



The Happenings

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December

2019

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Jesus...
the greatest story,
the most amazing gift,
the blessed hope
of all who believe.

Thanks be to God
for his indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV)



Advent is a time of waiting. I have been told that since childhood. But as I've read thru the Bible (several times now), I've come to realize that waiting is not just part of Advent. Waiting is and always will be part of life with God. There are at least 8 places in the Psalms (depending on which translation you read) where a psalmist writes about "waiting" for God (For example, "Wait for the Lord, and keep to his way – Psalm 37:34). There are another 10 verses in the prophets where the prophet instructs the people of Israel to wait for God ("Those who wait for the Lord, shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles" – Isaiah 40:31), or where God speaks thru the prophet telling the people to wait for God ("Wait for me," says the Lord, "for the day when I arise as a witness." – Zephaniah 3:8).

So, waiting is part of faith, since God's timing is not our timing. As Jesus told his disciples just before he ascended to heaven, "It's not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority."

During Advent, the waiting is a bit different. And yet, still the same. During Advent we spend 4 weeks waiting for the day we've set aside to commemorate the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. So, we know that our waiting will come to an end. We wait for 4 weeks and a few days. Then we'll again see the fulfillment of God's promise with the birth of Jesus.

But the waiting is also still the same, for we are also waiting for Christ's return and for the Kingdom of God to be realized here on earth. We wait, not knowing when we will be able to rejoice in the peace of the Kingdom. And that's why I like to think of Advent as a time of practice. A time that can help us realize the importance "waiting" has in our relationship with God, and in our living life in God's time, instead of our own.

Living in our world today, we spend a lot of time waiting, but sometimes it becomes a "depressive" waiting – we wait to see something meaningful in the midst of all the loneliness and poverty and sickness and death that seems so prevalent in our world. We wait for an end to violence in our streets and our schools and in nations where war seems to go on forever. We wait for an end to the greed and inhumanity of individuals and nations. And it can seem like the waiting will never end and the Kingdom will never come.

But the scriptures remind us that we don't wait alone. The psalmist who also waited begins with these words from the heart: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord...I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope." (Psalm 130:1,5). He or she seems to know something of how we humans all get trapped in our own darkness and dark places. But the psalmist turns his/her attention to that which brings relief and comfort as we wait: The coming of the Lord and the promise of his forgiving Word.

In the midst of our waiting, the Lord, our still speaking, still acting God comes, just as He did in the first Advent. In the darkness of night, which we like the shepherds know all too well, He came as a gift of hope. And in hope-filled faith we claim that this same Christ who came for us all, is with us always, even to the end of the age. And someday, He will usher in a new world, where "the wolf will live with the lamb...for all the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord."

So, we wait for that day, in faith and with hope, trusting that our active, living God will raise up the right people at the right time, and the Kingdom of God WILL come to earth...in God's time.

That doesn't mean we don't have a part to play in the work of God's coming Kingdom. Ours is never a "laying around" waiting. God still calls us to "actively" do the work of growing the Kingdom in small but meaningful ways – helping a neighbor, feeding and housing the homeless, sheltering the abused, welcoming the alien, standing up for the oppressed. And that means Advent is a time for each of us to awaken to the truth that we are one of the "right people" God has raised up in this time, to help fulfill God's plan in God's time.

Happy waiting! — *Pastor Mark*

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! – Psalm 27:13-14

WE THREE KINGS



BEARING Gifts

What is the first thing that pops into your mind when you think about Christmas? I wonder if it could be something along the lines of too much to do and so little time to get things done or is it about finding the right gifts for those you buy for, or do you think about the joy of Jesus's birth and all that he will "Give to Us"? Maybe it isn't just one thing but a jumble of thoughts as the days speed towards December 25th. For me, "giving" tops my thoughts this year because I have been so blessed that I want to find more ways to give back to those who have touched my life and to those I don't know, but have been much less fortunate. That is why I chose the image above of the Three Kings bearing the first Christmas gifts given to our savior.

