



# The Discipler

August 2022



On Sunday, **August 28**, there will be an all-church picnic to following our worship service that morning. The Deacons will supply meat and drinks, and the congregation is asked to bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs. Come celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of the fall season.



## Trash & Treasure Sale Update

We had a gorgeous day this year for our sale, and we raised \$1,282.42 in funds. The Car Show Luncheon was probably the most successful one we've ever had. We raised approximately \$1,500. The Bake Sale brought in a little over \$400.

The Missions Team had a very successful Pop/Water Sale this year, making \$410 which they have donated to our Love Meal outreach. We thank them for their generous donation.

Through your volunteering (baking, serving, working at the T&T sale) you helped make this yearly event fun and successful! We can't do it without you!



## Trex Bench Goal Achieved!

The Mission's Team has completed their goal for the plastic collection for a bench. Although this goal is completed, you may continue to take your plastic to the Byron Public Library as they are continuing to collect plastic for other area groups. The collection box is located near the book drop box inside. Accepted plastic: grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, produce bags, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, cereal bags, case overwrap, salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, wood pellet bags, ziploc® and other recloseable food storage bags.

## Yoga at UCB is coming back!

Our excellent instructor, Beverlee Burke from DeKalb, will teach a class every Wednesday from 9-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are requiring that each participant bring their vaccination card at their first session. Also, please bring a mask. Depending on enrollment and space between students, we may or may not use the masks, but please bring one with you.



If you just drop in, the cost will be \$15 per session. If you are a regular attendee, 10 classes will be \$120 (\$12 per session). A person does not need to be a member of UCB to participate.

We need to bring our shelving and yoga supplies up from the basement, so Wednesday, August 3, at 9 am will be "yoga moving day." We will be storing our supplies in the crib room in the nursery. Please come and help make our move quick and easy. Many hands make light work! Our first yoga session will be Wednesday, August 10, at 9 am. Questions? Call Meredith Townsend at 815-988-9349 or Elaine Breck at 815-262-9002.





**Financial Report as of , 2022**

	<u>MO</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD /06/30/2021</u>
Operating Income	\$10,696	\$127,082	\$115,057
Operating Expense	\$15,945	\$120,565	\$96,706
Net Inc. or (loss)	<b>(\$5,249)</b>	\$6,517	\$18,351
Cash for Operations (General Fund, Capital)	\$163,705		\$155,784
Other Funds (Fellowships, restricted)	\$30,350		\$24,843

**Legacy/Endowment Committee**

**Endowment fund values as of , 2022:**

Norris Fund .....	\$36,029.55
Strub Fund .....	\$7,910.01
Jarret Fund .....	\$8,057.54
CD fund of \$5,000 (funded from Norris)	



There is grant money available from each of the funds, and for those who would like to apply, please contact the church office for application forms. Committee members are: Cliff Freeman, Mike Gyorkos, Ron Beem, Tim Bohrer and Greg Wills.

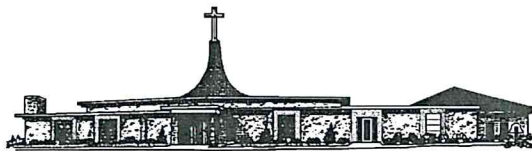
We invite you to consider joining this committee as we welcome new ideas and perspectives in the management of these funds. This committee meets every other month or so and meetings usually last only 30-45 minutes in length. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18th, 2022 at 6:30.



**Esther Circle Luncheon Excursion**

A great photo of the lovely ladies of our Esther Circles. They lunched at Prairie Grass Pub and enjoyed each others company and made new memories. Starting on the left and going clockwise is: Jerre Woodworth, Pat Brown, Linda Tarpley, Carole Bolin, Audrey Hildebrand, Glyna Anderson, Jan Riley, Dorothy Mahon, Mickey Williams, Nancy Hamer and Barb Leary.





