



# The Discipler

October 2022



*In  
Loving  
Memory*

### Memorial Sunday ~ Nov. 6th

Our annual celebration of the saints who have gone before us will be on **November 6th** during the **10:30 am worship service**. We will be remembering **Colleen (Cain) VanZandt, Shirley Reber, Sharon Pleniewicz, Phyllis Hagemann and Frank Noffsinger**.

If we missed someone, or if you have someone who passed away this past year and would like them remembered in this memorial service, please let the office know. We wish to give you the opportunity to celebrate their lives and include them in the presentation.



To help us continue to make this a special day, we ask that you share a photo (electronically, if possible) to: [ucb@comcast.net](mailto:ucb@comcast.net) with the date of birth and date of death of your loved one. If you cannot send an electronic photo, bring a print to the office, and we will scan it into our computer.



### Annual Harvest Feast Turkey Drive-Thru Dinner November 5th ~ 4 to 7 pm

The drive-thru dinner last year was very successful, and it was much easier to prepare, serve and clean up after, so we have decided to do it again, and it may become our new way of serving future turkey dinners.

Like last year, our turkey dinner will be prepared as a carryout meal. We will need help in certain areas, but not as much as in the past. We will need help with meal preparation before the dinner, cutting desserts, setting up the carryout lines and cleaning up after the dinner. People will be needed to work in an assembly line to dish up the food into carryout containers, package the meal in bags, and others to deliver the meals to the cars. Sounds like a lot, but it is less work than in the past. Signup sheets are on the long table in the narthax hallway in front of the coat rack near the church office.

Tickets are limited to 400 and must be bought in advance. They will be available at church starting October 2nd before and after worship and in the office with a deadline of October 30 to purchase. In-person Ticket sales are \$14 from church or \$15 through the online site, Give Butter on our Facebook page or our website. Tickets will be sold for one of three specific pickup times: 4-5 pm, 5-6 pm and 6-7 pm. If you have question, please contact the office.





Ending August 31 , 2022

	<u>Aug</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD 8/31/2021</u>
Operating Income	\$16,960	\$158,336	\$142,457
Operating Expense	\$28,425	\$163,158	\$134,637
Net Inc. or (loss)	(\$11,465)	(\$4,822)	\$7,820
Cash for Operations (General Fund, Capital)	\$153,674		\$146,159
Other Funds (Fellowships, restricted)	\$33,278		\$27,524

We had a little over \$10,200 of unusual expenses in August: half the cost of sealcoat and striping (\$3358), conversion of HVAC controls (\$4296), chiller repairs (\$1630) and quarterly maintenance contract (\$970) for the HVAC system.

### Legacy/Endowment Committee

#### Endowment fund values as of September 21, 2022:

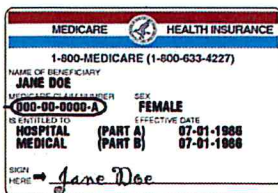
Norris Fund .....	\$39,871.38
Strub Fund .....	\$7,624.79
Jarret Fund .....	\$7,767.00



There is grant money available from each of the funds, For those who would like to apply, please contact the church office for application forms. The Endowment Committee would like to mention that another way to give to our church funds would be to use an IRA required minimum distribution as a tax free charitable gift. Ask a committee member or your tax advisor for details.

The Legacy/Endowment Committee members are: Cliff Freeman, Mike Gyorkos, Ron Beem, Tim Bohrer, Lori Smith, and Greg Wills. To anyone else from our church community, please consider joining this committee. New ideas and perspectives are needed in the management of these funds. This committee meets every other month or so and is usually only 30-45 minutes in length. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

The Basics of Medicare educational program will return on **Wednesday, October 19th, 6-7:30 pm** here at the church. Please spread the word as this program is open to all that are interested.



Disclaimer: This program is not a sales or marketing event for any Medicare products offered. This program is an informational and educational event only concerning how the Medicare program operates.



Recently, a report came out from Pew Research Center that by 2070, Christians will be a minority in America. Instead, an increase in people with no religious affiliation will become the majority.

I know this may be shocking to some of you, and discouraging for others. It is yet another confirmation that Christianity is no longer a default in American society. That change can be disconcerting for those who grew up with and are familiar with a world where everyone believes the same thing as them.

Personally though, I don't see this as something to be terrified of. Yes, it is distressing that people will not hear the gospel message as often as they used to. But that doesn't mean Christianity is doomed. In fact, it should be a call to rally behind.

As less and less people are associated with the Church, it gives a chance for people to hear the Good News in a new light. It becomes less about getting someone to attend the "correct" denomination with the "correct" theology, and more about introducing the gospel to someone who may have never heard it before. We can, in a sense, get back to what the gospel was originally about—what God has done for us, not which Sunday morning social club to join.

That is, assuming there isn't some sort of revival. There is a theory that every five hundred years, the Church universal goes through some sort of major reformation. The Great Schism between the Catholic and Orthodox churches was in 1054. The Reformation was in the 16th century. By that pattern, the Church is due for a giant change, one that could change the face of Christianity as we know it and reinvigorate the Church.

