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The Happenings



2018

SOME
Super Heroes
Don't have
CAPES...
They are
called DAD

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I know that we celebrated Pentecost last month (May 20th to be exact). But as I was cleaning some things up in my files, I ran across a UCC “Daily Devotional” that I printed off and kept because it spoke to me. In the light of some recent discussions in our Tuesday and Wednesday Bible study, it spoke to me again, but in a little different way than it had a year ago.

The devotional, written by Talitha Arnold, was asking what it must have been like for the disciples in those days between Jesus leaving them, and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

What do you do two months after the Resurrection, when the Second Coming has yet to come? How do you keep the faith, forty-nine days since you last saw the Risen Christ?

Such questions surely bedeviled Jesus' followers in the weeks following the first Easter. Their initial enthusiasm must have begun to fade by then. For all the talk of new life and resurrection, Rome was still Rome. The Empire still had the power of life and death, or at least death, over the first Christians. By Day 49, Thomas probably wasn't the only one with doubts.

We who know the story know that the very next day—Pentecost—God's Spirit rained down on all of them, filled each one with power, renewed their vision, and restored their dreams.

We know that, but they didn't. The first Christians had to trust God with no clue as to what God had in store for them. How did they do it?

Perhaps they kept sharing the handful of encounters with the Risen Christ some had in the beginning. Perhaps they also kept sharing His teachings —like the sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes' promise that God would be with them both in glory and in the hard, dry times—when they mourned or thirsted or tried to work for peace. Perhaps even before the Spirit came, they remembered they really were blessed.

We’ve been discussing Paul’s letters in our weekly Bible Studies. And one of the things that is clear in Paul’s letters, is that they were expecting Christ to return to earth and establish God’s Kingdom soon, very soon. That was what all the early followers of Jesus had believed from the beginning.

Yet, time marched on. And Jesus didn’t show up. But on Pentecost he did send the Holy Spirit to empower, guide and encourage his followers. But the years marched on. And still no Jesus. No Kingdom of God on earth. No reign of love.

Still, the disciples kept at it. Sharing their experiences of the Risen Christ. Sharing His teachings. Holding onto His promises that God would be with them in the good times, and also in the hard and dry times. Remembering that they really were blessed.

And, so it has gone, for 2000 years. Followers of Jesus keep at it. They keep being the church, the “Body of Christ” in the world. They keep sharing their experiences of the Risen Christ in their lives. They keep sharing his teachings. They hold onto His promises that God will be with them in good times and bad. Remembering, that even in the hard, dry times, they are blessed.

As we enter the summer season of the church, I know some folks tend to take Sunday's off from coming to worship - and I get it – I need an occasional Sunday off too (Thank you for my vacation time!).

But if you do feel inclined to take a bunch of Sundays off, or the whole summer off, don't forget that you are a vital part of the Body, this church. That we still need to hear your stories about your experiences of the Risen Christ. You still need to share his teachings. Because what you do helps others here hold onto His promises that God is with them in good times and bad (the Christ in you). They need your presence (and you need theirs) to help remember we are all really blessed.

So do take a few Sundays off to travel, to visit family, to enjoy an early morning walk in God's creation. We will miss you.

But don't get lost. Because we won't be the same without you!

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. – I Corinthians 12:14-17, 20, 27

ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Last month we confirmed 5 of our Junior High students into membership in the church. They went on a two year faith journey preparing them to "confirm" that what their parents had done years before - promised to teach them and raise them in the Christian faith, they now wanted to make a part of their lives. They were ready to promise to keep walking with Christ and growing their faith.

Confirmation is not a graduation from learning and growing spiritually. It's more like graduating from Kindergarten. You got the basics, but you need to keep learning and growing if you want to be equipped to live a truly Christian life in this often un-Christian world.

We had a rather difficult time finding mentors for our confirmation students this past year, and it occurred to me that some of the folks we asked might have felt like they weren't qualified to mentor a young person in the faith, to walk with them on their journey of faith.