This season there are so many ways and means to give to others through our church missions. First, we have the Association for Individual Development (AID) Christmas tree where you can buy someone an item they need but are unable to purchase for themselves. Next you can donate toys to "Operation Santa" that the Yorkville Junior Women's Club, partnering with the Kendall County Food Pantry, sponsors. These gifts of toys may be the only present a child receives. You can bake and/or buy Christmas cookies for our annual Cookie and Candy sale where the proceeds will be given to help with additional funds needed for our church. You can buy \$5 fast food gift cards and add them to the J.O.Y. Circle's donation to teens in need.

In addition to these missions, you can also make a donation towards the funds needed to pay for our new roof. You can make a pledge commitment for next year's operating fund if you have not already turned in your pledge card and of course you can give additional offerings during the Christmas Advent season.

December is also the time to enjoy all the gatherings and events of the season and embrace the majestic beauty of our own sanctuary. December 1st is the first of Advent's four Sundays and the Hanging of the Greens. It is so amazing to see our church light up in preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ. Please come and worship throughout the season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.



Also, please come to see our children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 22nd held during the 10:00 a.m. worship service and then celebrate Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m. where you can lift your voices to sing traditional Christmas carols as well as listen to our choir perform a beautiful Cantata.

ALL ARE WELCOME

May you be blessed this Christmas with the love of Christ and his "Gift" of everlasting life.



Sandy deRidder
SLT Chairperson



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

What do you have to offer? It is easy to dismiss ourselves as having little use to God (or our church) because we feel we have **nothing special** to offer.

When God appeared to Moses and assigned him the task of telling the Israelites that He would deliver them from the Egyptians, Moses was filled with reasons (excuses)...**"I have never been eloquent...I am slow of speech and tongue"**. Perhaps Moses was just afraid or was feeling inadequate. But God said **"Go. I will help you speak and teach you what to say"**. All God wants from us is to **Go** and follow God's plans. **God will sort out the rest.**

Aren't we a lot like Moses? Do you feel that you don't *"have what it takes"* to become a Stephen Minister? Do you feel you wouldn't know what to do, how to act, what to say?

Through God's grace Stephen Ministry has become part of God's plan at our church. God has called and nudged folks in our congregation to answer the Stephen Ministry call. Training has enabled, helped and taught these folks how to be effective Stephen Ministers who have become important persons in the lives of those needing a loving, caring, listening person. Skills learned are often used beyond the Stephen Ministry assignment, in life relationships--with family, friends or colleagues.

Ask Pastor Mark, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman how you can be a part of this caring ministry. God gave us eyes to see, ears to listen and a heart to care. **God will sort out the rest** and enable you to be a blessing to others.

Stephen Leaders plan to begin the next Stephen Ministry training class in January 2020. So training materials can be ordered, let us know by December 6 if you will answer the call to share of yourself bringing Christ's love and care to someone during a time of need.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Cantata Service 10 p.m.



OPERATION
SANTA



The Yorkville Junior Women's Club (Operation Santa) has partnered with the Kendall County Food Pantry to collect toys for the less fortunate kids in our area. They need our help again this year.

They help children newborn to age 12 with toys and teens 13-17 with items to go into a "Teen Bag". Fast food gift cards (\$5.00) go over big with the teens. It is difficult to find toys for \$10.00 so know that you will not be locked into a \$10.00 limit. They could also use batteries and wrapping paper. Tape too!

Please bring your unwrapped items to the church by December 15th!
It is not necessary to tag the gifts.

A table will be set up and available to start receiving your gifts by November 24th!

If you are not able to shop, I will do the shopping for you!

Thank you for your support!

Regina Moe

YCC ANNUAL FALL FEST GREAT SUCCESS

By Barb Thurlby, CE Director

On Saturday, October 5, 2019 Yorkville Congregational Church held our 3rd Annual Fall Fest. The weather was wonderful and over 62 children, which is double the attendance from last year, enjoyed the festivities of the day!

The fest is a great way to welcome our fall season and invite our church families and the community to stop and fellowship together. The local Fire Department and Police Department made their annual visit, much to the delight of all the children. Children enjoyed hayrides, games, face painting and delicious kid-friendly food served up by our very own Pastor Mark!

