



NEWSLETTER 2025

Hello,

When you hear that your heart will be pierced, what comes to your mind?

What images does that conjure?

Do you imagine a sword fight like in a Robin Hood: Prince of thieves scene?

Do you imagine a scene from a romantic movie or book?

Or do you imagine something like open heart surgery?

I ask this question, because I am sitting here reviewing the Christmas story found in Luke 2. I get to the part in verses 34 and 35 that says:

"34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.' (NIV)

I find it curious that it is mentioned right after explaining that Jesus will cause the thoughts of many hearts to be revealed. Then he mentioned a sword will pierce their hearts.

I wonder were Mary and Joseph concerned? Did it trouble them to hear it? Did they truly comprehend what Simeon meant? In verse 33 it says they marveled at what was said about Jesus. I imagine they are in the temple courts smiling as everyone is admiring their baby. Then Simeon said those words. What were they thinking? Did they keep politely smiling? Did their smile turn to a frown? Or were they just overcome with joy, that they couldn't help but smile even in the midst of this prophecy.

This one little detail gives me pause to ask so many questions. The answer to these questions lies in what did Simeon mean when he said "a sword will pierce your own soul too."

What do you think he meant?

In the coming year, I want to challenge you to read the bible in this kind of detail. To ask these questions and think about them.

I ask this because we should not read the bible to just complete a task for the day. We should read the bible to seek the Face of God. One way to do that is to read His love letter (i.e. the bible) and ponder its meaning.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year y'all,

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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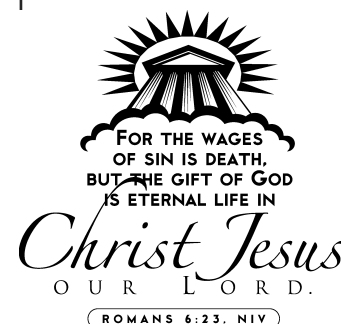
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Church Secretary

Rena' Warnock

Wed. 5:30-7:00 pm

Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm

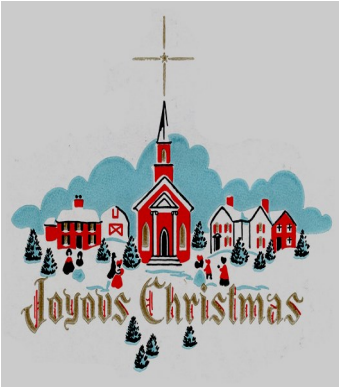


Urbana Yoke Parish Board Minutes November 2025

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 eyes....Acts 26:18



Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Any trouble that is too small to take to God in prayer is too small to worry about.

Our deeds determine us as much as we determine our deeds.

Good depends not on things but on the use we make of things.

The Urbana Yoke Parish Board met on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 for their monthly meeting. Claud Newcomb opened the meeting with prayer. Board President Aaron Mattern called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's Report submitted by Tami Overman was presented and approved with a motion by Jeff Warnock and seconded by Claud Newcomb.

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

Pastor Chris's Report:

Mileage total 49.9 miles for October for the amount of \$34.93. This was motioned to accept this by Claud Newcomb and 2nd by Donna Harman.

Old Business:

Pastor Chris trained Carla Krom on the new sign software.

Sound Vision's quote came in under the allowed amount voted on at the Annual Meeting. Total for the items agreed upon and a new computer is \$12,580. (Computer \$2500 or less and Sound and video equipment \$10,080.)

Three people would like to become members of the church. New member classes are starting.

One person was baptized by Pastor Chris.

In New Business for Pastor's Report:

Advent starts November 30th and Donna would like to have decorating of the church that day also.

Caroling at nursing home is a possibility.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 9 p.m.

March 12-16, 2026 Pastor Chris will be serving at Brethren Way.

Claud made a motion to accept the Pastor's report and Brian Chamberlain 2nd.

Committee Reports:

Benevolence: Aaron Mattern reported the sausage day will be in February.

