



# The Happenings

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<u>Chairperson</u>	Sandy deRidder
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# SEPTEMBER

## 2018

Embrace this  
Season  
of Change



I want to thank everyone one more time for the special surprise on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>, when you wheeled in a cake to celebrate my 10-year anniversary here at Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ. I was not only touched by the fact that you all remembered the start of our ministry together, but also by your applause and show of appreciation. And my mom was here visiting from Florida, so she got in on the celebration too. I feel very blessed.

In the days since that celebration (and it was a REALLY fun celebration since it was also our annual church picnic), I have been thinking back over my ten years as your pastor, and all we have accomplished together.

We founded Kendall County PADS. Several people from our congregation, folks who felt the call to serve our county's homeless population, began by meeting with some folks from Grundy County PADS, and in 10 months, we had 6 other churches on board and there were 300 trained volunteers to feed and shelter the homeless.

We built and dedicated a beautiful prayer labyrinth in our back yard, which more folks are now using thanks to Pastor Michael's recent classes.

We wrote a new constitution and by-laws and reorganized the operating structure of our church. The new structure is ministry based, rather than committee based. It empowers people to do that which they feel God is calling them to do, even if it's not currently a ministry of this church. It reduced the number of people required to make decisions at the ministry level but maintained the congregational polity which we are so proud of. It made us a "Permission giving" church, rather than a "permission seeking" church. It took a dedicated group of people nearly 2 years to design and work everything out, and it has served us well as we continue to serve God and those around us.

We began doing mission trips to the Cheyenne River Reservation in SD, working closely with the people in the small community of Bridger. And while we did not return this past summer, I believe those trips helped teach us the value of reaching out with love to help those who live beyond the borders of Kendall County, because there is no boundary to God's love, or the needs of God's people.

We worked through the process of becoming an Open and Affirming Congregation. We had the hard but necessary conversations and the meaningful dialogue that made that process successful.

We added a projection screen to our worship space, so that we could make our worship time more attractive and more relevant to the younger generations who are more visual than many of us older folks.

We hired a part-time youth director, and then a full-time Christian Education and youth Director, because we could see that we needed to adjust our staffing for the changing times, and the changing needs of our church family.

We have continued to support and help the Kendall County Food Pantry, another organization that serves the needs of the people of our community, and which began with this congregation.

We have started a ministry that helps to serve the needs of refugees in the Western Suburbs.

We have had, the last two summers, two of the most successful Vacation Bible School programs in the whole time I have been here.

We have rose to the financial challenges of a new roof, new windows, new air-conditioners, new classrooms, and new programs.

And in the last couple of years, we have gotten more active in promoting our open and extravagant welcome for all God's children, young and old.

We have grown – and I am not referring to numbers of members. We have grown in love, in awareness, in compassion, and in generosity.

Please understand, I am not naming all these things to take credit or promote myself. I cannot take credit for any of these things, because I did not do them. WE did them together. We all, as One Body (of Christ) accomplished those things, and many others I did not name. Every member, through giving their time, talent and treasure contributed to all that we have accomplished over the ten years I have served as your pastor. To God be the glory!

But I wanted to name all those things, because I think it is important to look back at what we've done, because I believe it helps us see and remember all God has done to make those accomplishments possible. I think it also gives us some perspective about what we can accomplish in the future. God has blessed us with time, with resources, with sharp minds and loving hearts.

So, now that we've looked back a bit, let's change the focus and look forward. What is God calling us to do in the next 10 years? Who is God calling us to be – both as individuals, and as a body of Christ in Kendall County? Becoming the person God wants you to be doesn't just happen, and neither does becoming the church God is calling us to be. We must work at both those things. I need to be the best Christian I can be, the best pastor I can be, so I can do MY part to help this faith community be the best Body of Christ it can be – and the same is true of you.

So, as we look to the future, what do you hear God saying to you about what can you do to grow, and deepen your faith and your connection to God? We all need to be "well connected" to do the work of God every day.

Maybe it's to join one of the Bible Studies that will start up again after Labor Day. Or maybe join the Prayer Group that meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Or maybe it's to join the Adult Spiritual Growth class that's starting in September. Maybe it's to be more consistent with your own prayer and time of devotion.