So Pastor Michael Obenauer and I are planning to take this next program year, when we will NOT have any students for a confirmation class, to equip some adults for the ministry of mentoring others on the journey of faith. The plan is to have one class each month for 9 months. If you can read, if you believe in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and if you are afraid to talk about your faith (or not), you are qualified to join this group!

If this sounds interesting to you, if you think you'd at least like to talk about it, get in touch with Pastor Mark or Pastor Michael. Or sign up on the sign-up board in the Narthex. If you don't, we may still tap you on the shoulder and ask you (so don't you want to ask us first?).

In faith,

Pastor Mark



COME EXPLORE THE LABYRINTH

You are invited to explore Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ's Labyrinth through an easy, relaxed group experience with others.

You can choose from the following dates and times:

Session One - Monday, June 18, 2018 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am or 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Session Two- Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am or 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Session Three – Tuesday, June 26, 2018 – 10:00 am – 11:30 am or 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

The morning and evening sessions will cover the same information and plan for each session. Each session will be different from the other two.

Come to these experiences with a curious mind and a seeking soul. You don't need any prior knowledge of the Labyrinth. We will consider the history and practice of the Labyrinth in three easy sessions. There will be plenty of time to answer your questions and to walk the Labyrinth together.

Michael Obenauer will lead the experience. He has an abiding interest in the spiritual practices associated with the Labyrinth and has led other group explorations in other ministry settings. Michael looks forward to exploring with you. You can reach him at michael.obenauer@gmail.com or speak with him after worship on Sundays.

MISSIONS MINISTRY JUNE 2018

DESIGNATED MONIES FROM THE MISSIONS MINISTRY BUDGET DISBURSED TO THE FOLLOWING:

IN MAY - SPECIAL OLYMPICS – KENDALL COUNTY \$200.00

ZERO – PROSTATE CANCER RUN/WALK \$300.00

IN JUNE - OPEN DOOR – SANDWICH, IL \$350.00

Our 5 for 5 offering "Strengthen the Church" netted \$818.00! Missions sends a "Big Thank You" to all who contributed!

We sure exceeded last years offering of \$521.00

Fall Soup Sundays will be October 21st and November 18th, 2018.

The C.R.O.P (Community Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk for Kendall County is scheduled for next Spring 2019.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

God has made each of us a Steward and has given us abilities and talents that are unique. We should use these abilities and talents to serve God in how we respect and care for ourselves, each other and our world. How we receive, share and reflect the Gospel in our day-to-day lives.

Luke 12:48 Everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.
Each of us should try to live everyday as God's Stewards



Stephen Ministers strive to *"Bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ"*
Galatians 6:2.



STEPHEN
MINISTRY „

If you or someone you know is burdened or hurting, a trained Stephen Minister can listen, encourage and care in a **confidential** one-to-one manner.

Contact Pastor Mark or Lou Ann Hoffman



Our Mission is to enable refugees and other displaced people to establish new lives and regain hope, so that they become productive, contributing members of the community.

Please join us at our next meeting!

June 10th after service

Building Manager
Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday 8:30 – 2:00 pm
Wednesday 8:30 – 3:30 pm

Mary Ellen Anderson
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bldmgr@yorkvilleucc.org

The Building and Grounds men have been very busy this past month. They helped with set up and take down on various church events. They have been working on lawn and garden clean up. They have been power washing and staining the fencing that conceals the air-conditioner units on both the north side and the west side of the building.

A shelf has been built from lumber we had in the garage, by Andy. It has been placed outside the south door, so you can sit things down while you find your key.

Fred Anderson planted more perennial flowers in the front flower beds. Bill Scott has been edging, spraying and getting areas ready for mulch.

JOY Circle gave the Building and Grounds committee \$1,000 for two new windows which will be installed in the preschool room. Parts from windows that were replaced a few years ago have been used to help extend the life of some of our other windows. The two windows in the preschool room were a smaller size and so they are being replaced with two fixed windows.



We also needed to replace our vacuum cleaner. JOY Circle donated money to purchase a commercial machine and Fred Gaebler gave a great source to purchase the machine. Our church has carpet everywhere except the bathrooms and kitchen. Laurie Strong continues to do an outstanding job keeping us looking great. We plan to have our 29-year-old carpet cleaned later this summer.

