



The Happenings

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| <u>Minister</u> | Rev. Mark S. Gregory |
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| <u>Pianist</u> | Lori Runkle |
| <u>Childcare Attendants</u> | Rachel Hart Mariela Olvera Halle Jones Dana Malinowski |
| <u>Custodians</u> | Tim & Laurie Strong |
| <u>Sextons</u> | Steve Redmon Mike Obenauer |

Our Shepherds

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| <u>Chairperson</u> | Sandy deRidder |
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2018



August 5th



As part of my devotional reading this past week, I was reading the following story from Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 15:10-20)

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." (NRSV)

Now all the literalists out there are likely to tell us that Jesus' anatomy lesson is really only half right, because while we can say with a high degree of scientific certainty that things that go into the mouth do, in fact, enter the stomach and then (skipping a few steps) empty into the sewer, physiologically we cannot approach that same level of certainty about the link Jesus asserts between things that come out of the mouth and the organ known as the heart.

But as I read in one of the UCC devotionals recently, "It's a metaphor, Nicodemus!" Jesus is obviously using "heart" metaphorically, not literally. Obviously. A lot of gospel reading requires a contextual awareness of terms and how they functioned in first-century Jewish idiom – as Jesus Scholar John Dominic Crosson reminds us, "You need to get the 1st Century right, if you want to get the 21st Century right!" But in the case of this metaphor (or idiom), we're able to get it without any explanation or scholarly study. And that's because we talk about the "heart" in exactly the same way – we still speak of the "heart" as the seat of one's soul and the control center of one's will and desire.

"What comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and that is what defiles." When we examine our own words, the product of our mouths, it can be very sobering – and when I say "the product of our mouths", that would also include our tweets, and posts on Facebook, and what we forward through email. Anger, sarcasm, cynicism, self-pity, aggression (both active and passive), falsehoods and lies. Oh! The things and people my speech has defiled!

Of course, the opposite is also true: it is the heart that manufactures charity and compassion, encouragement and earnest inquiry, and those things too, come out of the same mouth (and the tweets and posts and forwards and ...). And those are the things that, instead of defiling, are what blesses.

I believe the point that Jesus is trying to make here (and might especially want to make in today's electronic culture), is that while eating healthy and well and grappling with those cravings for fatty and sugary foods is important to us physically, grappling seriously with what passes our lips on the way out is even more important to our spiritual health, the health of our souls.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Mark

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. – Philippians 4:8

Stewardship Thought

What Is Your Life Saying?

The Bible says not to worry about what we will eat or drink or how we will clothe ourselves (Mt.6:31). But this verse is not just about worry. It's about focus. You see, when we're focused on what we believe we don't have, we wrongly believe we have nothing to give. Our focus is on ourselves.

Matthew 6:33 goes on to say, "But seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be yours as well." God wants to bless us. God also wants to use us to bless others. When we focus on ourselves, we don't feel joy in giving, nor do we even feel inclined to give. When our focus is on God, we trust that God will meet our every need, which frees us up to give our time, abilities and money in service to others.

If you're finding yourself being stingy with what God has given you, ask yourself where your focus has been. When you're caught up in the things that matter most to God, such as loving others, showing mercy, praying for your enemies, and being a blessing to others, you don't even have to ask the question. Your life will say it all.

Words of Thanks



Big Thank You from Shipwrecked Café

We appreciate all the bake goods and items that were donated to make our café successful!

The most popular dinner for our Kids – it's a tie between - **Spaghetti Night** with French bread donated by Laurie Strong and sugar cookies for dessert – and **Pizza Night** with ice cream donated by Gayle Jacobs!

The most popular dinner for our Crew - Great American Bagel from Rhonda Ladson served with Goldie Behren's chicken salad.

P.S. We will NEVER serve peas again!

Missions Moment

YCUCS collected requested school supplies of Pencil Sharpeners and Loose Leaf Wide Ruled Paper for the Kendall County Community Food Pantry. Delivery was on July 30th.

Mark your calendars for Soup Sundays!

