



Heritage Farm Museum

The Discipler

February 2023

2023 Offering Envelopes

As of this writing, we are still waiting for our offering envelopes. The company has had various issues, i.e. staff shortages, equipment problems, supply problems, etc. It could be mid to late February before envelopes arrive. We will let you know as soon as we receive them. Until then, there are envelopes in the pew pockets or on the table next to the Sunday bulletins.



Want an Easier Way to Give?

You can give electronically! Forms for this are available from the office, and if you would like to give this way, let us know, and we can scan and email you the form, or you can stop in the office to get one.



On **Saturday, February 18**, UCB Missions Committee is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner in the Fellowship Hall to benefit Byron's elementary school children at Mary Morgan

Elementary School. Recommended donation for tickets are \$8 per adult; \$5 for children ages 5-12 and nothing for children under 5. Dinner will be served inside from 5-7 pm. Masks are optional. If you wish a carryout meal, you will need to come inside to order, pay and pick up your meal.

Each year proceeds from our dinner are used to purchase school kits in the fall for children who receive free or reduced-price lunches. Last year, school kits cost around \$60 per child (possibly more this year), which can be a challenge for families with limited incomes. Wouldn't it be great if you could help us purchase a supply kit for 100 percent of Byron's qualifying children and enjoy a good meal and community fellowship besides?

For more information contact the church at 815-234-8777.

In accordance with the Constitution of the United Church of Byron, Byron, Illinois, the Church Council does hereby call for our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 12, 2023**. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall following our 10:30 am Service of Worship.



2023 Flower Chart

To place flowers on the altar for a special occasion, please sign up on the Flower Chart located on the table in front of the office. Arrangements are \$15 (checks, payable to "UCB") and due before the order is placed. Arrangements are from Merlin's Greenhouse and Flowers in Oregon.



Church Financial Report nancial Report as of **December 31, 2022**

	<u>DEC</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD /2022</u>
Operating Income	\$14,813	\$223,143	\$244,662
Operating Expense	\$18,117	\$231,387	\$224,491
Net Inc. or (loss)	(\$3,304)	(\$8,244)	\$20,171
Cash for Operations (General Fund, Capital)		\$153,812	\$157,986
Other Funds (Fellowships, restricted)		\$29,550	\$29,740

Legacy/Endowment Committee

Endowment fund values as of January, 17, 2023:

Norris Fund	\$41,852.42
Strub Fund	\$8,094.90
Jarret Fund	\$8,245.19
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, Lori Smith and Greg Wills.

The Endowment Committee would like to mention that for those interested in a way to give to our church funds, one way 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.

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 will be determined at a later date. Due to lack of attendance, the "Basics of Medicare" educational program will be returning sometime in early spring 2023.



RaiseRight.

Formerly ShopWithScrip

Do you have any upcoming travel plans or indoor projects planned? There are gift cards for that! Raise Right (formerly SCRIP) orders have begun again and are due each Monday. The church receives a donation from the purchase of these cards, and in turn, the donation is put towards our Love Meal Ministry program. Use them for yourself or give them as a gift! Orders are due at the church office anytime on Mondays. Orders are placed on Tuesdays and the cards usually arrive within a day or two. Order sheets and the participating merchants list are on the table in front of the church office window. Please consider using this worthwhile and easy fundraiser for this ministry program at our church. If you have questions about RaiseRight©, please talk to Marsha Gyorkos or Carla Trommer.





Jesus knelt before his disciples and washed their feet. When Peter refused, Jesus scolded him, telling him that if Peter wanted any part of him, he would let him do this. After he washed all their feet—a dirty, intimate, and humiliating act—he explained. He told them that now that he has washed their feet, they should also not be afraid to wash one another's feet. They shouldn't be afraid to go out of their way to humble themselves, and love one another.

As a church, a downline of these very disciples, we are called to wash one another's feet. Obviously, this isn't literal. I certainly hope none of us are in desperate need of foot-washing. Instead, it is a call to always be providing for one another's needs.

However, over time, needs change. The pandemic certainly changed the needs of everyone. Some couldn't leave their houses. Instead of washing feet, we took up a call to deliver meals to people who couldn't make it out of their homes. Some people could not attend worship and fulfill their spiritual needs. So, we started streaming our worship services, and recording them for people to watch later. We didn't expect anything from this—it was following in the example of Jesus to serve one another.

But still, needs change, even after COVID. The things people need from their church are constantly changing and morphing as their lives change.