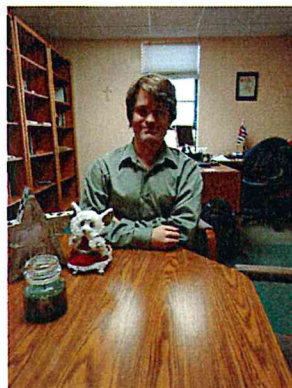
Do you know why our church building is shaped the way it is? It's not just for show. The sanctuary roof is supposed to look like a tent. Tents are not supposed to be lived in forever—they are things that you set up, and take down when not in use. Obviously, our building is not literally a tent, but it does represent something to us. Our sanctuary, while being a place to feel the presence of God, is not the place we are supposed to stay forever. We are meant to gather to worship, but then use that calling from God to go out into the world and show the love of Christ to all.

One of the strengths of the Church is that our calls from God manifest themselves in many different ways. Some of our calls involve the work we do inside the church, some of them are outside of it. Yet, we are all given talents and gifts to show the love of God to the world. That should be celebrated!

Starting in August, once a month in worship, we'll have members within our church share where they feel God has called them to help, and they will talk about their successes. This isn't to try to get anyone to join anything; it's not a call to action. Instead, this time is for us to connect worship to our individual calls. Each Sunday we pray for our gifts to be used by God. This will be a chance to share how we use our gifts outside the walls of our sanctuary.

Personally, I'm excited to hear what our members do with their unique, God-given talents! If any of you have stories of how God has called you to show your love in the world, please let me know. We'd love to have you share! In the meantime, I pray that we all continue to love God and our neighbors!

Peace and Blessings of our Lord be upon you all,  
Pastor Tyler Spellious



### Adult Sunday CE

Throughout the summer we will be viewing/discussing clips from Tex Sample, Storyteller and Theologian. Soon we will return to the topic of "Creation Justice" and our role as individuals, a church and society. Watch future announcements for details.

### August Potluck and Movie Night

We always have tasty food, fun conversation, and an interesting movie. If you've never attended, this is a great month to join us. We will be gathering for potluck and movie night on Friday, August 12th, at the home of Art and Elaine Breck, 9002 Hedge Road, Byron. Potluck at 6:30 PM and the movie "Jerry & Marge Go Large". Join us in August.



### Love Meals



We need volunteers each week to help continue this outreach to our community. Not only do we appreciate everyone's willingness to help, but the community we serve thanks us many times over when they come by to pick up their meals. The shutins we deliver to (24 at the moment) also appreciate their meals. We also have a lady that comes each week and picks up 16 meals that she delivers to shutins in the area. It's only one meal a week, but people are so appreciative.





Join us at United Church of Byron as we kick off the school year with a special **Sunday School Kick Off** on **August 21 at 9:30 am** We will have snacks and cake for everyone, play some games, and each attendee will leave with a goodie bag AND be entered into a drawing to win some great door prizes. We will also have a vision board set up for parents and children to see our vision for Sunday School learning through December 31st 2022. Masks are optional at this event, but we will be inside in the church basement. Leadership are fully vaccinated and boosted.

**Prepare for battle!**

**Youth vs Adults Challenge Night**

We are hosting our first ever Youth vs Adults challenge night. Join us in the basement of United Church of Byron for an epic battle of the ages—6th-12th graders vs adults. Compete in challenges, some easy, some not so easy, and see which team comes out victorious and stamps their name on the trophy. Challenges will be for everyone so, remember, the more people there are to compete in your age bracket the higher the odds of you winning. Registration for this event is opening soon and will close September 2nd to allow us time to gather the supplies so everyone can compete. Do you have what it takes to lift your age bracket to victory?