2018 – October 21st and December 16th
2019 – January 13th, February 17th and March 31st



I can't believe that it's July already. In fact, by the time this article is published, July will be nearly over. I've been reflecting on how fast the past two years have flown. It doesn't seem possible that my two years as vice chair of the Shepherd's Leadership Team is over and have now moved into the position of chairperson. I wonder how I am ever going to meet the benchmark Kathy Farren has set over the last two years as leader of our church. I want to extend my personal thanks and gratitude to Kathy for her tremendous leadership and involving me in many of the board's activities to help prepare me for my new role.

I want to assure everyone that I take this commitment very seriously and would ask that you include me in your prayers. I also want to extend my personal thank you to all the board members who have stepped into new positions, those who have agreed to continue with their current ministry and to those who previously served over the past two years.

It does take a village and I couldn't even begin to do this job without the support of all. I pledge to have open/transparent communications with all church members, staff, the many committees composed of dedicated volunteers and of course with Pastor Mark. I want to assure you that I am open to all comments, good and bad, as well as any new ideas. The next two years will be full of exciting new activities and there will be many opportunities for you as congregation members' to join in to work towards growing our church and helping to maintain a healthy financial position.

Thank you again for having faith in my ability to fulfill this role.

Sandy deRidder
Chairperson



Disaster Relief Donations

All of the sponges and clothespins you donated have been delivered to Rev. Roger Dart, Disaster Response Coordinator of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Thanks to some last minute cash donations, there aren't many big sponges or clothespins left in area stores! Yorkville Congregational Church gathered slightly more than we offered last spring. You contributed 101 packages of clothespins (that's 5050 clothespins!), 71 five-inch by eight-inch sponges and 18 packages of smaller sponges for the 100 disaster relief kits Fox Valley Association churches are filling for Church World Service. Other churches collected five gallon buckets, laundry detergent, household cleaners, work gloves and more. The next time disaster hits- hurricane, tornado or fire- your donations will be a big help to the victims.





Here's a story from "Megan", a real person who received care from a Stephen Minister during a difficult time. "Megan" is not a member of our congregation, nor is she receiving care from one of our Stephen Ministers. **All conversations and information shared are kept confidential.** "Megan" has given Stephen Ministries organization permission to share her experience.

Care Receivers Tell Their Stories: Told by Megan, a woman in her early 30's.

What led you to receive the care of a Stephen Minister?

Megan: I ended an eight-year relationship, moved to be near my family, but then they unexpectedly had to move, so I felt very alone. Then my grandfather died. I needed to talk to someone, but I didn't have close, comfortable friendships that I could depend on.

How did your relationship with your Stephen Minister start out?

Megan: I wasn't sure how I'd feel about sharing personal things with someone I didn't know very well. But my Stephen Minister's consistency, compassion and care for me really came through. I realized that my Stephen Minister was a safe person. I had been struggling with some wounds and didn't want to share with family and friends. After I told her some things, I was worried that she would judge me as an awful person. But she put her arm around me and said, "I'm sorry you had to go through that". To go from fear of judgment to a positive affirmation of care was so meaningful. I began to feel God's love through my Stephen Minister.

How would you describe what Stephen Ministers do?

Megan: Stephen Ministers do a lot of listening and ask questions that helped me through my thoughts and emotions. Having someone to talk to--week after week--to bounce ideas off of, helped bring clarity into my life and sort through what I was dealing with. The most important thing my Stephen Minister did was to provide spiritual care. God used my Stephen Minister to fill the spiritual gap in my life.

What would you say to someone who's considering receiving care from a Stephen Minister?

Megan: Asking for a Stephen Minister was the best thing I have done for myself. If someone offers a Stephen Minister to you, say "**YES**"! It really is life-changing.

If you or someone you know would like to find out how you could benefit from the continuing care of a Stephen Minister, talk with Stephen Leaders: Lou Ann Hoffman or Pastor Mark Gregory.