Fall and autumn weather is a true gift from God. The beauty of the colors and pleasant crisp air is a wonderful reminder of how much God loves us. Our Fall Fest is the perfect opportunity to share our blessings with our neighbors and friends!

Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers that graciously helped the fun event happen:

*Deanna Bazan, Ben Moe, Mary Ellen, Fred and Jenna Anderson,
Kristine Arch and Chanel Bravo, Pastor Mark, Lori and Gavin Redmon,
Ellie Gentile, Rhonda Ladson, Amy Strausberger, Chris and Tracy Andrus,
Kathy Farren, Tony Houle and Tom Lindblom for helping get our very busy firemen here.*

The event simply would not happen without you!



Fallfest



Reel People Group



Won't you join us for a discussion of this movie! Just view the movie beforehand, let the hosting family know you're attending and bring a snack to share and/or beverage of your choice. Eating is half the fun!

Movie: **Spotlight (2015)**

When: **Friday, 12/13/19 @ 7:00 PM**

Hosts: **Lea Ann Skogsberg and Alan**

Where: **219 Newbury Court, Yorkville**

Email: **dollarsandsense4you@msn.com**
alangloeckle@aol.com

Phone: **(630) 292-7617 (Lea Ann)**

Children's Pageant - Sunday, December 22nd!

**Sunday
School
Missions**

YCC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WORK ON MISSIONS

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

Our Sunday School students at Yorkville Congregational Church certainly care about missions. During the month of October, they participated in the UNICEF Trick or Treat campaign. Students worked to fill the UNICEF orange boxes with coins. They collected \$166.46 in coins that will help provide safe water, food or blankets for children in need.

During the months of November and December our Sunday School program will collect donations for the 'Shoe That Grows' ministry. This ministry creates shoes out of rubber that will grow up to five sizes for children living in poverty. Providing shoes will lessen the chance of these children being injured or contracting an illness from walking barefoot. Watch for fun details on this very special mission campaign.

Also, during the last two weeks of December and the first week of January we encourage families and church members to help as we tie fleece blankets for Central DuPage Hospital children's ward. This simple act of kindness is a great way to involve young children as we help youngsters hospitalized. Watch for details.

Thank you, church family and friends, for your continued support and encouragement as together, we teach our youngest members to give back to those less fortunate.



Gift Giving for PADS

We are so thankful for all the wonderful volunteers we have at PADS. Our guests are very appreciative of the food, shelter and hospitality given to them. But many of you have asked what you might be able to do if you can't volunteer. The following ideas were brought up at the PADS Board meeting:

Gift cards to any of the fast food places
\$25 gas cards (specify NO ALCOHOL)
\$7 laundry cards
\$10 Theater pass

Stores such as Jewel, Aldi, Walgreens, etc. (specify NO ALCOHOL)

Cash donations can be made to our church. Just specify it is for PADS.

At this time of year, we reflect on all the blessings we have.
It is also a time to feel the spirit of giving.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Sandy Lindblom.

Thank you!!