**Fuel is finally here!**

**FUEL** is our BRAND NEW middle school (6th-8th grade) youth group. Join us as we kick off the school year with our first meeting on Sunday, **August 21, 3:30-5:30pm!** We will gather in the basement, and you can try your hand at beating leadership at games on the Xbox (we have a lot!). Join us for a fast moving game of "Throw the Burrito" and get to know each other while we map out the rest of 2022. The night will end with dinner served upstairs alongside our SPARK youth group. We will have a vision board accessible for youth and parents to view with the details of the spiritual disciplines we will be focusing on over the next four months. Leadership will also be present to talk with youth and parents about teaching materials and the vision for the remainder of 2022 and forward into 2023. Masks are optional at this time, but we will be gathered in the church basement if that informs your decision. Leadership are fully vaccinated and boosted.



Join us at United Church of Byron as we kick off the school year with style at **SPARK** on Sunday, August 21, from 5pm -7pm.

We will have a plethora of board and card games as well as puzzles (including a brand new puzzle to challenge you). We will start with Dinner alongside our Fuel attendees before heading to the basement to fellowship with one another and cast a vision for the remainder of 2022. For parents: we will have a vision board set up and leadership will be present to answer any questions you might have regarding our curriculum, lessons etc. Masks are currently optional here at United Church of Byron, but we will be gathered in the basement for most of the night, if that informs your decision at all. Leadership are fully vaccinated and boosted.

**We're seeking help with our Sunday School Class**

In order to keep our children and staff safe, we follow a standard two-adult policy. We are seeking adults to assist with and possibly lead Sunday School in Richard's absence. If you might be interested, please contact the office or call Richard. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex at church.





### Classic Look Providing Free Haircuts to School Kids

It's that time of year again with kids going "Back to school!" The ladies at Classic Look know times are tight, and kids love to look their best when starting the new year. They are offering free haircuts to families who cannot afford to do so. They will open up on Monday, August 8th, from 10 am to 5 pm. Kids need to come with clean hair, as this will be a wet and cut in order to get as many kids in as possible. If you want to make an appointment you can call or text 815-978-2664, otherwise they will take walk-ins. In addition to haircuts, Classic Look ladies are looking for donations of school supplies: book bags, reusable water bottles, personal items (deodorant, socks, hair ties, combs, toothbrushes/paste, chapstick, anything else kids need)—all new store-bought please. It's great to send the kids home with a bag of goodies they wouldn't necessarily have. Community support is appreciated.



If you know of kids that are in need of this service, please pass on this information.



Thank you to each and everyone that helped in any way with Mom's services. The whole family truly appreciated all of your hard work and assistance so that we were able to spend time with everyone that attended her service. Your help made a tough day much brighter.

Thank you again  
The (Phyllis) Hagemann Family

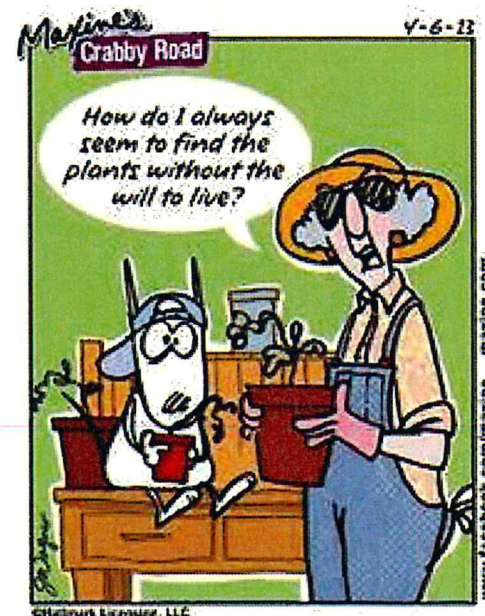
### Blood Drive Results

We had 28 people who donated blood at our blood drive on July 14. Of those 28, 7 were members of our church. Through this blood drive, the RRVBC is able to help save 80 lives. We appreciate all those who came to donate, and we thank the ladies who came and served in the canteen: Kathy Johnson, Kay King, Audrey Hildebrand, Kelly Beckett and Cindy Beitel.



