

# February

## NEWSLETTER 2023

From the Pastor's Desk

Remember back in the day? Valentine's Day was getting closer. Everybody in your class had to make up a Valentine's card for everyone else. It was nerve wracking! Maybe you were getting your cards ready and you held the card of the person you liked and you wondered what you could write in it to let them know how much you liked them. OR, maybe the day had come and you brought the cards home and you went through them to find the one that came from the person you liked and you read it first to see if that person had written anything personal to you. Remember those times???

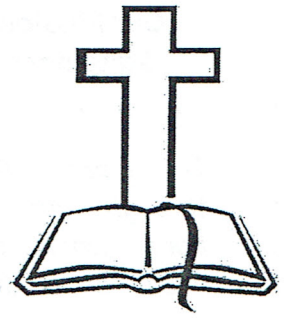
Good for you, I guess. My sisters fretted over those silly cards and looked for any sign of affection. My concern, however, was more on whether I could get away to Call's Pond on Saturday to play hockey. That carried over to adult years. The best Valentine's for me ever was one year Marsha got me two tickets to a baseball game. In turn, I was expected to get 'something nice' for her. Candy, yes, (always candy for every holiday) but something very nice and girly.

Maybe it is a silly holiday (yes, it is) created by Hallmark to sell cards, but the expression of love is still valid. Husbands should tell their wives that they are loved and wives should do the same for their husbands. And then they should show it. Children should know they are loved by their parents and they should feel safe in their arms. Love should be expressed by word, by action and by a promise to always love.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Love here is expressed by word and by action and then by promise after promise. And God has given us a great card of love! We call it the Bible.

Have a great Valentine's Day, but remember that the love of God is greater than any day.

*Pastor*



URBANA YOKE PARISH  
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**Worship Service**  
10:00 AM

**Sunday School**  
9:00—9:45 AM

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Sat. 10:00 am—1:00 pm



*Christ Jesus*  
OUR LORD.  
ROMANS 6:23. NIV

## 2023 January Urbana Yoke Parish Church Board Minutes

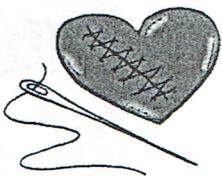
### Our Mission Statement



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



Broken things can become  
blessed things if you let  
Christ do the mending!



The Urbana Yoke Parish Board met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by board chairman Chris Hann. Ed Fitch opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The December minutes were reviewed and approved as read by a motion from Aaron Matter and seconded by Steve Runkel.

Treasurer's Report was accepted by a motion from Aaron Mattern and seconded by Jim Hartley.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Larry reported that the worship will be a little different than we have been doing for the last several months. The hymns and Pastor Larry's scripture, will no longer be on the overhead screen. Therefore, we will be using the songbooks from the pew racks. And, we encourage the congregation to bring their Bible and turn to the scripture for the worship time.

### Committee Reports:

Benevolence – Aaron gave this report. The committee has the plans set in motion for the annual sausage sales. He will be contacting The Paper to place an ad for this event. Sausage sales will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup>. at the church, with pick up on the west side of the building.

The committee has dispensed the budgeted amount for the year, to nine different organizations of Wabash County, and one family who needed assistance. With that amount being \$500 to each.

Christian Ed – This committee is the Sunday school teachers, Mary Earle and Brian Chamberlain. The Elders also serve on this committee. The elders are Brian Chamberlain, Ed Fitch, Claud Newcomb and Barry Swanquist.

Outreach – Donna Harman reported the gifts for the angel tree had been delivered to the family by Tanner and Sydney Chamberlain. Sydney had one of the children in her classroom and suggested the family for our church Christmas project. Thank you to Tanner and Sydney for your helping hands.

Program - Steve Runkel - No activities for the month.

Worship Committee - Pastor Larry & the elders: Brian, Ed, Claud, Barry

Old Business: It was brought up at the December board meeting that a checkbook for the Speicher Cemetery was in the name of Urbana United Methodist Church which no longer exists. The board members agreed this account needs to be changed. This will be done through the Beacon Credit Union. A motion was made by Brian Chamberlain and seconded by Ed Fitch that the church board recommends this be changed over to Speicher Cemetery. John and Judy Elzroth whose names are on the board for this cemetery, will be the ones who can make that change through Beacon. Beacon has requested a copy of the church board meeting to show that we have requested this change. Therefore, this report will be submitted to them.

