, they would be respectful. Those days seem to be gone.

The world is changing and it seems to be changing more and more rapidly. With technology changing about as quickly as we learn it. As the chasms between people seems to get wider and wider, it creates a lot of uncertainty about the future. It is like there is a perpetual storm on the horizon.

With this on my mind, I am reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 7:

"²⁴Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." (Matthew 7:24-27, NIV)

I am not trying to scare you or make it seem like there is no hope. In fact quite the opposite. I am saying we need to heed Jesus' words. We need to hear His words and put them into practice daily so that we can weather the storm that seems to be looming on the horizon.

Though it seems like there is a storm, I want to encourage you by reminding you that there is hope for the future. After the death of Charlie Kirk, there are a record number of young people asking questions about faith and what is truth. I recently heard about a pastor's wayward daughter who is now asking questions about faith. This is wonderful and amazing. But we need to be ready to step up and help these young people.

Not only do we need to be ready to help them, but we need to be ready for any coming storms. So, I want to ask you, are you building your house on rock or on sand? Before you answer, look at your life. What is your foundation made of?

Peace be with you,
Pastor Chris



URBANA YOKE PARISH
Box 8 Urbana, IN 46990

Worship Service
10:00 AM

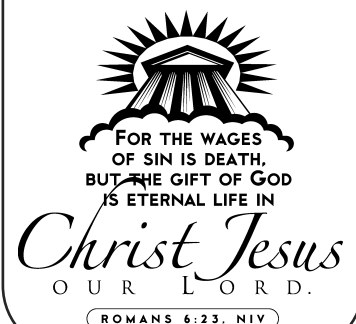
Sunday School
9:00—9:45 AM

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Church Secretary
Rena' Warnock
Wed. 5:30-7:00 pm
Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm



Urbana Yoke Parish Board Minutes September 2025

Our Mission Statement

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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



Wouldn't it be nice if we could find other things as easily as we find fault?

No man can be good to others without being good to himself.

Be careful how you live, you may be the only Bible that some people read.

The Urbana Yoke Parish Board met on Wednesday, September 10 for their monthly meeting. Claud Newcomb opened the meeting with prayer. Board chairman Aaron Mattern called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report submitted by Tami Overman was presented and approved with a motion by Carol Krom and seconded by Donna Harman.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved with a motion by Claud Newcomb. It was seconded by Richard Monce.

Pastor Chris's Report:

Mileage total 44.8 miles for August for the amount of \$31.36.

Old Business:

Time off or away: Chris will be taking a week off September 29th through the 5th of October. Therefore, we will need a guest speaker to fill those two Sundays. Pastor Chris has asked Kelly Beutler to fill one of those Sundays.

He will also be out of the office on October 26th to attend the Spiritual Director for Men's Weekend for the Brethren Way of Christ.

We are waiting for Duke Energy to install the pole before the sign can be installed. That is currently scheduled for September 25th through September 29th.

Sign is tentatively scheduled for installation for October 2nd. The sign company (Baldus) has asked for us to pay the rest of invoice except for installation fee which is \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Claud Newcomb to wait until the sign was installed and then checked for any details that need to be worked out before payment in full. Carol Krom seconded the motion.

Refresh and Rekindle Ministries will have Terri Hinds coming to speak at the church on September 21st.

Desirae Handrich was baptized on August 24th at Kevin and Jolene's Baer's pond.

Rena's new computer has been purchased and they are finishing up setting it up.

In New Business for Pastor's Report: Chris has a new member who has agreed to go to Brethren Way of Christ. He asked, if he needed, may use the church funds to sponsor this person since there is a fund set up for this. Board agreed this would be okay. Along with Brian Chamberlain asked about sponsoring three more people to go to Brethren Way. This was approved.

Continuing with new business by the pastor: Chris has been doing way more than his pastoral duties for several months now. He has handed off most of these to the trustees. The following will be under the trustee's duties. Wheel chair lift, smoke detectors, water quality, security cameras, and other building issues of the church. Chris will be keeping IT type things and the sign installation contact and details.