Join us on the front lawn for our family movie night on Friday, August 19th at dusk! This month's movie will be "Penguins of Madagascar"—Super

spy teams aren't born—they're hatched. Discover the secrets of the greatest and most hilarious covert birds in the global espionage biz: Skipper, Kowalski, Rico and Private. These elitists of the elite are joining forces with a chic undercover organization, The North Wind. Led by handsome Eurasian wolf "Agent Classified" (we could tell you his name, but then - you know). Together, they must stop the villainous Dr. Octavius Brine from destroying the world as we know it. Bring along your friends and family as well as lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray. Snacks and drinks will be available.







Unfortunately, the month of July has been a sad time for some of our members who have lost loved ones in their family.

Our sympathy to **Susan O'Neil** whose, father, Richard Schenk of Rushville, IL, passed away on July 15th. Please keep Susan and her family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of her dad.

We offer our sympathy to **Sherry Capes** and her family on the recent passing of Sherry's nephew, Larry Aldridge. He passed away on July 19, 2022. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during their time of grief.

**Dorothy Mahon's** brother, Wayne Bicksler, passed away on July 22nd. Please keep Dorothy and her family in your prayers as they grieve this loss.

Our deep sympathy to **Joanne Carr** whose mother, Judith Nichols, of Rockford, passed away on July 21, 2022. Please keep Joanne, Kevin and their family in your prayers.

We pray for all of these families and ask God to be with them and give them the comfort and peace they need through this time of loss.



Denny Arjes  
Hannah Beintum  
Mark Belito  
Richard Bearman  
Cheryl Bonte  
Steve Bonte  
Jennifer Brandt  
Norma Browning  
Lisa Stevens Colbert  
Ginger Compton  
Jill Faber  
Joann Farris  
Cindi Frye  
Jan Frye  
Ali Groen  
Bekah Groen  
Shirley Grono  
Betty Grubb  
Gary Hahne  
Pat Ingram  
Wayne & Nancy Jaquet  
Kathy Johnson  
Roger Johnson  
Yvette Krone  
Janet Logan  
ony Maanavi  
Tom Mahon  
Joanne McGhee  
Bill Michaux  
Betty Morris  
Meghan Newbold  
Pat Nicoloff  
Tim O'Hare



Clyde Patterson  
Allan Petersen  
Edie Pierce  
Ellen Rippon  
Hal & Dixie Rowland  
Anna Saltzgeber  
Paul Saltzgeber  
Mary Sanders  
Randy Sarlo  
Diana Snodgrass  
Pam Solberg  
Tori Spanbauer  
Linda Stein,  
Barney & Sharon Sterbez  
Evan Stivers  
Holly Stukenberg  
Linda Tarpley  
Shelley Trussoni  
Karis Turner  
Diane Williamson  
Jerre Woodworth  
Our Homebound, our first responders and health care workers, and those around the world in need of special prayers.



**Tatiana (Leon) and Jerick Orsted  
Stationed in Italy**

Please keep Julie Grono's grandmother, Shirley Grono, in your prayers. She has been going through a lot of health issues and has now been placed in home hospice care. Shirley wanted to be in her home, and with the home care, we pray she will be comfortable. We know she will have love and caring from her family. May God's love surround them all through this difficult time.





**SERVING THE CHURCH**

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please switch with someone and notify the church office of the change as soon as possible. Thank you!

**August 2022**

	<b>08/07</b>	<b>08/14</b>	<b>08/21</b>	<b>08/28</b>
Acolyte	Benson	Beitel	K. King	M. Gyorkos
Scripture Rdr.	M. Bohrer	J. Eisfeller	Schertz	D. Eisfeller
AV System	Bonte	Freeman	Jenkins	Gyorkos
Guest Center	Jenkins	Johnson	King	Wilson
Nursery	Wilson	King	Ingram	Schertz

Offering Counters for August: Cheryl Metz & Lova Sutton  
 Communion Preparer for August: Lova Sutton