Please know that if there is something I can do that will help you with your journey, that's why I am here, as your pastor. Come see me or call me. God needs our church to be the Best Body of Christ we can be. And your church needs you to be the best "body part" you can be.

Blessings and Peace,

*Pastor Mark*

*The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. – Paul's letter to the Ephesians 4:11-13*

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### **Missions Moment**

THE KCCFP/KENDALL COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY HAS REQUESTED MORE NEEDED ITEMS. LAST MONTH YCUCC DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES. NOW THEY ARE REQUESTING: **TOILET PAPER, DISH SOAP AND LAUNDRY SOAP.** WE WILL COLLECT DONATIONS JUST LIKE THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES. A LARGE BOX MARKED KCCFP IS IN THE OFFICE FOR THIS COLLECTION.

BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY OR ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK TO THE OFFICE. ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED THRU SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, WITH DELIVERY TO THE FOOD PANTRY ON MONDAY THE 17<sup>TH</sup>. THE MISSIONS MINISTRY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

AGAIN NO C.R.O.P (Community Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk for Kendall County this fall. Not until Spring 2019.



**Mark your calendars for Fall Soup Sundays!**

October 21<sup>st</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.







# Fall Bake Sale

We hope to have another successful Bake Sale on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The shoppers from the Rummage Sale are very good customers for our sale. WE are known in Yorkville to have a wonderful bake sale and they find it difficult not to pick up some goodies from our tables.

The sale cannot be successful without your generous donations of homemade treats. Please check out your cookbooks, look on Pinterest or bring a family favorite goodie and drop it off on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Proceeds from the Bake Sale will be used to purchase pumpkins for the Fall Festival which is open to the whole community and to the Santa Shop of Christmas Toys for the Food Pantry. Both community outreach programs will appreciate your support.



### Kindly Note

#### ***SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION AND OPEN HOUSE***

By Barb Thurlby, CE Director

We are excited to kick off our Sunday School Fall Session! Sunday School registration and Open House will be held on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>! **We are asking parents to bring students to register at 9:45 a.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup>; and then walk students to their classrooms.**

Our mission for the month of September will be a cereal collection for the Kendall County Food Pantry. Please help us out by bringing a box of cereal to our registration. Our students will enjoy a cereal snack while parents complete registration forms!

Many of the Sunday School rooms have experienced a face lift over the summer (thank you Building and Grounds) and we want to share the changes with our church family. Please join us for our Annual Sunday School Open House on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at **9:45 a.m.** We understand this is a bit early, however, the church will be setting up for the upcoming rummage sale after services. You will not want to miss the opportunity to peek at our Sunday School classrooms. It will be worth the visit!

### **CPR and Defibrillator Training**

**Date:** Thursday September 27th  
**Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 pm (starts on time)  
**Place:** Bristol Kendall Fire Station  
on the south side of town on Beaver Street  
**Cost:** \$35.00 per person  
**RSVP:** Church office by Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>



Our finance committee has been busy reviewing our church insurance policies that are coming up for renewal in the 4th quarter to ensure that our costs are in line with our needs. Included in the review was the cost to insure and license the van that was donated to us by Barb Thurlby. The annual cost for the auto policy and license is over \$1,000 per year. Based on the fact that the van was only used three times during the year, and with no plans to increase the usage, the committee made a recommendation to the SLT board to return the van to Barb. The board voted unanimously to take this action. The title has been turned back over to Barb and the van is no longer on the church premises. The insurance company will be notified and the church should receive a prorated refund. Being fiscally responsible often times means making difficult decisions and this was one of those times. A big thanks to Barb and her family for the donation and then for their gracious understanding about the final decision.

Sandy deRidder  
SLT Chairperson

## Celebrating the Beauty of Summer



Summer days are fading away but not the memories' of **not so lazy days** at YCUCC. Here are just a “few” of the many summer memories to cherish and be thankful for:

Our Building & Grounds team had a very busy summer; no vacation time for this team. The Labyrinth garden was re-landscaped, weeds killed, plants trimmed and the surrounding area covered with fresh mulch. The outside was spruced up with siding repairs and power washing and bushes received a good trimming. Then the nursery room was moved and a 2 – 3 year old Sunday School classroom was set up. And new windows were installed. Such a bright, cheery room now. An old air conditioner unit was replaced with a new one to ensure everyone stayed cool in the sanctuary during worship service. Wow! How can you ever be thanked enough!!!!