June will bring additional work for this active committee. If you are available to help with upcoming projects, please let Andy Hamblin know you are interested in helping.

Building and Grounds Team: Andy Hamblin, Tony Houle, Bill Scott, Jim Davis, Norm Kuhman, Jon Runkle, Bob Thurlby and Lee Kinkade.

ADMIN'S CORNER

As I begin my 5th week as the new Administrative Assistant here at YCUCC, I am thrilled to be here & see all the wonderful people this church has brought together. I look forward to coming in to work, which says a lot in the times we live in now! I have had the chance to meet and/or work with many of the great volunteers and congregation members & am looking forward to meeting many more!

As part of my role, I am to centralize the Purchase Order process, as strongly recommended by our Finance Manager. The new process follows:

1. Continue ordering as you always have through our preferred vendors— obtaining all necessary approvals for your purchase.
2. When your purchased item(s) arrive or is picked up, initial & date the packing slip or receipt and submit to the office Administrative Assistant and I will take it from there!

Upon receipt of the credit card statement or invoice, I will match the packing slip or receipt to the appropriate bill/invoice and issue a purchase order number, and submit for payment. If you have any questions, please contact me! Liz—Admin Asst

LOTS OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES PLANNED

By Kathy Farren, SLT Chair

It's going to be a very busy summer at Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ.

Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity visit-

On Sunday, June 3, representatives from Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity will be here for our worship service and make a presentation in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. Grab a cup of coffee and a bite to eat while you learn more about this organization and how individuals and churches can help them with their mission.

The visitors will include some who hope to receive a home in the future. Many other area churches participate in Habitat for Humanity projects- including a home being built in Montgomery this summer.

Joliet Slammers baseball game June 6-

There is still time to get tickets for the YCUCC trip to the Joliet Slammers baseball game on Wednesday, June 6.

Tickets cost just \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth under age 18. Since we pay a discounted rate for purchasing a group of tickets, any funds raised over our cost per ticket will go toward Vacation Bible School this summer.

We had a great time when we visited the Slammers park last year. They even invited our group to lead the singing of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame" for the seventh inning stretch. See me to get tickets. It's a great opportunity to spend a pleasant night out in the company of fellow church members at a low cost.

Fourth of July in Yorkville-

A parade and festivities in the Town Square Park are long standing traditions in Yorkville. Last year our church had a float in the parade and gave away popcorn- and information about YCUCC- in the park. We're planning to do both again this year- and invite you to take part. Help is needed to build the float, walk with it in the parade to hand out candy, and to work at our booth in the park after the parade. Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex.

Vacation Bible School-

A few days after the Fourth, our annual Vacation Bible School starts. It will be held from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. each evening from Sunday, July 8 to Thursday, July 12. Registration for kids costs just \$15 which includes dinner each evening. The theme this year is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." Help is needed to teach the lessons and also to prepare and serve the dinners. Sign up sheets for these roles are also in the Narthex. This is a great opportunity to see how enthusiastic our kids are about our church - and to help them on their faith journey while having fun.

Church picnic-

And after all of this work, we deserve a day just for fun! It's coming at the annual church picnic after worship on Sunday, Aug. 5. More details in next month's newsletter.



SUMMER KIDS CHURCH BEGINS

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

Summer vacation is right around the corner! Kids are counting the days until school is out, and we are counting the days until Kids Church begins! Our Christian Education team feels that it is very important to continue our kids' ministry throughout the year. We understand and realize that families are busy, however, we never want to miss a chance to minister to our littlest church people. Our regular Sunday School year ended on Mother's Day, followed by Music Sunday and Memorial Weekend. We appreciate our hard-working Sunday School teachers and understand that they need a break on occasion, so on both of those special days we have no Sunday School class but provide some toddler and nursery coverage.

We are excited about our Summer Kids Church theme. Just as many families will take some vacation adventures over the summer, our Kids Church students will take a 'Road Trip' during kids church each week. The curriculum will allow students to learn some of the special ways that God cares for us, while sharing some of the fun experiences of a typical road trip. Kids will learn scripture and Godly lessons through familiar summer memories of family adventures. Lots of surprises and giggles are in store so make sure your children join us for Kids Church, "Summer Road Trip!"