Other new business:

A request was received by the church to make a donation for the street lights in Urbana. In the past this has been paid by Jeff Biehl (Cornerstone Vet) for the use of parking in the former church parking lot. A motion was made by Brian Chamberlain to make a payment of \$100.00 to the Urbana street light fund. The motion was seconded by Claud Newcomb.

It was asked about reseeding the area where the ground was dug up for installation for the electrical lines for the new sign. Aaron Matter said he had the equipment to do that easily.

The two units that needed to be installed to improve our water quality has been installed. The water needs to be tested again to be sure everything is doing what it is supposed to do.

Committee Reports:

Benevolence: Aaron Mattern reported that his committee donated \$500.00 to Kole Adamiec who is fighting his fourth battle with neuroblastoma cancer.

Aaron brought the wheel chair ramp back to the church. If anyone is need of borrowing it contact Aaron. Aaron reported they do have a few packages of sausage left. Richard Monce asked if that could be donated to the Largo food pantry. It will be donated to the food pantry.

Program Committee:

Bryan Franks reported that the church in the grove was well attended. There were 73 people. There will be a couple movie nights coming up. One on September 21. The movie will be War Room. The second movie will be New Year's Eve, December 31st . Movie -The Forge.

Outreach Committee:

Richard Monce reported they will stop the prayer tent ministry in September. In the three months of having the tent available, only two people had come for prayer. However, through that, we did gain a church family. The Saturday breakfast; do we want to continue with that? The same two families come each Saturday but we have not gained people into the congregation. The pizza day went well, a big thank you to Dominos for supplying the pizza.

Worship: Claud Newcomb reported they served communion to 49 people for the first Sunday in September.

Trustee Report:

Aaron Mattern replaced the furnace filter. Aaron will have the Clearwater company who installed the two new unties to check the water.

Old Business: Covered under Pastor's Report

Closing prayer was given by Richard Monce

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

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, October 8th 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 Family, 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 mark your calendars for "Trunk or Treat" to be held on Sunday, October 19th from 4:30—6:00 pm. As in the past we will need donations of candy, food and "trunks". There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone willing to supply a "trunk". Tell your friends and neighbors, bring your kids and grandkids and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.



Our yearly congregational meeting has been set for November 2nd following worship service. 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.



Please keep the family of Duane Wagner in your prayers. Duane passed away on September 16, 2025. He was a life long member of our church family. His memory will be in our church walls for many years to come. During his membership he blessed us with his woodworking skills and presented us with several pieces that we continue to use in our worship service. He will be missed!



Pastor Chris will be the Spiritual Director for the Brethren Way of Christ Men's Weekend October 23-26th. Please keep him lifted up in prayer during this weekend. It is a special time of renewal and reflection for the men and team that attend.



Anyone who would be interested in helping with funeral dinners, please contact Hilda Wilcox. Your help is needed to help us continue to provide meals for families of our congregation who lose loved ones. You may serve in many different ways: providing food, help serve during the dinner and clean up or monetary donations. Please consider being a part of this special ministry.



THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

Head Usher: Troy Baer

Liturgist: Stacy Baer

Acolyte: Usher's Choice

Lay Leader: Richard Monce

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.

OCTOBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pastor Out of Office	2 Pastor Out of Office	3	4 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
5 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 Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
19 Trunk or Treat	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 Out of Office	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	31	
		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	

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A TIME TO TRUST

*We welcome in the harvest
As in every year before,
When geese take to the Heavens
And seasons change once more.*

*We trust the hand of God
To send the needed rain,
And bring abundant harvests
When fall rolls 'round again.*

*It's time for wood-smoke fires,
It's time for leaves to fall,
And it's time to trust in God above
For all needs big and small.*

Louisa Godissart McQuillen