Christian Education had a full summer schedule as well. The “Shipwrecked” themed Vacation Bible School was a huge hit for 37 children. Kudos to Barb Thurlby and all her volunteers for making this year VBS such a huge success. Summer Sunday school, Summer Road Trip” was well attended by our young ones. Thanks to all the teachers and staff for going above and beyond to create and execute this new program. And of course, let’s not forget the great 4<sup>th</sup> of July float built for the annual community parade followed by popcorn in the park. Our volunteers talked to a lot of people and gave out information about our church as well as a ton of popcorn.

Ministering to others did not get put on hold over the summer. Our Missions ministry answered the call of the Food Pantry to help out children’s back to school needs. Thank you to all for your generosity in providing 175 packages of notebook paper and 96 packages of pencil sharpeners. And we continued to support our community through chamber events. We attended (thank you Deanna Bazan) and sponsored a teacher at the New Teacher Breakfast and also shared information about our church with items in everyone’s gift bags. We touched a lot of people that morning. Thank you to Outreach and Evangelism for your work on the information provided and preparing 40 sets of gift bags for this event.

The Annual Church Picnic was a ton of fun for all. The kids had a great time in the bounce house and getting wet and, of course, everyone enjoyed the mounds of delicious summer foods prepared by so many. And I would be remiss if we didn’t take our hats off to the grill chefs. Yum! And Pastor Mark’s ten year anniversary cake was a great dessert addition. Happy 10 year anniversary again Pastor Mark. This event takes a lot of preparation time, setting up the tents, table and chairs, making sure we have all the items needed, etc. A huge thank you to Laurie Houle and **ALL** the people involved with ensuring this annual event could be enjoyed by all even with the soaring sun and heat of day. And we welcomed three new members to our church family during worship service. What a day to remember.

J.O.Y. Circle wound up the season with a great outing to Starved Rock for lunch and musical show. Thanks to Mary McCracken for organizing this summer event. Now the gals can focus on the fall Rummage Sale. Wow! Already?

These are just some of our summer memories. The SLT board was extremely busy as well. The Annual Report, which highlights the past fiscal year, will be ready by August 24<sup>th</sup>. Copies will be in the Narthex or our Admin, Liz, will be able to provide copies upon request.

The SLT board is busy now with fall/winter actives and projects. Details of these plans will be coming out soon. Focus is on growing our church and connecting with our community. We are always open to your thoughts and ideas so please don’t hesitate to talk to me or any of the board members.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy deRidder  
Chairperson



## *Words of Thanks*

The Family of Edward Niesen would like to take this opportunity, to express our sincerest appreciation for the thoughtfulness presented to us and love we have been given during this difficult time.

A note of thanks to all that brought food for the wonderful meal following the memorial service. The family shared that everything was delicious.

Thank you for all the cards, letters, notes, poems, gifts and verbal expressions in words that have meant so much.

The Niesen Family

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## ***SUNDAY SCHOOL 'SUMMER EXODUS' ADDS BEAUTY***

By Barb Thurlby

Sunday School students, led by Diane Dillow and Deanna Bazan, helped beautify our church grounds in the Labyrinth area. Thanks Diane, Deanna and all the kiddos who helped! Take a moment and enjoy!





## YCUCC's Fall Rummage & Bake Sale Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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

**DONATING A LARGE ITEM FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE AND REQUEST A PICK-UP?**  
**CALL YCUCC'S CHURCH OFFICE (630.553.7308) TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.**  
(SCHEDULING BASED ON STORAGE AND/OR ROOM AVAILABILITY)

\*\*\*\*\* Donated Clothing should be clean, with no holes or stains. \*\*\*\*\*

Please use a safety pin to secure matching outfits!

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When dropping off donations,  
Please do 'NOT' block the entrance to the church!



### WHY SHOULD EVERYONE GET-ON-BOARD WITH THIS EVENT?



Proceeds from YCUCC's 2018 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale  
supported the church's facility, ministries and programs plus community based organizations including Kendall County Community Food Pantry, Chapel on the Green, Association for Individual Development (AID), Mutual Ground, Open Door, Wayside Cross, Feed My Starving Children, and Suicide Prevention Services.