All that said, we don't truly know what the future holds for the Church. What we can be sure of is that Christ died and rose for us. Nothing, not distance or time itself, will separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Rev. Tyler Spellious

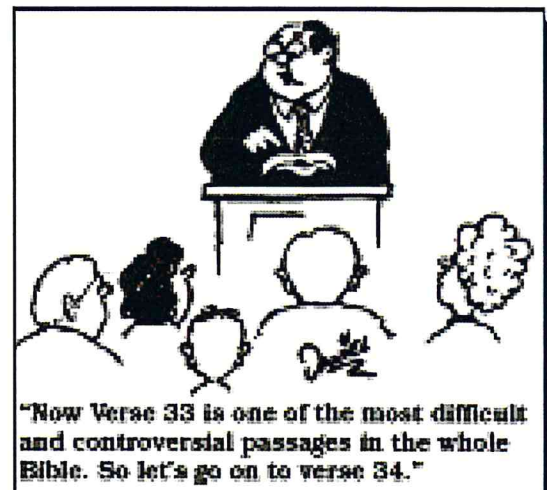


Happy **1st Anniversary**, Rev. Tyler, on the date of your "Official" Installation on October 17, 2021 as the permanent pastor of our church, even though you were with us a couple of years before you were installed. We look forward to many more years together!



### World Communion

Along with collecting for **Neighbors in Need** on **October 2nd** (see page 4), we will also celebrate World Communion along with many other Christian denominations around the world.



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I wish to thank all my church friends who came to share my 80th birthday and to all who remembered me with your cards and good wishes. You have all warmed my heart and filled it with joy!

Much love to all of you!  
Kay



### Neighbors in Need (NIN)

As was mentioned in last month's newsletter, the **NIN offering** will be collected on **October 2**.

NIN supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska.

Your donation, with the donations from many other churches, are very important and go a long way in supporting these many causes. There will be an NIN offering envelope in your October 2nd bulletin.



### Trunk or Treat ~ 4 to 6 pm October 30, 2022

The theme of this year's Trunk or Treat is "**Sci-Fi!**" Have you got a creative idea for a costume? How about for your car? We would love to have people decorate their cars, hand out candy help with games or help serve food. You can help make it a fun trick or treat for the kids in the community. There is a signup sheet out on the table for volunteers. The event will take place in the East parking lot, and we will be serving hot dogs, chips and drinks. If you wish to donate candy toward this event, you can drop it off the office any time.



### Welcome All Adults Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Beginning October 5th and throughout October (weather permitting), we will gather around the firepit at church which is located in the yard behind the Fellowship Hall. This will be a time for socialization, listening and meaningful conversations. The group will select topics for discussions. All you need to do is join us, bring your own lawn chair and any refreshments for yourself. Feel free to check us out, attend all, or attend as your time permits. If you have any questions, contact Norma Freeberg (815-234-8511), or Deb Eisfeller (815-985-2008).





## Upcoming Missions Committee Events

On behalf of the entire congregation of the UCB, the Missions Committee plans to respond to increasingly more frequent severe flooding, fires and natural disasters due to climate change. In the past we assembled emergency clean-up buckets for Church World Service (CWS), which distributes them, when needed, across our nation and the world. This year we decided to expand our efforts on behalf of the needy families and children to include school kits, personal hygiene kits, and emergency clean-up buckets.



On the first Sundays in October, November and December, the Missions Committee is asking for ½ hour of the congregation's help to assemble these kits. The Committee will purchase the supplies, with the help of Thrivent grants, and deliver them to a distribution center near Chicago. Because of the increased cost of transportation to disaster sites, CWS is asking churches who donate kits to give an additional \$2-3 per kit. We would greatly appreciate donations from the congregation to help cover this new cost. You may put a designated check in the offering plate or donation basket on the days when we pack the kits. Please make your check out to UCB, and we will send one check to Church World Service.



Sunday October 2, during Sunday School, children will pack personal hygiene kits. Sunday November 6, immediately after church, the congregation will pack clean-up buckets. Sunday December 4, immediately after church, the congregation will pack school kits.

Thank you for your assistance!

## Join us in Adult Class 9-9:45 am Sundays

Beginning October 11th we will start a new series. "Profuture Faith". Featuring eco-theologian, author, and TEDx speaker, Rev. Michael Dowd, *ProFuture Faith* is a dynamic eight-session DVD course that bridges the gap between head and heart, science and faith. The basic format for each session includes a 20-minute video presentation and guided discussion.



**Sunday School** for children in grades K-5th meets Sunday mornings 9:30am-10:15 am.



**FUEL**: Our middle school program for 6th-8th graders meets Sunday afternoons, 3:30-5:30 pm. We explore the bible in an age appropriate fashion with a focus on real world issues and how we can implement the teachings of the bible in our daily lives.

**Fuel & Spark** meet together for dinner at 5 pm.

**Spark** is for 9th-12th graders and meets 5-7 pm. Much like Fuel, we explore the ways we can apply biblical teachings to our daily lives through age appropriate discussion and study. Questions? Email us at: [ucbyouthandchildren@gmail.com](mailto:ucbyouthandchildren@gmail.com)





Join us on the front lawn for our family movie night on Friday, **October 21st** at dusk! This month's movie will be "Casper." Bring along your friends and family as well as lawn chairs and blankets. Snacks and drinks will be available.