Christ caring for people through people

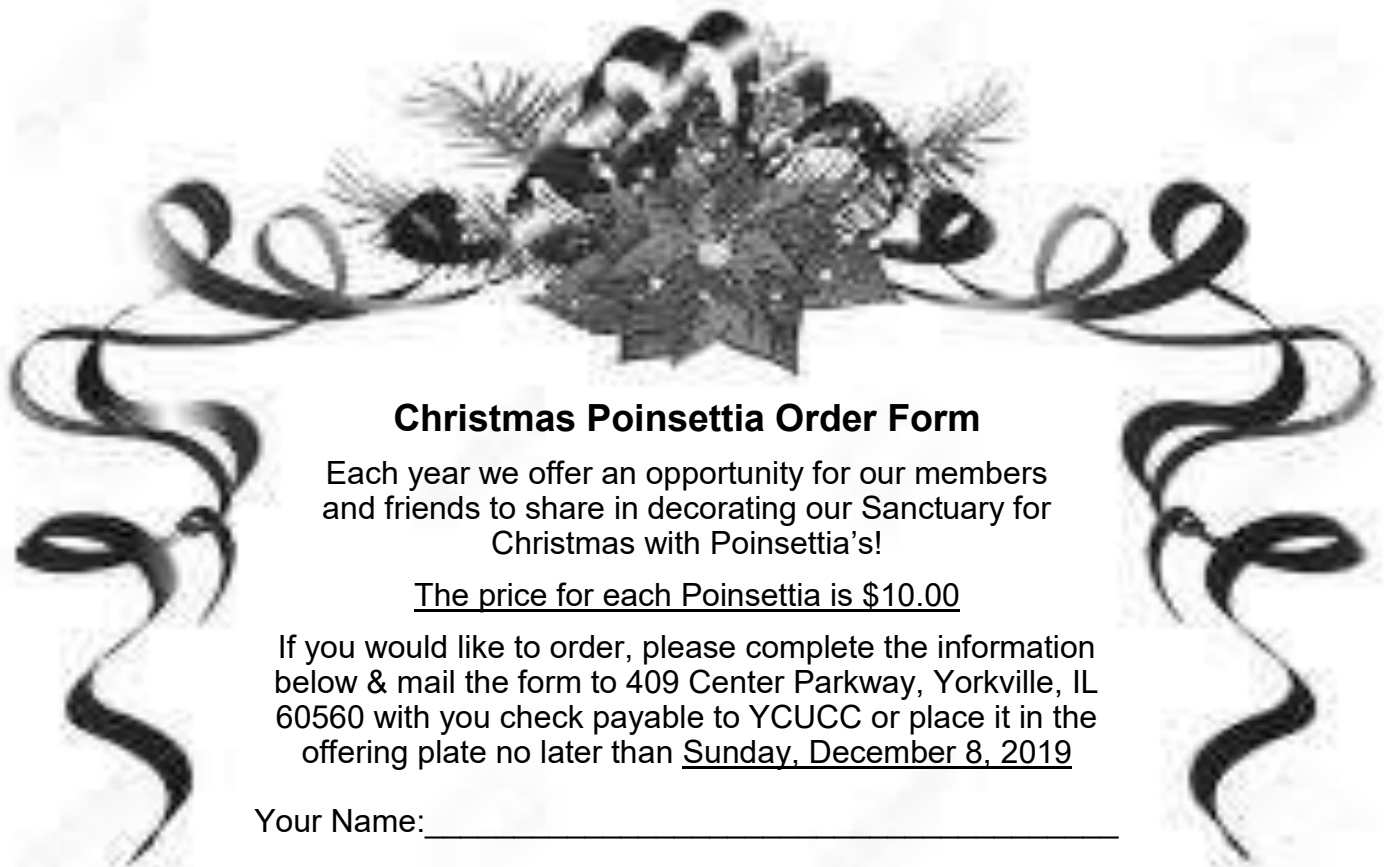
Are holiday times difficult for you because you are dealing with frustration, loneliness, illness, separation or divorce, loss of a loved one, or any other of life challenges?

Trained Stephen Ministers are available to care and walk alongside you!

Contact Pastor Mark, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent 10:00 am Worship Hanging of the Greens Service Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Time Holiday Decorating —Lori and Pam AID gifts due 2:00 pm Church Bowling League	2 6:30 pm PADS	3 5:00pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision—Lou Ann	4 Noon Bible Study 5:15 pm Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 Jubilation Choir 6:00 pm Sonshine Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	5 11:00 am Staff Meeting 3:00 pm Pastor & SLT Chair 6:00 pm Prayer Group 7:00 pm Spiritual Foundation	6 8:30—3:00 pm Set-up for the cookie Sale 6-8:00 pm Alpha 1st Friday	7 8-1:00pm Christmas Cookie Sale 2-6:00 pm Private Party—Clevenger
8 Advent 10:00 am Worship Communion Children's Message Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Time FH LYN—Diane	9 6:30 pm PADS	10 10:00 am Pastoral Care information meeting 5:00pm Bible Study	11 Noon Bible Study 5:15 pm Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 Jubilation Choir 6:00 pm Sonshine Choir 6:00 pm Pastoral Care 6:30 pm Youth Choirs 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	12 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm SLT	13 7:00 pm "Reel People @ Lea Ann Skogsberg "Spotlight"	14
15 Advent 10:00 am Worship Children's Message —June Davis Sunday School 11:00 Soup Sunday 2:00 pm Church Bowling League Operation Santa gifts due	16 6:30 pm PADS	17 5:00pm Bible Study	18 Noon Bible Study 5:15 pm Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 Jubilation Choir 6:00 pm Sonshine Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	19 11:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Spiritual Foundation	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Newsletter Calendar Deadline</div>	21
22 Advent 10:00 am Children's Pageant Christmas Fund Offering 11:00 am Coffee Time FH	23 6:30 pm PADS	24 Christmas Eve 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service	25 Christmas Day Church Closed Holiday	26 Church Closed	27	28
29 10:00 am Worship— Hymn Sing Service Children Fellowship in the Kid Zone 11:00 am Coffee Time FH	30 9:00 am Newsletter Mailing 6:30 pm PADS	31 New Years Eve Church Closed				