### SPONSORED BY THE J.O.Y. CIRCLE

Questions? Contact Peg Trumble

YCUCC's Rummage & Bake Sale Chairperson

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## *Building & Grounds*

Building Manager  
Office Hours Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 – 2:00 pm

Mary Ellen Anderson  
630-674-4345  
bldmgr@yorkvilleucc.org



Our men have the new camera security system installed. Tony Houle, Norm Kuhman and Jim Davis have worked several days installing this system and they are trying it out to make sure it is working correctly. Norm took the project home and figured out the wiring system and has been very instrumental in accomplishing this project.

Andy Hamblin has been assisting Barb Thurlby in setting up our new nursery room and the two and three-year-old Sunday School classroom. He has also been spray painting old folding chairs with attractive colors and getting them ready for our older kid's classrooms.



Painting cabinets and shelves, changing room signs and other projects have been done by these men during the hot summer weeks. They were also a huge help in setting up the tents, tables and chairs for the annual church picnic.



As the fall program year begins Lee Kinkade is the member of our committee who sees that the air and heat is on for the various rooms where meetings and events are happening. It is important that you share with us your meeting information, so we can have your area ready.

When planning your event check the calendar to see if that date is available. You can go to our web page and look under events and find our church calendar. We need to be respectful to ongoing events that are already on the calendar. Please adjust your time so that they don't conflict. Please let me know who the main contact person is for your event incase questions come up.

We hope that our church program will grow and be inviting to others to come and connect to your church family. Good communication is important.

## SUMMER EXODUS' SUCCESS

By Barb Thurlby, CE Director

This summer our Christian Education program tried something a little different. During the month of August, following two months of Kids Church, we created a 'Summer Exodus' program. 'Summer Exodus' would focus on two weeks of Music Camp Sundays, and two weeks of Outdoor Exploration Sundays. Both experiences were a huge hit with the kids!

Our intention was to bring something different and challenging to the children in our Sunday School program. The summer tends to be full of travel and busy schedules for families; at times, the summer can be overwhelming. Therefore, we wanted to implement something different and interesting for our Sunday school children as they close out the summer and prepare for the fall schedule. We understand that children learn in different ways; we also understand that God is in all things. Music and nature are wonderful fun-filled ways to teach children about the amazing gifts God has given us and that his love and creation is all around us.

During Music Camp Sundays students sang and interacted with lively music; then they had the opportunity to make instruments. Each student enjoyed the musical interaction and connection with God's amazing gift of music.

The Outdoor Extravaganza sessions were filled with bugs, beauty and caring for God's earthly creation. Students examined bugs and nature through bug search, planting beautiful plants in the Labyrinth, along with some outdoor exercise and fun. (Be sure and look at the beauty added to the Labyrinth area!).

The busyness and challenges of our time can be difficult for ministry. Yet, it is important that we continue to focus on loving bringing the teachings of God and Christ into our children's programming. A special thank you to Sondra Shatters, Robin Campos, Deanna Bazan and Diane Dillow for leading these new adventures!







# Yorkville Congregational Ministry Fair

Come and get connected  
with your church family  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**



11:00 am Chicago Style Hot Dog Lunch

Visit the various ministries and see where you fit in the life of the church

**Pick up raffle tickets**



- One for attending
- One for serving on a ministry
- One for signing up today to help with a special one-time event offered by a ministry



Raffle Ticket  
Drawing at Noon  
with our very  
own  
John Morello!







## A graphic with a colorful background of vertical stripes in red, yellow, and green. The word "VOLUNTEER" is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below it, the phrase "we need your help!" is written in a smaller, lowercase, black font. The background also features stylized white handprints.

## HELP

**Sunday, 9/16 .....** **Set-Up Crew** begins immediately following the Worship Service  
- Donations accepted (Narthex) following the Worship Service

**Monday, 9/17 .....** Donations received from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 9/18 .....** Donations received from 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 9/19 ....** Donations received from 8:30 a.m. - NOON only!!  
- Sorting & Pricing from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 9/20 .....** Sorting & Pricing continued from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Drop off Bake Sale Donations from 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, 9/21 .....** 1<sup>st</sup> Sale day: 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
- Volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m.  
- Bake Sale - today only!