They will be dispersing monies out to charities/those in need soon. They have spent more money during this past year, so the total remaining is less.

Christian Education:

Donna Harman said the kids like the new Jr. Church book.

Pastor Chris stated they need 2 Sunday School teachers for the 4-11 age group.

Program Committee:

Bryan Frank reported the next movie will be New Year's Eve, December 31st. Movie -The Forge. They will be doing A Blue Christmas on December 13th.

Outreach Committee:

Richard Monce reported they had 27 successfully give blood.

Worship: Sixty-two were served Communion on Sunday.

Trustee Report:

Aaron will have Terry Eads retest our water. Jeff and Rena' will order smoke/carbon monoxide detectors for the church. Trustees will get them hung up. The furnace was looked at and checked out OK. Aaron Mattern and Cody are looking at the liftgate for the west entrance. Edwin was here and looked at the steeple maintenance. Aaron Mattern reseeded the ground where the new sign was installed. He will contact Joe Dirt again to fix the flowerbed around the sign.

Old Business: Covered under Pastor's Report

Other new business:

We will have Rena' hang the minutes on the bulletin board in the hallway.
We are very appreciative of the work/supplies that Jan Mattern puts in cleaning the church.
We will host the Brethren Way of Christ Meeting on February 28· 2026 at the church.
The new board members should attend the next meeting.
Jeff Warnock thanked Aaron Mattern for all he has done for the church and church board.

Brian Chamberlain closed in prayer.

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

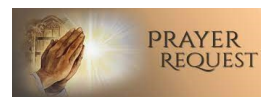
Submitted by: Tami Overman, Secretary

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, December 10th 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

The Ladies of the church will meet on December 9th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas Dinner and fellowship. All the ladies of the church are invited to attend this meal and program. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or you may contact Kitty Baer or Janet Warnock to let them know you will be attending.



December 13th the Program Committee will be hosting our second annual "Blue Christmas." This service will be held for those who have suffered a loss of any kind. Your loss did not have to have happened in 2025, everyone is welcome. Please make plans to attend this special worship service and fellowship with people who are hurting during this Christmas season.



Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Wednesday, December 24th at 9:00 pm.



Troy Baer and Cody Chamberlain were elected to our church board during our annual meeting in November. Thank you to these young men for their willingness to serve for the next three years. As a reminder, all new board members will need to attend the December 10th board meeting. This meeting is when we will select our new officers for the 2026 year and also our new committee chairmen for the new year.



The Program Committee will be hosting "movie night" on Wednesday, December 31st. We will be watching "The Forge". If you don't have New Year's Eve plans, join us for a night of snacks and fellowship.




Yearbook time is approaching, please have your committee reports turned into the office by January 18th. Also, the 2026 sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. Please sign up where you can so that we can get these slots filled as soon as possible. This is one way for you to "step out of your comfort zone" in 2026. Sign up for a position you have not done before, you may find it is what you were called to do.

THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH:

Head Usher: Terry Krom
 Liturgist: Stephanie Warnock
 Acolyte: Usher's Choice
 Lay Leader: Brian Chamberlain

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.

DECEMBER 2025

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	3 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	4 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	5	6 Fellowship Hall Reserved
7 Communion	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	13 Blue Christmas
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	22 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	23 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	24 Christmas Eve Service 9:00 pm	25 	26	27
28	29 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	30 Pastor Hours 8:00 am-12:00 pm	31 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	

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GITS FOR THE KING

*We all have gifts that we may bring.
We all have songs that we may sing.
We all have kind words we may say.
We all have prayers that we may pray.*

*We all have love and joy to give.
And what a joy life is to live.
If we just scatter everywhere
The things God's given us to share.*

*If you have a gift—bring it,
If you have a song—sing it.
If you have a talent—use it.
If you have love—diffuse it.*

*If you have gladness—share it.
If you have happiness—give it.
If you have religion—live it.
If you have a prayer—pray it.*