**People Helping People Collection Items:  
 Tuna & Tuna Helper**

**September 2022**

	<b>09/04</b>	<b>09/11</b>	<b>09/18</b>	<b>09/25</b>
Acolyte	K. Gyorkos	C. King	Jenkins	K. King
Scripture Rdr.	Sutton	Wilson	King	Tarpley
AV System	Bonte	Freeman	Jenkins	Gyorkos
Guest Center	M. Gyorkos	Tarpley	K. Gyorkos	Trommer
Nursery	Wilson	King	Ingram	Schertz

Offering Counters for September: Ali Groen & John Gibson  
 Communion Preparer for September: John Gibson  
 People Helping People Collection Items: Hamburger Helper & Peanut Butter



August rain; the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born,  
 The odd uneventime.



If you wish Pastor Tyler to visit you, and you would also like communion, please call him or call the church office. Pastor Tyler's phone number is 309-230-4951, and the church office is 815-234-8777.





**The United Church of Byron**

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**COUNCIL**

- Curt Freeberg, Co-Head Steward ..... 815-234-8511
- Cheryl Metz, Co-Head Steward ..... 815-298-1476
- Ali Groen, Moderator, Steward ..... 815-871-2304
- Brad Townsend, Steward ..... 815-988-9348
- Norma Freeberg, Deacon ..... 815-234-8511
- Lova Sutton, Head Deacon ..... 815-871-2354
- Karyn Wilson, Deacon ..... 815-222-9954
- John Gibson, Deacon ..... 815-985-6524
- Cliff Freeman, Financial Secretary .... 815-978-6367
- Cindy Beitel, Clerk ..... 815-234-8959
- Laura Hopkins ..... Treasurer

**Church Facebook Page:**  
*United Church of Byron, Illinois*  
**Website:** [unitedchurchofbyron.org](http://unitedchurchofbyron.org)

**Worship Times**

- 8:15-8:45 am Meditation Service
- 9:00-9:45 am Adult Sunday School
- 9:30-10:15 am PreK-5th Grade Sunday School
- 9:30-10:30 am Coffee Hour
- 10:30 am Worship ~ Worship Service
- Communion served on 1st Sunday of the Month
- 5:00-7:00 pm Spark (6th-12th Grade)

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Third Monday of the Month  
Stewards and Deacons meet at 6 pm  
Full Council meets at 7 pm

**Members of the congregation are welcome to attend council meetings.**

**Pastor:** Rev. Tyler Spellious  
816-288-0684  
[tylerspellious@gmail.com](mailto:tylerspellious@gmail.com)

**Pastor's Office Hours**

Tuesday: 10 AM - 1 PM  
Wednesday: 1 PM - 4 PM  
Thursday: 10 AM - 1 PM

- CHAIRPERSONS**
- Adult Sunday School ..... Norma Freeberg
  - Building & Grounds ..... Greg Beitel
  - Community Connections ..... Ann Schertz
  - Endowment/Legacy Committee ..... TBA
  - Fundraising Committee ..... Ali Groen
  - Memorial Committee ..... Marsha Gyorkos
  - Mission Committee ..... Elaine Breck

**Youth Ministry Coordinator**  
Richard Simpson

**Church Secretaries**

Carla Trommer      Marsha Gyorkos

**UCB FELLOWSHIP**

- Lydia Circle ..... Diane Wheeler
- Esther Circle ..... Carole Bolin

**Secretaries Office Hours**

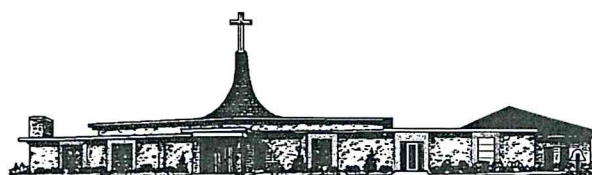
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday  
9:30-5:00 pm (Lunch: 12:30-1:30)

**Choir Director/Accompanist:**  
Jennie Saltzgiver

**Media Specialist**  
Bill Groen

**Our Mission Statement:**

**Loving God and  
Serving People**








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