**Saturday 9/22 .....** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sale Day: 9:00 a.m. - Noon only; \$3-a-Bag Sale and ½ price day  
- Volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m.  
- **Tear-Down Crew** begins promptly at NOON  
- Leftovers boxed & set out for Wayside Cross -1:00 p.m.



**~ J.O.Y. CIRCLE MEMBERS ARE COUNTING ON YOUR SUPPORT!  
THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



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# Reel People



If you don't know about our group let me fill you in. Reel People is a group of movie lovers (not movie critics) who meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month to explore and discuss the Christian and/or moral messages found in a movie which all have viewed prior to that evening. Each movie brings it's own unique message and the conversations are lively, informative and diverse. The movies we discuss can be spiritual and religious or downright raw. Past examples are The Case for Christ and Gran Torino. Won't you join us for an adult evening of great fellowship and lots of good food? Everyone brings something but there is always plenty if you decide to come last minute. Newcomers are very welcome and encouraged to join us for a fun and enlightening evening. I guarantee you will find our discussions interesting and often provocative while sprinkled with lots of laughs. We meet at 7:00 pm and usually wrap up by 9:30 or 10:00. Simply view the movie beforehand and let the hosts know you plan on attending. Ask any of the folks listed below if you have questions. After a lot of conversation and a truly wonderful picnic feast at the Englehardt's, we have set the following schedule:

|                           |                                          |                                                                                 |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>September 14, 2018</b> | <b>"Dogville"</b>                        | <b>Connie &amp; Fred Dickson</b><br><b>fred@dicksonlow.net or (630)554-1595</b> |
| <b>October 12, 2018</b>   | <b>"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing"</b> | <b>Norm Kuhman &amp; Ellie Gentile</b>                                          |
| <b>November 9, 2018</b>   | <b>"Coco"</b>                            | <b>LouAnn Hoffman &amp; Ron Anderson</b>                                        |
| <b>December 14, 2018</b>  | <b>"Europa"</b>                          | <b>Gail &amp; Fred Gaebler</b>                                                  |
| <b>January 11, 2019</b>   | <b>"The Post"</b>                        | <b>Rick Falato &amp; Carol Seibel</b>                                           |
| <b>February 8, 2019</b>   | <b>"Black Klansman"</b>                  | <b>Anne &amp; Jerry Englehardt</b>                                              |
| <b>March 8, 2019</b>      | <b>"The Third Miracle"</b>               | <b>Mark Gregory &amp; Michelle Prentice-Leslie</b>                              |
| <b>April 12, 2019</b>     | <b>"Touched by Love"</b>                 | <b>To Be Announced</b>                                                          |
| <b>May 10, 2019</b>       | <b>"Life and Times of Harvey Milk"</b>   | <b>Dave Heywood &amp; MaryLee Swickert</b>                                      |

*Hope to see you there,  
Ellie*



Do you feel as though you are walking a long road alone?

You are not alone. A Stephen Minister can help you face the struggles on your journey.

Contact Pastor Mark or Lou Ann Hoffman.

# WHY WE NEED A YOUTH GROUP; WHY YOUR KIDS NEED A YOUTH GROUP

By Barb Thurlby, CE Director

While we end a busy summer, we automatically begin to schedule activities for the fall. As I reviewed and planned our fall programming, I reflected on why we do what we do. I have seen struggles with our youth program, and the battle with busy and active lives. I thought back to when I decided to answer the call to minister at YCC and the comments and shock from friends and fellow co-workers that I would leave a ministry that I was so passionate about. They were correct, I was passionate about working with homeless families and the struggles that they faced daily, especially the children. And then I imagined, what if we could help kids in community become connected with their faith; a faith that could get them through the difficult times, because there WILL be difficult times, maybe not today or tomorrow, but challenges will come to our young people.

As I reflected, I could articulate those passionate thoughts about children and youth and planting faith in each one of them, even if it was the size of a mustard seed. I reminded myself, it is crucial to continue to work with our youth to develop a strong and grounded foundation for them, therefore, preparing them for hardships.