June Birthdays

Ed Niesen	03	Brendon Reifsteck	18
Ben Moe	03	Megghun Redmon	20
Patrick Fahey	03	Amanda Matlock	21
Tyler Drew	04	Coral Clevenger	22
Rebecca Morello	05	Justine Jahp	22
Lauren Betzviser	05	Rick Matuna	22
Lee Kinkade	06	Lisa Drew	22
Zachary Gette	06	Lee Mayers	22
Matthew Olvera	06	Nancy Quantock	23
Douglas Clevenger	07	Alison Strandell	24
Paige Sartori	07	Richard Skogsberg	26
Kylie Bohman	10	Harv Knell	27
Jan DeFelice	11	Alexia Prochaska	27
Mary Ann Doetschman	13	Pat Dietz	28
Ashley Grube	13	Deanna Bazan	28
June Davis	14	Debbie Weaver	28
Shawn Corwin	14	Makayla Duran	28
Neil Ekwinski	18		

June Anniversaries

6/07	Ed & Katie Niesen	49 years
6/07	Doug & Jo Pierce	43 years
6/10	Gere' & Cissy Ryerson	17 years
6/12	Brent & Cathy Ekwinski	42 years
6/15	Fred & Gail Gaebler	48 years
6/20	Robbie & Alison Strandell	3 years
6/28	Rick & Carol Seibel Falato	21 years

Church Guardians

06/03	Andy Hamlin	06/17	Brian Bazan
06/10	Jeff Kline	06/24	Fred Dickson

Alter Guild

June, 2018	Jill Mickelson & Ellie Gentile
July, 2018	Joe & Tracy Duran



"Liturgy after the Liturgy"
Taking our faith outside the church walls

Second Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

1 Sam 3:1-10 (11-20)+Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Or Deut 5:12-15+Psalm 81:1-10

2 Cor 4:5-12 Mk 2:23-3:6

Stretch Out Your Hand

Third Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

1 Sam 8:4-11, (12-15) 16-20+Psalm 138

Or Gen 3:8-15+Psalm 130

2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Mk 3:20-35

The Will of God

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

1 Sam 15:34-16:13+Psalm 20

Or Ezek 17:22-24+Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-17 or 2 Cor 5:6-17

Mk 4:26-34

Flourishing—Father's Day

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

1 Sam 17(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49+Ps 9:9-20

Or Job 38:1-11+ Ps 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Cor 6:1-13 MK4:35-41

In the Boat Together

Date	Greeters & Jr. Greeters	Liturgists
06/03	Gere' Ryerson & Pat Stewart	Lou Ann Hoffman
06/10	Matt Skinner & Goldie Behrens	Lou Ann Hoffman
06/17	Keith & Terri Frisk	LeAnn Skogsberg
06/24	Nancy Modery & Jo Ann Vitek	LeAnn Skogsberg



Those Grieving :

Al Behrens Family
Kristine Arch & Family

Jeff & Julie Kline
The Young Family

The Vaclavik Family
John Behrens Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Norm Kuhman
Sandy Lindblom

Ed Neisen
Mary Ratos

Cheryl Roberts
Sandy Veselka

Health Concerns:

Don Ament
Bill Andersen
Michelle Atwood
Lynn Belcher
Joe Duran
Bob Freeman

Dale Keith
Jen Lies
Mazie Marshall
Joanne O'Brien
Doug Pierce

Dale Perkins
Ethel Perkins
John Schneider
Jim Stott
Sandy Young

General Concerns:

Fred Anderson
Tina Andersen
Bill Behrens

Carslen Family
Rick Falato
Esther Fraser
Mary Freeman

Christine Keith
Michelle Terri
Marie Wayne

Homebound/Assisted Living:

Bob (Doc) Coleman
Cindy Coleman
Jim Follmer

Andrea Prochaska
Dorothy Sanderson



Capt. Alex Houle - son of Tony & Laurie Houle
Marine Cpl. Christopher Johnson - son of Chris & Eva Schoenfelder
Zachary Overmyer
Staff Sgt. Ryan Strong, son of Tim & Laurie Strong

Meet the 2018 Yorkville High School Graduates

On May 13, 2018, Yorkville Congregational Church recognized two of its members who recently graduated from Yorkville High School – Nick Campos and Luke Schoenfielder. We thought we'd share a few things about these fine, outstanding young men you as a church have helped shape.