Building & Grounds

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

Mary Ellen Anderson
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The Building and Grounds Men and volunteers have worked very hard to improve the appearance of the garden area behind the Labyrinth. Several neighbors have thanked us for the improvements to the garden.

Two new fixed windows have been installed in the preschool room. Jim Davis, Tony Houle and Andy Hamblin were surprised on the poor condition and had to reconstruct the window seal and framing all around the window.

Norm Kuhman took the entrance door camera system home to figure out exactly how to install the system. It should be up and running soon. Andy also finished the dry wall repair by the north exit door hallway.

Our church calendar is available to view on our web page. Look under **events** and scroll down to the bottom of that page and you will find our calendar. I update the calendar weekly after our staff meetings on Thursdays. If you are planning a meeting or event you can first check the church calendar on our web page to see if your date is available. Then give me a call or send me an email and I will put your information on the church calendar.

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



Christian Education News

- During the month of August CE will sponsor ‘Summer Exodus’ in our children’s programming. August 5th & August 12th will provide a Music Camp experience during the church service; August 19th and 26th will provide an outdoor experience during the regular church service time.
- Don’t forget to join us for the Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 5th – children and family activities will be happening.
- CE Director Barb Thurlby will be on vacation and out of the office August 4th to August 6th. Please leave an email or voicemail with pertinent issues.
- Alpha Group begins Wednesday, August 22nd!! **NEW TIME- WEDNESDAYS 4:00 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.** Transportation is available; contact Barb at the church office.
- A new elementary children’s program will begin in the fall; stay tuned for more information on this exciting new venture!
- YCC will offer a toddlers Sunday School class (2 & 3-year-old) in the fall!
- Sunday School teachers are invited to a ‘Teacher’s Connection’; a time of connecting and training on **Thursday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** at the church.
- **Reminder:** There is no Kids Church on Sunday, September 2, 2018 due to the Labor Day weekend; and no Kids Church on Sunday, September 9, 2018 due to the fair weekend.
- Sunday School fall registration and Sunday School Open House is scheduled for Sunday, September 16th. **Parents, please arrive at 9:45 a.m.** to register students and visit classrooms.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! Looking for teachers and substitute teachers for our fall programming. If you can help, please contact Barb at ced@yorkvilleucc.org

Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate.”

Outreach & Welcoming

From the article "Let's Meet, Greet, Welcome and Love Everyone found at:

<https://www.ucg.org/united-news/lets-meet-greet-welcome-and-love-everyone>

- Every one of us in the Church of God can be a one-person welcoming committee at church services and activities—a goodwill ambassador for the Church and for Jesus Christ. Everyone enjoys and benefits from receiving friendly greetings, but it is especially important that some—like visitors, new people, shy people, depressed people, lonely people—receive lots of friendly greetings plus real love.
- If a person is new or is visiting, he needs extra attention to get over his nervousness and to feel welcome and at home. He must not feel like he is being treated as an “outsider” in a congregation full of cliques. In fact, it is vital that he soon feels needed.
- It often is difficult to pull ourselves away from our best friends to get around to others. It’s important to nurture our close relationships. But please take time to greet and get to know others, some of whom don’t yet have close friends in the congregation. In fact, you can say to your good friend, “Let’s go say hello to that person.” And then the two or three of you can go together to speak to the newer person. Remember what Jesus said, “And if you greet your brethren [“friends” in margin] only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?” ([Matthew 5:47](#)).

VBS IS HUGE HIT AT YCC!!

By Barb Thurlby, CE Director

This year's Vacation Bible School was a huge success! We had 37 children registered for our 'Shipwrecked' event and 6 of those children were new to our church. The week was full of excitement as the children experienced music, imagination exploration, bible discovery, game time, kid videos, and of course yummy food and snacks each night!

The ministry of VBS is a critical part of the Christian Education program at Yorkville Congregational Church. It is a special time in the summer that is unlike any other event we have throughout the year. It takes a good amount of work and many volunteers to pull off such a busy and full week, and it is all worth it when you see the joy and wonder of little ones in our church. VBS is a wonderful opportunity for outreach to our community and the perfect venue to minister the love of Christ!