Our youth today face different struggles, there is wideset bullying, horrendous peer pressure and the techno world is taking them by storm and bombarding them with thoughts, innuendoes and misinformation daily. I cannot imagine a life such as this, without my faith. It is imperative that our church, our church family, be a guiding and supportive light to our young people.

Greg Stier, Founder and CEO of Dare2Share Ministries wrote a compelling article listing five reasons young teens should be involved in youth groups. Stier states:

**1. Teenagers need models and mentors.** *"O God, You have taught me from my youth, And I still declare Your wondrous deeds. And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come. "*

[Psalm 71:17,18](#)

**2. Teenagers need community.** *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

[Hebrews 10:24,25](#)

**3. Teenagers need mission.** *When Jesus challenged his most-likely teenaged disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations", he was tapping into the activist wiring of these young men. In the same way your teenager needs challenged with the mission to reach their peers with the good news of Jesus in a loving and contagious way.*

**4. Teenagers need theology.** *"Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way, more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church."* [Ephesians 4:14,15](#)

**5. Teenagers need a safe place to confess and confide.** *"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."* [James 5:16a](#)

So, what can you do, our church family? If you have students that are youth group age, please encourage them to attend. If you know children that are youth group age, invite them to attend. If God is leading you, consider volunteering; I guarantee you will make a difference. Many of you have donated, cooked and baked goodies in support of our youth programs, thank you, and please continue to use those gifts. And lastly, remember our youth group in prayer, students and leaders, as we fight the good fight for the Kingdom. *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16b*







Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Help!



### Set-Up Volunteers

The J.O.Y. Circle requests Set-Up Volunteers  
“immediately” following the Sunday Morning Worship Service  
to help move church furniture, arrange tables, clothes racks, etc., and move needed items  
from the church garage into Fellowship Hall in preparation for the YCUCC Fall Rummage &  
Bake Sale scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.



### Tear-Down Volunteers

Rummage Sale Tear-Down Volunteers  
are needed at “noon” on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
immediately following the Rummage Sale  
to empty Sale Items from Fellowship Hall/Narthex and return all moved furniture!

A volunteer sign-up sheet for both Set-Up & Tear-Down  
is posted in the Narthex.

(Although not required to sign, J.O.Y. Circle appreciates knowing ‘in advance’  
the number of volunteers helping on the designated days.)

Thank you ‘in advance’ for your help!

Questions? Contact Peg Trumble  
YCUCC’s Rummage & Bake Sale Chairperson  
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## Sunday School Mission for September: **KCFP**

We will be collecting cereal for the Kendall County Food Pantry on Sunday, September 16, 2018. Please consider donating a box of cereal! (grocery cart will be located in the Narthex).



Thank you!



**Miller Monthly Minute August 27, 2018**



**Dear Friends at Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ,**

**1:58**

I thought I remembered that one time Mom had told me that she had written some favorite hymns down to be sung for her funeral. At that time she was vibrant and healthy and the idea of planning her funeral seemed so far away. Now after less than one month of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer God spared her from suffering and brought her to her heavenly home. And just a few days before her funeral I was searching for her notes. I opened up the Bible that always sat on the shelf in the living room and an envelope fell out on to the floor. Mom's beautiful handwriting was on the outside and the word SAVE. She had written, Matthew 6:Verse 34, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." It was as if her voice spoke out to me and the burden I was carrying over all the many details from her death to Dad's care and I sobbed. The passage from Matthew 6 became the homily text for the minister at Mom's funeral and so appropriate. I have returned there many times over the last six weeks. Anyone who knew my Mom knew that she loved birds and in these past weeks Dad and I have lingered over a cup of coffee gazing out at their bird feeder as birds come and go. I have been encouraged by Jesus' words when I felt the weight of Dad's care and shared in grief with him, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" I have experienced the Father's care over and over again in big ways and in small – all very profound. Another profound experience has been the many expressions of love and support from friends. From notes, flowers, prayers, and visits with my Dad I see how grief shared in community has a powerful effect of cleansing and healing and is so meaningful for everyone. Thank you for those who were aware of what's been going on in my life over the last month and half and have responded. I cannot express how much it has meant to me.