Nick Campos –

Nick is the son of Pam and Tony Campos and brother to Robin. He was christened at St. Matthew UCC in Downers Grove and confirmed here at YCUCC. Throughout his time in high school, Nick was very active in the school community –

- 4 years as a member of the Marching Foxes and Pep Band Drumline
- (1 yr. as section leader)
- 4 years in Band (1 yr. Concert Band and 3 yrs. Wind Ensemble)
- 4 years in Choir (1 yr. Freshmen Men's Choir, 3 yrs. In Madrigals)
- 1 year on the Bowling Team
- 4 years in T.A.L.K. – Teens Activating the Language of Kindness
- (3 yrs as participant and 1 as a mentor)
- 4 years in TRY club – Teens Reaching Youth
- Participated in the Musical Connections program (music program for disabled students)
- Member of the National Honor Society and Tri-M National Music Honor Society
- Received National Honor Society Service Medal for completing over 100 hours of volunteer work



This fall, Nick will attend the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL to study Civil Engineering.

Luke Schoenfielder-

Luke is the son of Eva and Kris Schoenfielder and brother to Christopher. Luke was christened at Helmar Lutheran Church and confirmed at YCUCC. Luke has also had a very active life so far –



- 4 years on the YHS football team (Long Snapper, Defensive Tackle and Offensive Line)
- 4 years on the Speech Team
- 4 years on Student Council
- 5 years in Christian Youth Theatre (performed in 7 plays) also in YHS shows
- 4 years - Broadcasted and announced football, basketball, soccer, softball and baseball games
- 9 years as Pilgrim Park camper
- 2 years as a Special Needs Counselor
- One Bridger, SD trip with YCUCC
- Worked in the YCUCC nursery

This fall, Luke will be attending Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO to study Communications/Broadcasting with a minor in Physical Training.



Peg Trumble, R&B Sale Chairperson

**YCUCC'S 2018 SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE
WAS A HUGE SUCCESS (\$6,513.90) AND RECORD BREAKER!**

A big thank you is extended to YCUCC membership who helped and donated to a hugely successful Rummage & Bake Sale on Friday, April 27th and Saturday, April 28th. Chairwoman Goldie Behrens, and all J.O.Y. Circle members, are extremely proud of the collaborative efforts of our church family.

Many volunteers - representing all age groups - came together to form a Set-Up Crew for the Rummage & Bake Sale on Sunday, April 22nd. The Tear-Down Crew on Saturday, April 28th was a whirlwind of constant motion as people arrived at noon to pack up all left over items for the 1:00 p.m. Wayside Cross pickup and returned all furniture to its correct position in preparation for the Sunday morning worship service. Thank you, everyone, for volunteering your valuable time and energy!!

Under the guidance of Sort & Price Chair, Mary McCracken, the J.O.Y. Circle and other volunteers worked endless hours from Monday thru Thursday arranging, sorting and pricing items in preparation for the sale. Andy Hamblin and his crew of 'Merry Men' (Tony, Jim, Lee, Bill, Pat) were available to pick up donations, plus lift and move larger, heavier items to accommodate the arrival of more donations from both church families and community members. Thanks, Andy, for being our "He-Man" during the sale! Many thanks are also offered to YHS student Marisa Raduenzel who volunteered 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday during her day off from school and worked again all day Saturday with friend Olivia Bell.

Several YCUCC members donated their time and energy baking a variety of desserts for the Bake Sale and brought them Thursday evening for Bake Sale Chair Mary Ellen Anderson and her creative crew to arrange donated items into enticing, decorative packaging. The Bake Sale alone generated \$425.45!

Collectibles/Jewelry also recognized a profitable sale of close to \$1,200.00, thanks to C/J Chair Regina Moe and her dedicated crew.

