



NEWSLETTER 2026

Hello,

Earlier today I was talking with someone on the phone. We were scheduling a meeting. He realized that the month was November. He exclaimed “How can it be November already!”

This is a sentiment I share with him. I mean after all where has the time gone. Advent starts at the end of this month and then it’s December, the final month of the year. Truly, where has the time gone?

As the end of the year is coming within our sight, I want to pause a minute and ask you to reflect on another ending. Specifically, the ending of the Apostle Paul’s letter to the church in Thessalonica. At the end of this letter to the church he writes:

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV)

I think this is a great way to end the letter. It is a reminder for the church in Thessalonica, and by extension us to be joyful, to keep praying, and give thanks.

Because when we are thankful, when we have a mind of gratitude it is because it is very easy to find things to be joyful about.

Most of us have food in our bellies and a roof over our head. We can go the tap and get water from the faucet on command.

We can be thankful for our friends. We can be thankful for our family. We can be thankful for the hardships in life that draw us closer to Jesus (see James 1).

Now if you’re going through something hard, I am not minimizing it at all.

I am however, saying, that maybe we need to pause, take a moment, and look around at all that God has given us. Let this be your reminder to take stock of what God is truly doing in your life.

Then I would encourage you to approach God in prayer through a lens of appreciation, gratitude and thankfulness.

As a matter of fact, I want to take it one step further. I dare you to do this.



URBANA YOKE PARISH
Box 8 Urbana, IN 46990

Worship Service
10:00 AM

Sunday School
9:00—9:45 AM

Pastor:
Chris Brock

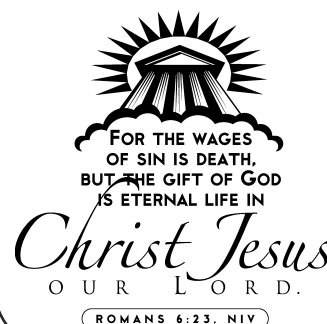
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Wed. 5:30-7:00 pm
Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm



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.



Home for the Holidays

The warm kitchen smells of nutmeg and clove, sweet potatoes sport a marshmallow crown, gravy's in the pan turning nice and brown, spicy pumpkin pies lined up in a row, the table's all set and arranged just so, pink camellias float in a cut glass dish, the whole family's home to grant Mama's wish.

Sylvia Roberts

I dare you to take one thing your thankful about each day and pray to God thanking Him for it. Do this for the month of November and see what a difference it will make in your life.

I am sure the benefits are greater than you can imagine.

One more thing before I go, if you actually read this, please shoot me a text or email letting me know. If you could do that, I would greatly appreciate it.

Happy November!

Peace be with you,

Pastor Chris

WHAT IS ADVENT

THE CELEBRATION OF ADVENT HAS OCCURRED SINCE THE DAYS OF THE EARLY CHURCH. THE MEANING OF ADVENT IS "COMING" OR "ARRIVAL" AND IS MEANT TO BE A TIME THAT HELPS US FOCUS OUR HEARTS ON THE BIRTH OF JESUS, HIS MINISTRY AS WELL AS HIS PROMISED RETURN.

THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BE REMINDED IN THE BUSYNESS OF OUR DAYS THAT WE HAVE A HOPE AND A SAVIOR AND HIS NAME IS JESUS.

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, November 11th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving the sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

Things That Will Not Save Your Soul

Church Membership

Baptism

The Lord's Supper

Confirmation

Keeping the Ten Commandments

"For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God not of works Eph 2:8-9

Please remember the following in prayer:



Eli Mattern, Marvin Mast Family, Family of Donna Yentes, Judy Eltzroth, Alma DeVore, Ron Baer Family, Jim Hartley, Jerry & Nancy McColley, Janene & Wendel Dawes, Nancy Miller, Ray Terrell Family, Vi Miller & Family, Janice Miller, 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 Ron Baer in your prayers. Ron passed away on September 7, 2026.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered for our “Trunk or Treat” on Sunday, October 18th. The weather was perfect and the event was well attended. We could not do these special ministries without our wonderful church family!



Our annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 1st following our worship service. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are able. We would also like to thank Richard Monce, Tami Overman and Jeff Warnock for their service on the board for the past three years.



The Outreach Committee will be hosting their final blood drive of the year on Wednesday, November 4th from 1:30-6:00 pm at the Urbana Community Building. The need for blood is always great, especially during the holiday season so please give if you are able!



The Program Committee will be hosting a “Fall Harvest Dinner” on Sunday, November 8th following our worship service. Everything will be provided, come join us for a meal and a time of fellowship.



Our church family welcomed three new members on Sunday, October 18th. Welcome to the family, Beth Engle and Tyler and Desirae Handrich.



The minutes from the October board meeting are posted on the bulletin board.

THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

Head Usher: Aaron Mattern

Liturgist: Stacy Baer

Acolyte: Usher's Choice

Lay Leader: Troy Baer

Greeters:

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 2026

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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
8 Fall Harvest Meal	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	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 Thanksgiving	27	28 Secretary Hours 10:00 am -1:00 pm
29 1st Sunday in Advent	30 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm					
		Prayer Meetings Monday evenings at 6:00 pm	Secretary Hours: Wednesday Even- ing 5:30-7:00 pm	11 Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm	Bible Study, Wednesdays @ 7:00 am	Women's Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Tues @ 6:00 pm

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is loved ones who come miles and miles to be greeted with kisses and welcoming smiles. Thanksgiving is turkey and all the rest of the fruits of the harvest with which we have been blessed. Thanksgiving is praise for our father above, for his bountiful goodness and the gift of His love.

Virginia Blanck Moore