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Each year we offer an opportunity for our members and friends to share in decorating our Sanctuary for Christmas with Poinsettia's!

The price for each Poinsettia is \$10.00

If you would like to order, please complete the information below & mail the form to 409 Center Parkway, Yorkville, IL 60560 with you check payable to YCUCC or place it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, December 8, 2019

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Please indicate exactly how you would like each gift to be acknowledged.

In Memory Of _____

In Honor of _____

Love Gift _____

When would you like to pick up your Poinsettia?

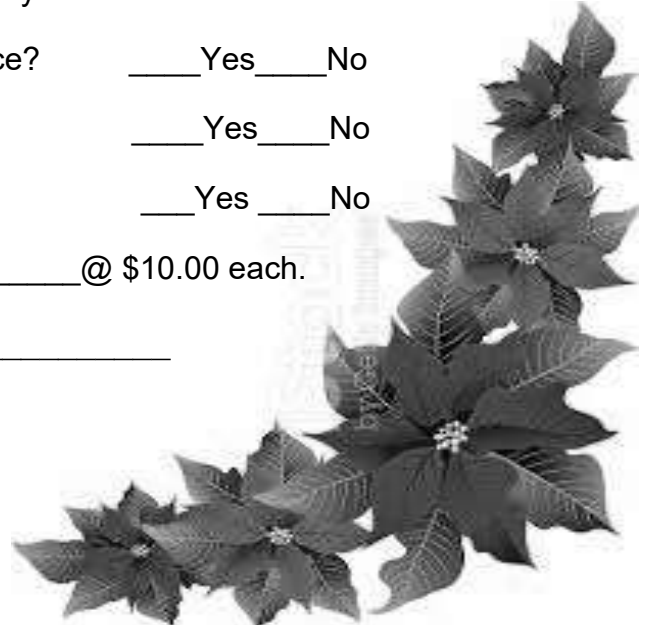
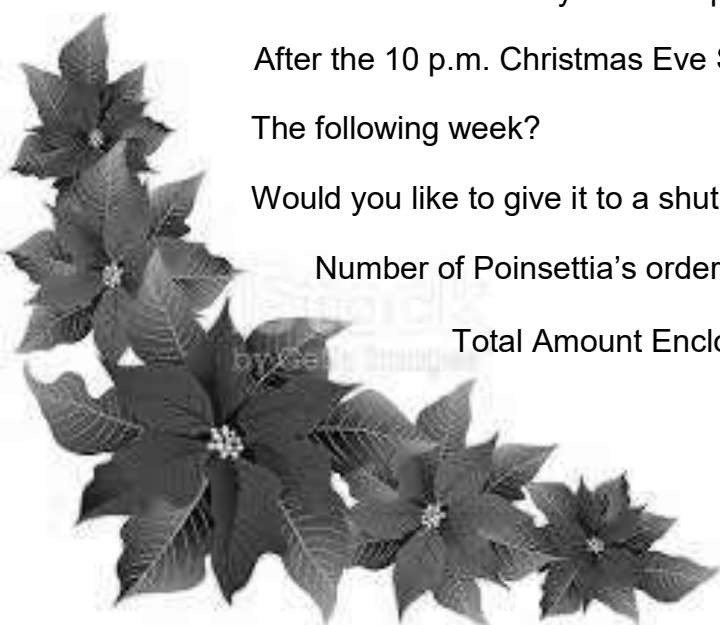
After the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Service? ___ Yes ___ No

The following week? ___ Yes ___ No

Would you like to give it to a shut-in? ___ Yes ___ No

Number of Poinsettia's ordered _____ @ \$10.00 each.