Without proper advertising, the sale would not be successful, so kudos to Lou Ann Hoffman (Advertising/Marketing/Publicity Chair). June Davis (temporary Admin Asst) also helped with advertising and copying sale info. 'Day of Sale' Work Crew Chair Pam Hamblin made sure all aspects of the sale were in place and ready to go for Friday's opening!! Food & Beverage Chair trio Kathy Farren, Diane Dillow and Sue Kimes organized snacks/beverages/meals for volunteer workers throughout the week! Thank you.

The J.O.Y Circle membership selected to have proceeds from the 2018 YCUCC Spring Rummage & Bake Sale benefit YCUCC's facilities/programs/ministries, Kendall County Community Food Pantry, Chapel on the Green, Mutual Ground, Association for Individual Development (AID), Open Door, Wayside Cross, Feed My Starving Children, and Suicide Prevention Services.

Thank you - one and all - for your contributions toward the success of YCUCC's 2018 Spring R&B Sale!

2018 FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE
~ SEPTEMBER 21ST & 22ND ~

A WORD OF THANKS

"The entire Behrens family would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, love and support you have shown us since Al's passing. The generosity to the memorial fund is over whelming. The fund will go toward a start up of a 2 and 3 year old Sunday school class room, music for our wonderful choir and bibles for Sunday school. We are blessed."

Goldie, Carla, Dave, Julie and Families

Thank you, All

"Norm and I want to thank our church family for all your prayers and good wishes. It's an ongoing process but inch by inch, little by little, he is getting stronger and healthier. The recent 9 day stay for a serious infection was certainly a set-back but he's back on track and hoping to be able to get back to his Sunday School kids soon. He's looking forward to being a part of the Vacation Bible School even if it means he'll be taking on a less strenuous role. He's been keeping in touch with the Building & Grounds folks and hopes to be working alongside them soon, too. All in all steady goes the race to get back to some sort of normal. In the meantime, your prayers, thoughts, cards and visits have meant the world to him and me. Our congregation truly KNOWS the real meaning of Christianity and we are proud and grateful to be part of that family."

Ellie

BEHIND THE SCENES

By PAM HAMBLIN

Ever wonder how some of the tasks concerning the operation of Yorkville Congregational Church get done? How about that there is a green envelope in the pew for that "Special Offering"? How about an announcement card or that more important request for a prayer that the entire congregation needs to know about. All this enables Pastor Mark to be able to conduct a more meaningful worship experience. These tasks and several others are really done in a behind the scenes kind of way by members of our Altar Guild. If you can give a few hours each week for one month during the year your help would certainly be appreciated. No particular skills needed, free training and a lot of satisfaction can be yours in this behind the scenes with this volunteer position. Contact Pam Hamblin at 847-624-7727 or any SLT member.

Hey!! Pssst.... Christian Ed needs your help!!

CE is looking for some of our fabulous volunteers!! We need some creative and willing people to help us **build a float** for the 4th of July parade!! Building begins in June, so sign up soon (see the bulletin board in the Narthex).

Then we need people to **walk with the float and help pass out candy**. Again, sign up is in the Narthex. Or you can **bake** some goodies for the program. Or maybe help with **outreach** and advertising! There are so many ways to get involved!

We also need volunteers for VBS. July 8th through the 12th, 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. volunteers are needed for a variety of ways...requirements? Be willing! Please call Barb at the church or email her at ced@yorkvilleucc.org.

This is a great ministry for our kids and a phenomenal outreach tool. Please join us for important summer ministry!

Opening Soon



Shipwrecked Café - For One Week Only July 8th – July 12th Hours 4:00 pm - closing

The café needs helpers to cook and serve the meals to our crew and mates.

We also need bake goods donated. If baking is not your “thing” we do have tags for donated items.

We need [Church Family](#) support. See what you can do!
Look for the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. AHRRRRR!

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CAN YOU SPARE A SPONGE AND SOME CLOTHESPINS?

Imagine your home full of water and mud after a flood, hurricane or tornado. Imagine everything in it is wet and dirty. Then imagine facing that overwhelming clean up without the necessary supplies. Thanks to Church World Service, thousands of hygiene kits full of cleaning supplies will be ready when disaster hits this year. And you can help fill them.