That is why I want to ask you: What do you need out of church? What can we do to make that happen? What makes this community important to you? These are questions we must be constantly asking, because few needs are ever constant. The church needs you just as much as you need it. We are here to serve, just as Jesus served us.

But just as we are called to serve one another, so you are called to serve your brothers and sisters, and your neighbors. So, an equally important question also needs to be asked, because needs are constantly changing: How can you wash your neighbors' feet? How can you serve as Jesus has served you?



These two questions are ones that followers of Christ must always be asking, because we want to be a part of God's kingdom in Christ Jesus. As we enter into this new year, I hope you'll be asking yourself these questions, and let us know.

Peace and Blessings of our Lord Jesus be upon you all,

Rev. Tyler Spellious



Creation Justice Task Force Update

There is no disposal service that includes a recycling service available for rural area residents in Ogle County. Also, the recycle trucks are very different from the regular trucks. One option available is the recycling at "Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful" (KNIB) in Rockford. The closest KNIB Recycling Center is at 4665 Hydraulic Road (near Sandy Hollow and Alpine). They have special ways of separating things and special hours. There is more information available on the hall table (near the offices) from KNIB, their website is: <https://www.knib.org/> and from City of Rockford Hazardous Waste Collection Site. KNIB is a not-for-profit and is always accepting monetary donations.



Mission Outreach

In January, members of the Missions Committee served at the Northern Illinois Food Bank and packed **2,620 pounds of food, 720 pounds of oranges and provided 2,183 meals for hungry neighbors.** If you would like to volunteer for this very worthwhile outreach, the Missions Committee serves in this outreach about once a month, and you can contact Stan Sutton at ssutton56@yahoo.com or call him at 815-971-5855. **Thank you** Mission Committee for providing this service to our community!



**OFFERING DATE:
MARCH 19, 2023**

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS, you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response and recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

Let us share our resources with others less fortunate.



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead



Invite your friends and family members to United Church of Byron's age-specific programs.



Sunday School: Children's Sunday School for pre-K through 5th grade takes place from 9:30-10:15 am every Sunday. They meet downstairs and we play games, complete crafts enjoy a snack and study the Bible

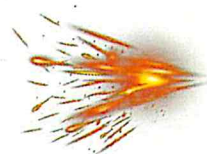
Fuel: our newest middle school program is for 6th-8th graders meets Sunday afternoons 3:30-5:30pm. We explore the bible in an age appropriate fashion with a focus on real world issues and how we can implement the teachings of the bible in our daily lives.



Fuel & Spark meet together for dinner at 5:00 pm.

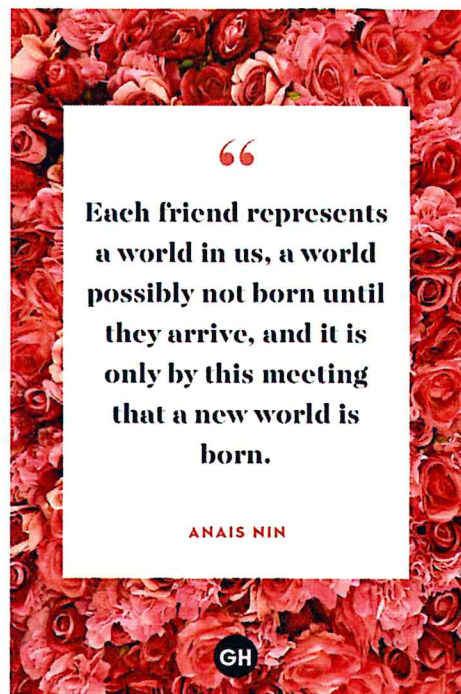


Spark: for 9th-12th graders and meets 5:00-7:00 pm. Much like fuel, we explore the ways we can apply biblical teachings to our daily lives through age appropriate discussion and study.



Richard Simpson is our Youth Ministry Coordinator, and if you have any questions about our youth programs, please email him at:

ucbyouthandchildren@gmail.com



Happy Valentine's Day

February 22nd
7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday
Service



Crabby Road

2-15-12



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We extend our deep sympathy to Bob Goelitz whose mother, Catherine N. Goelitz, passed away. Please keep Bob and Ruth Ann and their family in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

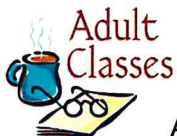
Just a note to thank each and every one of you for the prayers and notes to get me through the sorrow I had. Blessings to all of you!