The volunteers were simply outstanding as they hustled little ones through a hurried and tight schedule. The response of parents and children was very positive; it was very apparent that the week full of fun was a highlight of their summer.

Thank you to all the volunteers; thank you to parents that encouraged and brought their children to VBS and thank you to the church family that so generously supports this important special summer event.



Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Adult Spiritual Development

I am including this article in the August “Happenings” as a reminder to all those who may be interested in doing something to enhance or advance spiritually. You may have read this article back in June and thought, “That sounds like something I’d like to do, but then you never signed up. The sign-up sheet is still on the sign-up board in the church Narthex. May this inspire you to add your name!!

Back in May we confirmed 5 of our Junior High students into membership in the church. They went on a two year faith journey that prepared them to “confirm” what their parents had begun years before at their baptism. In the process of confirmation, they promised to continue to live as Christians, and to continue to learn and grow as disciples of Jesus.

That means 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 made a decision to use 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. Now that does not mean that if you sign-up, you HAVE to be a confirmation mentor. It does mean you will HAVE to open your heart and mind to God, and God’s purposes for you!

So, the plan is to have two classes each month for September, October and November, then resume with two classes in January, two in February, and a last class in March, so we are done by Ash Wednesday. If you can read, if you believe in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, you’re qualified for this group. If you are afraid to talk about your faith, or love to talk about it, 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 Mike. 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

The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Christ caring for people through people

Since 1975 nearly a half million Christian men and women from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers in their congregations. Most decide to become Stephen Ministers as a way to help hurting people in their congregation and Community - but very quickly discover that God gives them *amazing blessing*.

YCUCC is blessed to be a part of Stephen Ministries for several years. We have several trained Stephen Ministers who have been helping others in this congregation and in the community.

In recent months, some of our Stephen Ministers have moved, experienced health issues or have been called to serve YCUCC in other ways. To keep a vital Stephen Ministry program active, we need to train new persons to join this ministry. YCUCC has an opportunity to join with another congregation to partner in training. It is hoped that the 50 hours of training will begin in September. YOU can join the group to be trained to become a part of this caring ministry.

Speak with Pastor Mark or Lou Ann Hoffman for details.

Membership Secretary

Quarterly Report for Pastoral Care Ministry

Quarter: 2 Year 2018

Reports for dates: 04/01/18 through 06/30/18

| Worship Attendance | Adults | Children | Special Service | Weekly Total | Monthly Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 04/01/2018 | 208 | 30 | Easter Sunday | 238 | |
| 04/08/2018 | 183 | 22 | | 205 | |
| 04/15/2018 | 109 | 23 | | 132 | |
| 04/22/2018 | 112 | 29 | | 141 | |
| 04/29/2018 | 128 | 32 | | 160 | |
| Total for April | | | | | 876 |
| 05/06/2018 | 140 | 31 | | 171 | |
| 05/13/2018 | 122 | 25 | | 147 | |
| 05/20/2018 | 164 | 25 | | 189 | |
| 05/27/2018 | 85 | 14 | | 99 | |
| Total for May | | | | | 606 |
| 06/03/2018 | 96 | 5 | | 101 | |
| 06/10/2018 | 84 | 13 | | 97 | |
| 06/17/2018 | 99 | 25 | | 124 | |
| 06/24/2018 | 97 | 23 | | 120 | |
| Total for June | | | | | 442 |
| Quarterly Total | | | | | 1924 |

Additions (9)

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| 1. Confirmation | 5/6/18 – Jenna Lynn Anderson, Christopher James Andrus Aidan Patrick Donahue, Trevor Joseph List |
| | 5/27/18 – Madelyn Marie Gawne |
| 2. Confession of Faith | |
| 3. Letter of Transfer | 4/29/18 – Mary Dycus and Cyndi Knox |
| 4. Reaffirmation of Faith | 4/29/18 – Rhonda and Jerry Ladson |

Losses (2)