Praise God that He answered prayer and brought a team of women who love to care for seniors to provide 24 hour care for Dad in his home. Again, Mom's advice that she left from Scripture serves us well as we approach this day to day, month to month. His grief is raw and his loneliness is deep. They would have celebrated 70 years in November. Mom was just 18 and Dad was 21 when they married. Her absence is felt deeply by him. I also appreciate prayer as I have cared for Dad for weeks before this team was in place and it will take awhile for the loss of sleep to be replenished. I need God's help as I enter back into life and ministry in Chicago.

Thank you, friends, for your support,

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P.S. My mission with The Navigators has a brand new amazing website! Take a look!

<https://www.i-58navs.org/>

## September Birthdays

|                 |    |                   |    |
|-----------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Marilyn Vogus   | 02 | Maddy Gawne       | 18 |
| Rick Falato     | 02 | Mary Ellen Herron | 20 |
| Andy Langston   | 02 | Lori Runkle       | 21 |
| Carrie DeFuss   | 02 | Ellie Gentile     | 22 |
| Joe Runkle      | 02 | Mariah Cathey     | 22 |
| Cooper Langston | 02 | Jeff Dillow       | 23 |
| David Patterson | 03 | Jon Runkle        | 23 |
| Ruth Prince     | 05 | Jenna Anderson    | 27 |
| Dan Gette       | 06 | Pat Stewart       | 28 |
| Adam Kolowski   | 06 | Mark Gregory      | 29 |
| Kristine Arch   | 07 |                   |    |
| Tracy Andrus    | 08 |                   |    |
| Aidan Donahue   | 13 |                   |    |
| Dawn Mulligan   | 14 |                   |    |
| Brett Rhodes    | 14 |                   |    |
| Fred Anderson   | 15 |                   |    |
| Julie Kline     | 16 |                   |    |
| Katie Niesen    | 17 |                   |    |
| Amber Anderson  | 18 |                   |    |

## September Anniversaries

|      |                            |          |
|------|----------------------------|----------|
| 9/04 | Frank & Phyllis Yabsley    | 36 years |
| 9/04 | Troy & Aimee List          | 19 years |
| 9/06 | Bob & Barb Thurlby         | 21 years |
| 9/11 | Harv & Peg Knell           | 63 years |
| 9/14 | Earl & Mary Ellen Bushnell | 22 years |
| 9/19 | Fred & Connie Dickson      | 54 years |
| 9/22 | Ben & Regina Moe           | 17 years |
| 9/23 | Joe & Diane Stablein       | 1 year   |

### Alter Guild

September, 2018  
Terri Frisk & Ellie Gentile  
October, 2018  
Alpha Group



### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

GREEN

Song of Sol 2:8-13 + Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

Or Deut 4:1-2, 6-9 + Psalm 15

James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*Be Love*

### **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

GREEN

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 + Psalm 125

Or Isa 35:4-7a + Psalm 146

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mk 7:24-37

*Be Opened*

### **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

GREEN

Proverbs 1:20-33 + Psalm 19

Isa 50:4-91a + Psalm 116:1-9

Or Wis of Sol 7:26-8:1

James 3:1-12 Mk 8:27-38

*Who are you, Jesus?*

### **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

GREEN

Prov 31:10-31 + Psalm 1

Or Wis of Sol 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Or Jer 11:18-20 + Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mk 9:30-37

*First in Caring*

### **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

GREEN

Est 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 + Psalm 124

Or Num 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 + Ps 19:7-14

James 5:13-20 Mk 9:38-50

*Courage for Community*

| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Greeters</b>                                 | <b>Liturgists</b>   | <b>Guardians</b>    |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>09/02</b> | <b>Keith &amp; Terri Frisk</b>                  | <b>Joe Duran</b>    | <b>Fred Dickson</b> |
| <b>09/09</b> | <b>Ben &amp; Regina Moe</b>                     | <b>Joe Duran</b>    | <b>Jeff Farren</b>  |
| <b>09/16</b> | <b>Rosey Clark and Myrah Baldwin</b>            | <b>Joe Duran</b>    | <b>Andy Hamblin</b> |
| <b>09/23</b> | <b>Terry &amp; Christine Keith</b>              | <b>John Morello</b> | <b>Jeff Kline</b>   |
| <b>09/30</b> | <b>JoAnne Matlock &amp; Marcella Culbertson</b> | <b>John Morello</b> | <b>Brian Bazan</b>  |