Total Amount Enclosed _____



Outreach & Welcoming...

Greetings Church Family and Friends –

Christmas is quickly approaching and for many of us that can mean a certain amount of chaos, hopefully the controlled kind.

We as a church family are so Blessed to be able to work together and bring Christmas to those going through hard times. This is Grace in action!

We want to extend a warm thank you to everyone who supported our AID Tree AID's Christmas celebration is early this year, Santa's helpers will be delivering your gifts to them on Tuesday December 3rd.



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Merry Christmas!

Missions Moment...

Y.C.U.C.C. Soup Sunday on November 17th raised \$428.00 for Wounded Warriors – Kendall County. Along with Missions budgeted line item of \$100.00 for Wounded Warriors a check of \$528.00 has been sent to them. A BIG THANK YOU to all who made this happen.

This month on December 15th our soup Sunday will be supporting our children's mission project "A Shoe that Grows" Soup Sunday sign-up sheet/bright green is on Narthex bulletin board.

The A.I.D. (Adult Individual Development) giving tree went up on November 17th. Bring your wrapped packages back to church by December 1st. The gifts for the Christmas Party will be delivered on Monday, December 2nd.

Missions assisted Church Family Fellowship with our Thanksgiving Dinner following worship service on Sunday, November 24th. Thanks to all who brought food donations and the workers to make this a successful event.

5 for 5 offering of "The Christmas Fund" will be taken on December 22, 2019. The Christmas Fund is for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund for UCC clergy and lay persons. Envelopes are in this Happening Newsletter and in the church pews.



LYN members Bill Scott, Diane Stablein, and Peg Trumble, along with Emily Gorz (Exodus World Service), traveled to West Chicago to deliver the Care-Pack to the Angelo Family on Sunday afternoon, November 10, 2019.

Parents Samuel and Birskila were very appreciative of all items collected for their family by our church membership. Christian (20 months) and Dalia (a wild, crazy, adorable 7- year old) were fun to interact with during our two-hour visit.

Thank you, YCUCC, for your continued support of the 'Love Your Neighbor' Ministry.



GRANDPARENTS DAY AT YCC BIG HIT!

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

On November 10, 2019 our Sunday School program took the opportunity to honor grandparents. This annual event is a well-received program that provides joy to both grandparents and grandchildren alike.

Grandparents had the opportunity to attend class with the students and then to enjoy various activities as we honored them. Some activities including crafts, games, and cookie decorating.

Thank you, grandparents, for being such an important part of encouraging our students to be active in their home church.



Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!



ALPHA
YOUTH
GROUP

Join Us
1st Fridays
6 - 8 p.m.

Fun • Food • Games • Events

Stewardship Thought...

The Stewardship Pledge Campaign had a slow start, but now has received 45 pledges totaling \$160,876.00 for year 2020 compared to 37 pledges totaling \$139,404 for year 2019. This is wonderful news. Thanks to all who have pledged so far. Pledges are accepted at any time. Please place in the offering plate addressed Campaign Pledge. This includes E-Giving Pledges too.

Stewardship is: "What we do with what God has given us." The privilege and responsibility of stewardship has been around since the creation.

*We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him,
who have been called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28 NV*

*Thank
you!*

Dear Church Family,

I'm sending a special thank you to all that helped with Bob Freeman's lovely memorial service held on Saturday, November 9th. Our choir was superb and the luncheon following the service was wonderful. Pastor Mark was so very helpful in all he did to help our family make it a wonderful experience.

God's Blessings to You All!

Mary Freeman



**STEPHEN
MINISTRIES**

Stephen Ministries is 40 years old!

Since 1975, Stephen Ministries has been equipping the saints for the work of lay ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Here are a few of many milestones reached in 40 years.