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| 1. Death | 4/17/18 – Alvin M. Behrens 5/28/18 – John E. Behrens |
| 2. Transfers | |
| 3. Other Removals | |

Baptisms (1)

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| 1. Child 0-12 | |
| 2. Adult 13 and over: | 5/6/18 – Jenna Lynn Anderson |

Weddings: (2)

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| 4/21/18 – Becky Jerabek and John Wright |
| 5/27/18 – Matthew A. Pansera and Katelyn Danielle Gette |

Funerals: (3)

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| 4/21/18 – Alvin M. Behrens |
| 5/21/18 – Jeremy Minard |
| 6/02/2018 – John E. Behrens |

Respectfully Submitted Goldie Behrens & Diane Dillow



**~~ The 2018 Fall Rummage & Bake Sale ~~
is just around the corner!**

**** Friday, Sept. 21st & Saturday, Sept. 22nd, 2018 ****



ITEMS 'NOT' ACCEPTED FOR DONATION:

**Electronics (TVs, computers, printers, typewriters, land/cell phones, fax equipment),
infant car and/or booster seats, any size mattress, cribs**

**DIG INTO OVERFLOWING CLOSETS & CABINETS, CLEAN OUT GARAGES & BASEMENTS, AND DONATE
LOST "TREASURES" YOU HAD NO IDEA YOU STILL POSSESS!!
THIS EVENT IS A *C-H-U-R-C-H* *W-I-D-E* RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE,
SO EVERYONE, PLEASE ...**

Let's raise the spring 2018 fundraising amount of \$6,513.90!

Baked items for last spring's 'Friday only' Bake Sale were depleted by 2:00 p.m.
\$\$ The more, the merrier! \$\$

Do I hear \$7,000.00?

'WE' CAN DO IT!!!!'

Message brought to you by
~~ Peg Trumble ~~
YCUCC's Rummage & Bake Sale Chairperson



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.

August Birthdays

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| Ethan Strong | 02 | Cayla Pottinger | 15 |
| Scott Hart | 03 | Lyman McKeever | 16 |
| Yohanna Enders | 04 | Kathy Farren | 17 |
| Goldie Behrens | 05 | Regina Moe | 17 |
| John Schulz | 06 | Alex Skinner | 18 |
| Chelsea Skinner | 06 | Morgan List | 18 |
| Lincoln Skinner | 06 | Earl Bushnell | 19 |
| Penelope Skinner | 06 | Sarah Mickelson | 19 |
| Jeff Farren | 07 | Melissa Matlock | 19 |
| Becky Wright | 07 | Don Ament | 21 |
| Scott Corwin | 07 | Aaron Shatters | 21 |
| Abby Rhodes | 07 | Brodie Phillipp | 24 |
| Jan Essex | 08 | Mary Lee Swickert | 26 |
| Brad Andrus | 09 | Rachel Hart | 27 |
| Benjamin Erickson | 10 | Carole Cook | 28 |
| Charlotte Shatters | 10 | Pam Campos | 28 |
| Lou Ann Hoffman | 12 | Diane Stablein | 28 |
| Bill Anderson | 12 | Luke Schoenfelder | 28 |
| Mary Ellen Bushnell | 13 | Jackie Hirn | 30 |
| Art Prochaska | 14 | Doug Matlock | 31 |
| Hannah Bazan | 14 | | |



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 2 Sam 11:26-12:13a + Psalm 51:1-12
 Or Ex 16:2-4, 9-15 + Psalm 78:23-29
 Eph 4:1-16 Jn 6:24-35
Bread of Life

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 + Psalm 130
 Or 1 Kings 19:4-8 + Psalm 34:1-8
 Eph 4:25-5:2 Jn 6:35,41-51
Shaping Community

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 + Psalm 111
 Or Prov 9:1-6 + Psalm 34:9-14
 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58
Wisdom Quest

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 + Ps 84
 Or Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18 + Ps 34:15-22
 Eph 6:10-20 Jn 6:56-69
At Home With God