### 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, **October 28th**, home of the Breck's, 9002 Hedge Road, Byron.

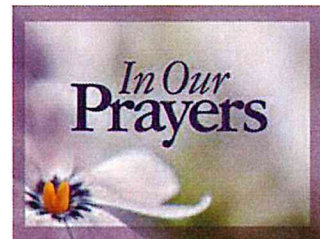
Potluck at 6 pm and the movie "Gandhi" This British-Indian historical film, that tells the story of Mahatma Gandhi and his struggle to win independence for India through nonviolent civil disobedience. The movie won eight Academy Awards, including that for best picture, and five Golden Globe Awards, including that for best foreign film. Please note the earlier start time.

### Men's Breakfast

The October Men's Breakfast will be at 8 am on Saturday, the 1st and 15th, at the Swedish Pancake House. All men are welcome!



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  
Joe Farris  
Cindi Frye  
Jan Frye  
Ron Glisan  
Lois Greer  
Ali Groen  
Dave Groharing  
Betty Grubb  
Gary Hahne  
Pat Ingram  
Wayne & Nancy  
Jaquet  
Kathy Johnson  
Janet Logan  
Tony Maanavi  
Tom Mahon  
Bill Michaux  
Betty Morris,  
Meghan Newbold,  
Pat Nicoloff  
Tim O'Hare



Clyde Patterson  
Allan Petersen  
Edie Pierce  
Ellen Rippon  
Hal & Dixie Rowland  
Anna Saltzgiver  
Paul Saltzgiver  
Mary Sanders  
Randy Sarlo  
Diana Snodgrass  
Tori Spanbauer  
Linda Stein  
Barney & Sharon Sterbez  
Holly Stukenberg  
Stan Sutton  
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.



For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country  
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**Tatiana (Leon) Orsted  
and Jerick Orsted  
Stationed in Italy**



### 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!

#### October 2022

	<u>10/02</u>	<u>10/09</u>	<u>10/16</u>	<u>10/23</u>	<u>10/30</u>
Acolyte	Smith	M. Gyorkos	K. Gyorkos	Beitel	Benson
Scripture Rdr.	King	Huls	Sutton	Smith	K. Gyorkos
AV System	Bonte	Freeman	Jenkins	Gyorkos	Bonte
Guest Center	Townsend	M. Gyorkos	K. Gyorkos	Johnson	Jenkins
Nursery	King	Schertz	Ingram	Wilson	King

Offering Counters for October: Brad Townsend & Lova Sutton  
 Communion Preparer for October: Lova Sutton

**People Helping People Collection Items:  
 Canned Beans & Rice**

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	<u>11/06</u>	<u>11/13</u>	<u>11/20</u>	<u>11/27</u>
Acolyte	C. King	Jenkins	Smith	M. Gyorkos
Scripture Rdr.	T. Bohrer	D. Eisfeller	M. Bohrer	Schertz
AV System	Freeman	Jenkins	Gyorkos	Bonte
Guest Center	King	Wilson	Tarpley	Townsend
Nursery	Schertz	Ingram	Wilson	King

Offering Counters for November: Curt Freeberg & Norma Freeberg  
 Communion Preparer for November: Norma Freeberg  
 People Helping People Collection Items: Flour, Sugar, Chocolate Chips & Brownie Mix

*“ Autumn leaves don’t fall; they fly. They take their time and wander on this, their only chance to soar. Reflecting sunlight, they swirled and sailed and fluttered on the wind drafts.”*

—Delia Owens,  
Where the Crawdads Sing



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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Email: ucb@comcast.net

**Church Facebook Page:**  
*United Church of Byron, Illinois*  
**Website:** *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  
3:30-5:30 pm Fuel (6th-8th Grade)  
5:00-7:00 pm Spark (9th-12th Grade)

**Pastor:** Rev. Tyler Spellious  
816-288-0684  
tylerspellious@gmail.com

**Pastor's Office Hours**

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

**Youth Ministry Coordinator**

Richard Simpson

**Church Secretaries**

Carla Trommer      Marsha Gyorkos

**Secretaries Office Hours**

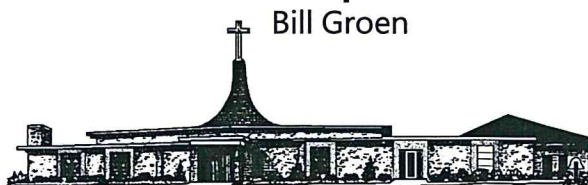
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday  
9:30-5:00 pm (Lunch: 12:30-1:30)

**Choir Director/Accompanist:**

Jennie Saltzgeber

**Media Specialist**

Bill Groen



**COUNCIL**

Curt Freeberg, Head Steward ..... 815-234-8511  
Butch Huls, Steward ..... 815-222-6252  
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

**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.**

**CHAIRPERSONS**

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

**UCB FELLOWSHIP**

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

**Our Mission Statement:**

**Loving God and  
Serving People**







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