### **Those Grieving :**

Ed Niesen Family  
Bev Ament Family

Marilyn Clack Family  
Charlie Dirst Family

The Matlock Family  
The Culberson Family

### **Those in Cancer Treatment:**

Cindy Fix  
Mary Ratos

Cheryl Roberts  
Sandy Veselka

Andrea Andres

### **Health Concerns:**

Don Ament  
Bill Andersen  
Michelle Atwood  
Lynn Belcher  
Joe Duran

Bob Freeman  
Dale Keith  
Mazie Marshall  
Joanne O'Brien  
Dale Perkins

Ethel Perkins  
Cliff Jahp  
Linda Melhouse  
Lou Ann Hoffman  
Ashley Grube

### **General Concerns:**

Tina Andersen  
Karsjen Family  
Mary Freeman

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

# September 2018

| Sun                                                                                                                                                              | Mon                                    | Tue                                                                                                                                                       | Wed                                                                                                                                                                           | Thu                                                                                                      | Fri | Sat                                                                                                       |
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| 2<br>10:00 Worship<br>Communion<br>No Sunday School<br>11:00 am Coffee Time—FH                                                                                   | 3<br>Labor Day<br><b>Church Closed</b> | 4                                                                                                                                                         | 5<br>4:00 pm Alpha                                                                                                                                                            | 6<br>11:00 am Staff Meetings<br>3:00 pm Pastor & SLT Chair<br>6:00 pm Prayer Group<br>6:00 pm Boy Scouts | 7   | 8<br>8:30 AM—12:30 PM SS<br>Teachers attending Group<br>Training Conference @<br>Trinity Methodist Church |
| 9<br>10:00 Worship<br>No Sunday School<br>11:00 am Coffee Time—FH<br>Worship & Serv. Lori Redmon<br>Missions—June Davis                                          | 10<br>6:30—9 pm PADS<br>Anne—FH, K     | 11<br>10:00 am Pastoral Care<br>Information meeting<br>Noon Preschool Screening<br>5:00 pm Bible Study<br>7:00 pm Stephen Ministry<br>Supervision—Lou Ann | 12<br>Noon Bible Study<br>4:00 pm Alpha<br>All Children in Choir Group Practice<br>6:00 pm Brownie Troop 162<br>6:00 pm Pastoral Care Meeting<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice | 13<br>11:00 am Staff Meetings<br>6:00 pm Financial Committee<br>7:00 pm SLT                              | 14  | 15                                                                                                        |
| 16<br>9:45 am Sunday School<br>Registration & Open House<br>10:00 Worship<br>11:00 am Coffee Time—FH<br>Bring in the racks and start<br>staging the rummage sale | 17                                     | 18<br>5:00 pm Bible Study                                                                                                                                 | 19<br>Noon Bible Study<br>4:00 pm Alpha<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice<br>NEWS LETTER/CALENDAR DUE                                                                           | 20<br>11:00 am Staff Meetings<br>Deadline for CPR Class<br>Registration                                  | 21  | 22<br>Off site wedding                                                                                    |
| 23<br>10:00 Worship<br>Sunday School classes begin<br>11:00 am Friendship/Ministry<br>Fair Sunday -Mary Ellen &<br>Liz set-up - Terri Frisk                      | 24<br>Money for CPR<br>Class Due       | 25<br>10:00 am Building and<br>Grounds Meeting<br>Noon Preschool Screening<br>5:00 pm Bible Study                                                         | 26<br>9:00 am Newsletter Mailing<br>4:00 pm Alpha<br>6:00 pm Brownie Troop 162<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice                                                                | 27<br>6:30—8:30 pm CPR Training @<br>the BKFD station on Beaver<br>Street                                | 28  | 29                                                                                                        |
| 30<br>10:00 Worship<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 am Coffee Time—FH                                                                                                  |                                        |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                          |     |                                                                                                           |
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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.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Right after Worship in Fellowship Hall**

Serving Chicago Style Hotdogs, popcorn, lemonade & ice cream

Opportunity to learn more about our ministries

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

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