August Anniversaries

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| 8/01 | Kevin & Lauren Vaclavik | 9 years |
| 8/08 | Jerry & Anne Engelhardt | 48 years |
| 8/08 | Andy & Pam Hamblin | 27 years |
| 8/08 | Tim & Monica Sartori | 21 years |
| 8/09 | Craig & Sarah Pottinger | 15 years |
| 8/10 | Jim & Pat Ruzicka | 55 years |
| 8/12 | Tony & Lori Houle | 40 years |
| 8/15 | Michael & Noelle Fahey | 9 years |
| 8/17 | Ben & Holly Erickson | 50 years |
| 8/26 | Harold & Mary McCracken | 61 years |
| 8/28 | Robert & Mary Freeman | 52 years |

Church Guardians

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| 08/05 | Jeff Farren | 08/19 | Jeff Kline |
| 08/12 | Andy Hamblin | 08/26 | Brian Bazan |

Alter Guild

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| August, 2018 | Jan Essex & Joann Morr |
| September, 2018 | Terri Frisk & Ellie Gentile |

| Date | Greeters & Jr. Greeters | Liturgists |
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| 08/05 | Lou Ann Hoffman & Ron Anderson | Coral Clevenger |
| 08/12 | Keith & Terri Frisk | Anne Engelhardt |
| 08/19 | Keith & Terri Frisk | Anne Engelhardt |
| 08/26 | Mary Dycus & Cindi Knox | Lea Ann Skogsberg |



Those Grieving :

Al Behren Family
Kristine Arch & Family
Jim Follmer Family

Ed Niesen Family
John Behren Family
Bev Ament Family

Ben Moe Family
The Lies Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Norm Kuhman
Cindy Fix

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
Marilyn Clack
Cliff Jahp

General Concerns:

Fred Anderson
Tina Andersen
Carslen Family

Rick Falato
Mary Freeman
Christine Keith

Michelle Terri
Marie Wayne
Kevin Ladson

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 Schoenfielder
Zachary Overmyer
Staff Sgt. Ryan Strong, son of Tim & Laurie Strong

August 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 10:00 Worship with Communion Receive New Members 10 am Special Music Camp for kids- Sondra Trumble 11:00 am Outdoor Annual Summer Picnic - Laurie Houle | 6 | 7 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision | 1 Noon Staff Meeting | 2 3:00 pm Pastor & SLT Chair 6:00 pm Prayer Group | 3 | 4 |
| 12 10:00 am Worship 10am Special Music Camp for kids Sondra Trumble 11:00 am Coffee Time—FH 11:10 am Worship & Serving— Lori Redmon | 13 | 14 10:00 am Pastoral Care Information meeting | 8 Noon Staff Meeting | 9 10:15 am JOY Circle Outing - Mary McCracken 6:00 pm Financial Committee 7:00 pm SLT | 10 | 11 |
| 19 10:00 am Worship with Rev Michael Obenauer 10 am Special Out Door Camp for Kids —Diane Dillow and Deanna Bazan 11:00 am Coffee Time—FH | 20 | 21 Noon JOY Circle | 15 Noon Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Pastoral Care meeting | 16 Pastor Mark on Vacation August 16th—25th | 17 | 18 |
| 26 10:00 am Worship 10 am Special Out Door Kids Camp - Diane Billow and Deanna Bazan 11:00 am Coffee Time—FH | 27 8:00—4:00 Life Line—FH & low ceiling | 28 Noon Preschool Screen- ing | 22 NEWLETTER CALENDAR SUBMISSION DEADLINE 4:00 pm Alpha Kick-Off | 23 10:00 am Building and Grounds Meeting 6:00 pm CE Teachers Connection—Barb | 24 | 25 |
| Year End Reports Available | Pastor Mark on Vacation until Saturday, August 25th | | | | | |
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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.

Save the Date! – September 23rd

Right after Worship in Fellowship Hall

Serving Chicago Style Hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade & ice cream

Opportunity to learn more about our ministries

And a chance to win a gift card!



Mark the date on your calendar and we will see you there!

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