New Business: Several have ask for offering envelopes for the year. Rena' said she will order those as needed. In other new business, the board agreed to keep the same officers in 2023 as were in 2022. Board President – Chis Hann, Vice – Aaron Mattern who will also continue as treasurer, and Donna Harman – secretary. A motion was made by Jim Hartley and seconded by John Elzroth to accept these officers for 2023. And one more item of business, John and Judy Elzroth have served on the Speicher Cemetery for many years and feel it is time for them to step down. Therefore, two new board members are needed. The requirement is that you be a part of the Speicher family (because the land for the cemetery was donated by that family) and that you be a member of the Urbana Yoke Parish Church.

Steve Runkel closed the board meeting with prayer.

Those attending the meeting were: Pastor Larry, Chris Hann, Aaron Mattern, Carol Krom, Ed Fitch, Steve Runkel, Rena' Warnock, Brian Chamberlain, John Elzroth, Jim Hartley, Stephanie Stambaugh, and Donna Harman

Submitted by:  
Donna Harman

Please keep Lana Long and her family lifted up in prayer. Jerry passed away on January 30th.

### MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

The Church Board will meet on Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**PRAYER**  
*changes things*



Please remember the following in prayer:

Alma DeVore, Nancy Anderson & Family, Julie Miller, Phyllis Baker, Ron & Rhonda Baer, Nancy Christie, Duane Wagner, Ruth Summers, Terry Knee, Jim & Pat Harley, Kim & Bryan Frank, Jerry & Nancy McColley, Josh McColley, Ethel Fogel, Weck Family, Dan Speicher & Family, Janene & Wendel Dawes, Lana Long & Family, Coy Eads and his parents and sisters. Also those of loved ones, friends and families. Please pray for continued healing.

## Other Church News

### THOSE SERVING THIS MONTH

**Head Usher: Claud Newcomb**

**Liturgist: Jaden Baer**

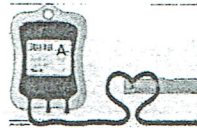
**Acolyte: Usher's Choice**

**Lay Leader: Brian Chamberlain**

February 11, 2023 at 9:00 am Nancy Anderson will be hosting a breakfast for the ladies of the church in the Fellowship Hall. After breakfast there will be a craft and lesson. All the ladies of the church are welcome to attend and enjoy a morning of fellowship. Thank you Nancy for hosting!



The Outreach Committee will be hosting their first blood drive of the year on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 from 1:30 –6:00 pm in the Urbana Community Building. Please note that this is a time change from previous blood drives. You must have an appointment to give. You can schedule your appointment on the Red Cross web site.



In December the Benevolence Committee disbursed donations to the following organizations in Wabash County: American Cancer Society; Blessings in a Backpack; Character Building; Learn More Center; Life Center; Lighthouse Mission; Living Well; New Beginnings and Youth for Christ. We were able to give to these organizations because of your generous donations during our Sausage Sales and 30 Pieces of Silver offering. Thank you all for your willingness to give!

*Thank you  
for donating ♡*

We will be trying something different with the Newsletter beginning in March. The Newsletter will be posted on our church website for everyone to read, most of you will not be receiving a paper one in the mail. The shut-ins will continue to receive theirs in the mail and a few paper copies will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for anyone to pick up. This will be a major change from "what we have always" done, but let's give it a try and see how it works!



**psalm**  
**23**

*The LORD is my Shepherd—SAFETY  
 I shall not want—SUPPLY  
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures—PEACE  
 He leadeth me beside the still waters—HARMONY  
 He restoreth my soul—HEALING  
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness—GUIDANCE  
 For His Name's sake—PURPOSE  
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death—DEATH  
 I will fear no evil—CONFIDENCE  
 For Thou art with me—PROTECTION  
 Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me—INSTRUCTION  
 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies—  
 PROVISION  
 Thou anointest my head with oil—CONSECRATION  
 My cup runneth over—ABUNDANCE  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life—  
 LOVING CARE  
 And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever—ETERNAL LOVE*

# FEBRUARY 2023

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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|                |                       |    | 1                   | 2  | 3  | 4<br>Sausage Day      |
| 5<br>Communion | 6                     | 7  | 8<br>Board Meeting  | 9  | 10 | 11<br>Guild Breakfast |
| 12             | 13                    | 14 | 15<br>Blood Drive   | 16 | 17 | 18                    |
| 19             | 20<br>President's Day | 21 | 22<br>Ash Wednesday | 23 | 24 | 25                    |
| 26             | 27                    | 28 |                     |    |    |                       |
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