



NEWSLETTER 2025

Hello Everyone,

I just got back from a Brethren Way of Christ weekend. Each weekend has a theme verse. The Men's weekend theme verse was:

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1, ESV)

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! How amazing is that! What this means is, if you truly believe in Jesus Christ, there is no condemnation awaiting you!

This does not give you license to sin, and it does not free you from the consequences of sin here on earth. It means that we are spiritually alive through the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Do you understand what that means? It means we do not have to be afraid of well, anything. It means that we are free. It means that we no longer need to live as if we are condemned.

This means we can let go of past regrets. It means we can put down that backpack full of bricks and leave it on the ground at the foot of the cross.

But do you live YOUR life that way? Or do you keep going back and getting your backpack of burdens? Do you still live your life as a condemned person?

We are heading into the holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas. During that time it's easy to remember our past sins and regrets. It could be because you're around family who was there, and who seem to remind you of the things you do wrong. It could be that the holidays remind you of the friend or family member you hurt.

So I want to challenge you this holiday season to put down the backpack of burdens, and truly live as a free man or woman.

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

Pastor:

Chris Brock

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Monday—Friday

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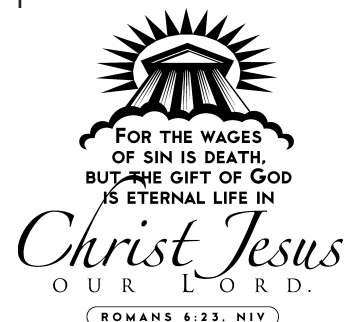
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Church Secretary

Rena' Warnock

Wed. 5:30-7:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm



Urbana Yoke Parish Board Minutes October 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



VETERANS DAY

On Veterans Day we honor all, who answered to a service call. Soldiers young, and soldiers old, fought for our freedom, brave and bold. Some have lived, while others died, and all of them deserve our pride. We're proud of all the soldiers who, kept thinking of red, white and blue. They fought for us and all our rights. They fought through many days and nights. And though we may not know each name, we thank ALL veterans just the same!

Ceryl Dyson

The Urbana Yoke Parish Board met on Wednesday, October 8th for their monthly meeting. Brian Chamberlain opened the meeting with prayer. Board vice-chairman Richard Monce called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report submitted by Donna Harmon was presented and approved with a motion by Brian Chamberlain and seconded by Bryan Frank.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved with a motion by Tami Overman. It was seconded by Donna Harman.

Pastor Chris's Report:

Mileage total 232.6 miles for September for the amount of \$162.82. This was motioned to Accept this by Brian Chamberlain and 2nd by Richard Monce.

Old Business:

Time off or away:

Chris will be out of the office on October 16th and will work from home. Chris will be out of the office on October 23- 26th to attend the Men's Weekend for the Brethren Way of Christ where he will be the Spiritual Director. Kelly Beutler will speak on Sunday, October 26th.

The new sign is installed and working.

Refresh and Rekindle Ministries with Terri Hinds spoke at the church on September 21st. Approximately \$400 was collected for that ministry. Amplify/Ministry brands- it was decided to try it for six months and then decide.

In New Business for Pastor's Report:

It was decided not to sponsor the WRSW Radio Ad from Warsaw.

Other new business:

Aaron Mattern will be reseeding the ground where the new sign was installed on 10/11/25. He will contact Joe Dirt to fix the flowerbed around the sign.

Committee Reports:

Benevolence: Aaron Mattern reported that his committee has given out gas cards. There were some repairs done for a local person in need.

Program Committee:

Bryan Frank reported that the movie night had 37 in attendance. The next movie will be New Year's Eve, December 31st. Movie -The Forge. They will be doing "A Blue Christmas" again this year with dates to come.

Outreach Committee:

Richard Monce reported they stopped the prayer tent ministry in September and also the Saturday morning breakfasts. Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 19th. He will ask Mary to put the flyer on Facebook. They will look into a family to sponsor for Christmas.

Christian Education:

Donna Harman attended the Character Building meeting. This is the class for 3rd-6th grade at Sharp Creek/Southwood Elementary. The next meeting is March 23rd and she will plan to go to that. Junior Church leaders would like it put in the bulletin when the children are to leave the service. Rena' will add this to the bulletin.

Worship: Todd Miller from Soundvision is getting us a quote on the sound system/ video camera.