Our church is working with the Disaster Ministries of the Fox Valley Association and Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ to fill 100 “Disaster Buckets.” The Shepherds Leadership Team of YCUCC volunteered our church to collect 75 five-inch by eight-inch sponges and 150 packages of 50 clothespins. Please help by purchasing a few of these items over the next few weeks. A box is set up in the church office to collect them between now and mid-July.

If you would rather not shop, we will also accept cash donations and do the purchasing for you.

Other churches in the Fox Valley Association will be collecting items such as laundry detergent, scrub brushes, dust masks and work gloves. Working together, our association will be able to provide real necessities to 100 families when disaster strikes again- as it very likely will.

Church World Service shipped 127,256 hygiene kits to Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and Cuba after hurricanes struck those communities last fall. Let’s help them re-stock before future disasters hit!



WHO'S UP FOR SOME FUN!! Join a Mixed Adult Bowling League

Where: Parkside Lanes, 34 W 185 Montgomery Road, Aurora, IL

When: ***Every other Sunday***
beginning Sunday, September 9th @ 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$13 per person each week of bowling

- **This is a league for fun and fellowship.**
- 4 person mixed teams (can be 2 and 2 or 3 and 1).
- Non-competitive (okay, just a little fun competition).
- It is a non-sanctioned league. No prize money. Bragging rights only.
- We'll finish off the season with a pizza party at the end of April.
- We will be bowling with St. John UCC, a small congregation from Naperville and some of their friends and family.
- The past season had bowlers ranging in age from 20's - 70's.
- Averages ranging from the 90's to 190. Scores are handicapped.

Don't want to miss that all important football or baseball game? No problem. Games are shown on the monitors between the sets of lanes.

Sign up on the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex. Don't have a full team? That's okay. Sign up anyway. We'll try to match you up with a team or maybe someone will decide to join you!

For more information, contact Pam Campos at (630)235-8139.



World Refugee Sunday

June 24th, 2018

Come for service and a special coffee fellowship. The Love Your Neighbor ministry is hosting a special coffee fellowship. There will be foods representing different countries/regions.

About World Refugee Sunday (Information from Exodus World Service)

What? World Refugee Sunday is an opportunity for churches, small groups and others to demonstrate their common concern for the welfare and protection of the world's forcibly displaced people and acknowledge their journeys of courage, hope and resilience by engaging in activities to increase awareness and support of refugees.

When? Shortly after the United Nations declared June 20 World Refugee Day, World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) declared the two Sundays falling on either side of June 20 to be World Refugee Sunday.

In 2018, World Refugee Sunday is **June 17 and June 24.**

There is always information about refugees on our table in the Narthex.

YCC SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING!!

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

During this chilly and rainy spring, we are thinking sunshine, summer break and Vacation Bible School! This year YCUCC students will venture onto a seemingly deserted island adventure through our VBS theme, "Shipwrecked!". During the island escapade kids will survive and thrive as they are anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through the storms of life! Throughout the week children from each crew will rotate to various tropical stations of fun as they learn that Jesus rescues! VBS is sure to be a highlight of our kids' summer break. Registration is now open! Registration forms are available at the church office or on line at our website, www.yorkvilleucc.org. Register soon for a fun surprise!!

VBS will be held Sunday, July 8th through Thursday, July 12th. The program begins at 5:15 p.m. and the sail away send off is 7:15 p.m. Dinner is provided, and the cost is \$15.00 per child. Contact Barb at ced@yorkvilleucc.org or Liz at the church office, 630/553-7308 for more information. Book your calendars and register, you won't want to miss this entertaining, fun and energy-filled VBS!!



Our Vision - YCUCC is an open and affirming congregation that seeks to meet each child of God—persons from the full diversity of creation including gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and intellectual ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure—where they are on life's journey as together we seek to transform all our lives through Christ's Gospel.

Our Mission - To nurture the divine spark within all people so that together we can advance God's peace and justice, serve others and care for creation with open minds, generous hearts and willing hands.



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