Love, Jerre [Woodworth]



Adult Sunday CE & Time Change

Beginning in February, we will meet from 9:15 to 10 am. We will continue viewing sermons and lectures from Chautauqua Institution



Adult
Classes

with Rev. Yvette Flunder, Sister Jean Chittister and others.

After these lectures/sermons, we will begin a new series from *Living the Questions*, "Uppity Women of the Bible," starting with Ruth. Join us on Sundays at 9 am in the Woodcock Room. If anyone would like to have this study at another time, please contact Norma Freeberg (815-234-8511).

Join the men for breakfast at 8 am at the Swedish Pancake House Restaurant on February 4th and 18th for delicious food and good conversation.



- Denny Arjes
- Hannah Beintum
- Mark Belito
- Keith Benson
- Cheryl Bonte
- Steve Bonte
- Jennifer Brandt
- Norma Browning
- Susan Caruso
- Lisa Stevens Colbert
- Ginger Compton,
- Jill Faber
- Joann Farris
- Joe Farris
- Cindi Frye
- Jan Frye
- Ron Glisan
- Ali Groen
- Dave Groharing
- Betty Grubb
- Gary Hahne
- Nancy Hamer
- Jennifer, Norma's niece
- Jim Hilliger
- Adrian Johnson
- Pat Ingram
- Keith Irwin
- Wayne Jaquet
- Kathy Johnson
- Janet Logan
- Sue Lydic
- Tony Maanavi
- Bill Michaux
- Betty Morris
- Meghan Newbold
- Pat Nicoloff



- Clyde Patterson
- Paul
- Allan Petersen
- Judy Picha
- Edie Pierce
- Ellen Rippon
- Hal & Dixie Rowland
- Wood & Jeanne Rudolph
- Anna Saltzgive
- Paul Saltzgive
- Mary Sanders
- Diana Snodgrass
- Tori Spanbauer
- Linda Stein
- Barney & Sharon Sterbez
- Holly Stukenberg
- Stan Sutton
- Linda Tarpley
- Shelley Trussoni
- Karis Turner
- Josh VanBriesen
- Toby Way
- Diane Williamson
- Tim Wittmer
- Jerre Woodworth

Our Homebound, our first responders and health care workers, those experiencing hard economic times and those around the world in need of special prayers.



Jerrick & Tatiana Leon Orsted, stationed in Italy

Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date. Let us know if a person needs to be added (with their permission) or when prayers have been answered or the need has passed and so we can take their name off the list. Thank you!



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!

February 2023

	<u>2/05</u>	<u>2/12</u>	<u>2/19</u>	<u>2/26</u>
Acolyte	K. Gyorkos	M. Gyorkos	C. King	C. Beitel
Scripture Rdr.	D. Eisfeller	M. Bohrer	Schertz	J. Eisfeller
AV System	Gyorkos	Jenkins	Bonte	Gyorkos
Guest Center	M. Gyorkos	T. Jenkins	K. Gyorkos	M. Gyorkos
Nursery	Ingram	Wilson	King	Schertz
Nursing Home	Schertz	M. Bohrer	T. Bohrer	M. Gyorkos

Offering Counters for February: Curt Freeberg & Karyn Wilson
Communion Preparer for February: Karyn Wilson

**People Helping People Collection Items:
Peanut Butter, Jelly and Cereal**

March 2023

	<u>3/05</u>	<u>3/12</u>	<u>03/19</u>	<u>03/26</u>
Acolyte	T. Jenkins	Benson	Smith	Johnson
Scripture Rdr.	Wilson	Tarpley	King	Sutton
AV System	Jenkins	Gyorkos	Bonte	Gyorkos
Guest Center	Capes	D. Jenkins	Townsend	King
Nursery	Ingram	King	Schertz	Tarpley
Nursing Home	Schertz	Townsend	M. Bohrer	Spellious

Offering Counters for March: TBD
Communion Preparer for March: TBD
People Helping People Collection Items: Canned Fruit & Toilet Paper

Streaming services are available on our church's Facbook page under the video link or at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSyD13wl2YPZTA8_04V03ng:t



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.



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

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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

309-230-4951

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:

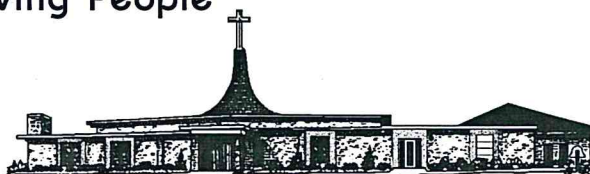
Jennie Saltzgeber

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Our Mission Statement:

**Loving God and
Serving People**





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