Trustee Report:

Pastor Chris said Clearwater did not hook a hose back up and it flooded the basement. Aaron and Dawn Mattern came to push the water to the drain. He will come back to pressure wash everything from the drainpipe. They are waiting on a quote for smoke and carbon detectors. The furnace is making noise and will get looked at. Mark Wagner and Aaron are looking at Aaron's liftgate for the west entrance.

Old Business: Covered under Pastor's Report

The 2026 Urbana Yoke Parish Proposed Budget was discussed. Rena' increased the Gas budget and the insurance cost to reflect probable increases. The UYP Board suggested and voted on asking for a 10% increase for Pastor Chris for 2026. He was not given any increases last year. Richard Monce made the motion, Bryan Frank seconded it. This would make his salary \$57,200.

We decided to give the Pastor \$200 Visa card for Pastor Appreciation Month.

Those present: Pastor Chris Brock, Brian Frank, Brian Chamberlain, Aaron Mattern, Rena' Warnock, Richard Monce, Donna Harman, and Tami Overman.

Submitted by: Tami Overman, Secretary

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 .

PRAY! PRAY! Please keep praying for Kole and his family. The day before they left for Texas his scans showed that he now has 12 tumors. He is a WARRIOR, but we need to fight along with him. Pray the team of doctors in Texas have the answers to help him fight off this beast!

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please remember the following in prayer:

Judy Eltzroth, Alma DeVore, 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 keep the family of Naomi Miller in your prayers. Naomi passed away on October 21, 2025. Before moving to Hartford City to be closer to her daughter, Naomi had been a long time member of our church family. She was always willing to serve where she was needed. I sent her newsletters every month and her daughter wrote that she was always excited to get them so that she could keep up with her friends at church.



We would like to thank Aaron Mattern and Carol Krom for serving on the church board for the past three years. Aaron was always willing to take on the job of president and Carol helped out in the role of recording secretary. Again, we thank them for their time and dedication to serving their church.



"Trunk or Treat" looked a little different for us this year. The only day of rain we had all fall, fell on Sunday, October 19th, the day for "Trunk or Treat". Richard Monce and his committee decided to go ahead with the fun. Everything was moved inside to the Fellowship Hall and the classrooms. Numbers were down a little, but we still had over 100 children come through. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our "Trunk or Treat" successful. Our church body is always willing to help whenever the need arises.



The Outreach Committee will hold their last blood drive of the year on Wednesday, November 5th from 1:30-6:00 pm in the Urbana Community Building. This blood drive will be held in the memory of Max Chamberlain. Max passed away five years ago in November from a blood disease, during his illness he received many life saving blood transfusions. The Chamberlain family has seen first hand what blood donation means to people in need, so during this holiday season, please give if you are able.



To Make You Smile: **A Scotsman, planning a trip to the Holy Land, was aghast when he found out it would cost one hundred dollars an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. "Hoot mon," he said, "in Scotland it wouldna ha been more that \$20." "That might be true," said the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord Himself walked." "Well, at \$100 an hour for a boat," said the Scotsman, "it's no wonder He walked!"**

THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

Head Usher: Aaron Mattern

Liturgist: Carla Krom

Acolyte: Usher's Choice

Lay Leader: Troy Baer

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.

NOVEMBER 2025

						1 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
2 Communion Annual Meeting	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 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	7	8 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
9	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 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	14	15 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
16	17 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	18 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	19 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	20 Pastor Hours 8:00 am- 12:00 pm	21	22 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
23	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	29 Fellowship Hall Reserved
30		Prayer Meetings Monday evenings at 6:00 pm	Secretary Hours: Wednesday Even- ing 5:30-7:00 pm	12 Board Meet- ing @ 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study Wednesday morn- ings @ 7:00 am	

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EPHESIANS 5:20

*Have you thanked the Lord today
For the blessings of the way.
For his mercies new each morning as you rise?
For the sunshine, warm and bright,
And refreshing sleep at night, for the beauty of the earth and sea and skies?
Have you thanked God for His love that sent Jesus from above,
That all of Heaven's treasures you may share?
Have you thanked Him for His power
That sustains you hour by hour,
Tho' heavy burdens you are called upon to bear?
Have you thanked God for His Word,
For His messengers from whom you heard
Of the Christ, who is the Truth, the Life, the Way?
For all the wonders God hath wrought,
And countless gifts His love hath brought,
May our hearts o'erflow with thanks this very day.*

Martha Readings