- **1975:** The first nine Stephen Ministers were commissioned in St. Louis, and Stephen Ministries was incorporated as a non-profit religious and educational organization.
- **1978:** 14 people attended the first Leader Training Course. In July 2015 the 70,000th Leader was trained.
- **1980** Stephen Ministries moved out of the basement of founder Kenneth Haugk's home into a storefront. In 1997 the new Stephen Ministries Center in St. Louis opened.
- **1999:** A congregation from France enrolled to become the 20th country to have Stephen Ministry.
- **2006:** The number of trained Stephen Ministries surpassed 500,000. There are more than 600,000 today.
- **2010:** Stephen Ministries was featured on the PBS show *Religion & Ethics Newsweekly*.
- **2014:** Over 12,000 congregations have now enrolled in Stephen Ministry.

www.stephenministries.org

December Birthdays

Marcus Schulz	01	Gavin Redmon	13
Bob Clack	02	Holly Erickson	15
Terri Frisk	03	Barbara Davis	17
Kim Elleby	05	Anne Stout	17
Dorothy Sanderson	06	James Anderson	19
Jaxton Golubla	09	Joey Jerabek	22
Josh Kolowski	09	Parker Trumble	25
Nancy Modery	09	Marie Wayne	25
Giovanni Olvera	10	Bob Johnston	29
Sue Kimes	11	Gail Gaebler	30
Amy Ems	12	Jeff Kline	31
Melissa Olvera	12	Ann Seagrave	31



First Sunday of Advent

VIOLET or BLUE
 Isa 2:1-5 and Psalm 122
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matt 24:36-44
Called to Gift

Second Sunday of Advent

VIOLET or BLUE
 Isa 11:1-10 and Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 Rom 15:4-13
 Matt 3:1-12
Vision of Peace

Third Sunday of Advent

VIOLET or BLUE or ROSE
 Isa 35:1-10
 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:47-55
 James 5:7-10
 Matt 11:2-11
Heartbeat of Justice

Fourth Sunday of Advent

VIOLET or BLUE
 Isa 7:10-16
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 Rom 1:1-7
 Matt 1:18-25
God with Us



First Sunday after Christmas

WHITE
 Isa 63:7-9
 Psalm 148
 Heb 2:10-18
 Matt 2:13-23
Cosmic Praise

December Anniversaries

12/15	Erik & Mike Mallon	8 years
12/18	Gerry & Leslie Inukai	42 years
12/31	Dusty & Abby Rhodes	27 years

Welcome New Members!

Cecil & Marge Hembree

Altar Guild

December, 2019
 Gayle Jacobs & Joanne Vitek
 January, 2020
 Kristine Arch & Chanel Bravo



Date	Greeters	Liturgists	Guardians
12/1	Myrah Baldwin & Rosey Clark	Sandy deRidder	Brian Bazan
12/8	Lee Kinkade & Gere' Ryerson	Sandy deRidder	Fred Dickson
12/15	Earl & Mary Ellen Bushnell	Sandy deRidder	Jeff Farren
12/22	Gere' Ryerson & Ellie Gentile	Sandy deRidder	Andy Hamblin
12/24	Joanne Vitek & Jean Anderson	Cantata	Andy Hamblin
12/29	Jim & June Davis	Sandy deRidder	Jeff Kline



Those Grieving:

The Freeman Family, The Englehardt Family, The Brauch Family, The Kimes Family, The Coleman Family, The Stablein Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Andrea Andres	Cheryl Roberts	Pearl Undesser
Steve Hagman	Pat Rogers	Jackie (Friend of Brewicks)
Harv Knell	Bob Stout	
Michelle Meyers	LuAnne Thorne	

Health Concerns:

Don Ament	Joe Duran	Diana Lee	Dale Perkins
Bill Andersen	Mary Freeman	Mazie Marshall	Doug Pierce
Michelle Atwood	Donna Fuss	JoAnne Matlock	Macayla Poch
Myrah Baldwin	Karen Hess	Terri Moe	Debbie Potempa
Lynn Belcher	Cliff Jahp	Joanne O'Brien	Dale Prochaska
Earl Bushnell	Bob Johnston	Michael Obenauer	Walter Scott
			Donna Whitfield

General Concerns:

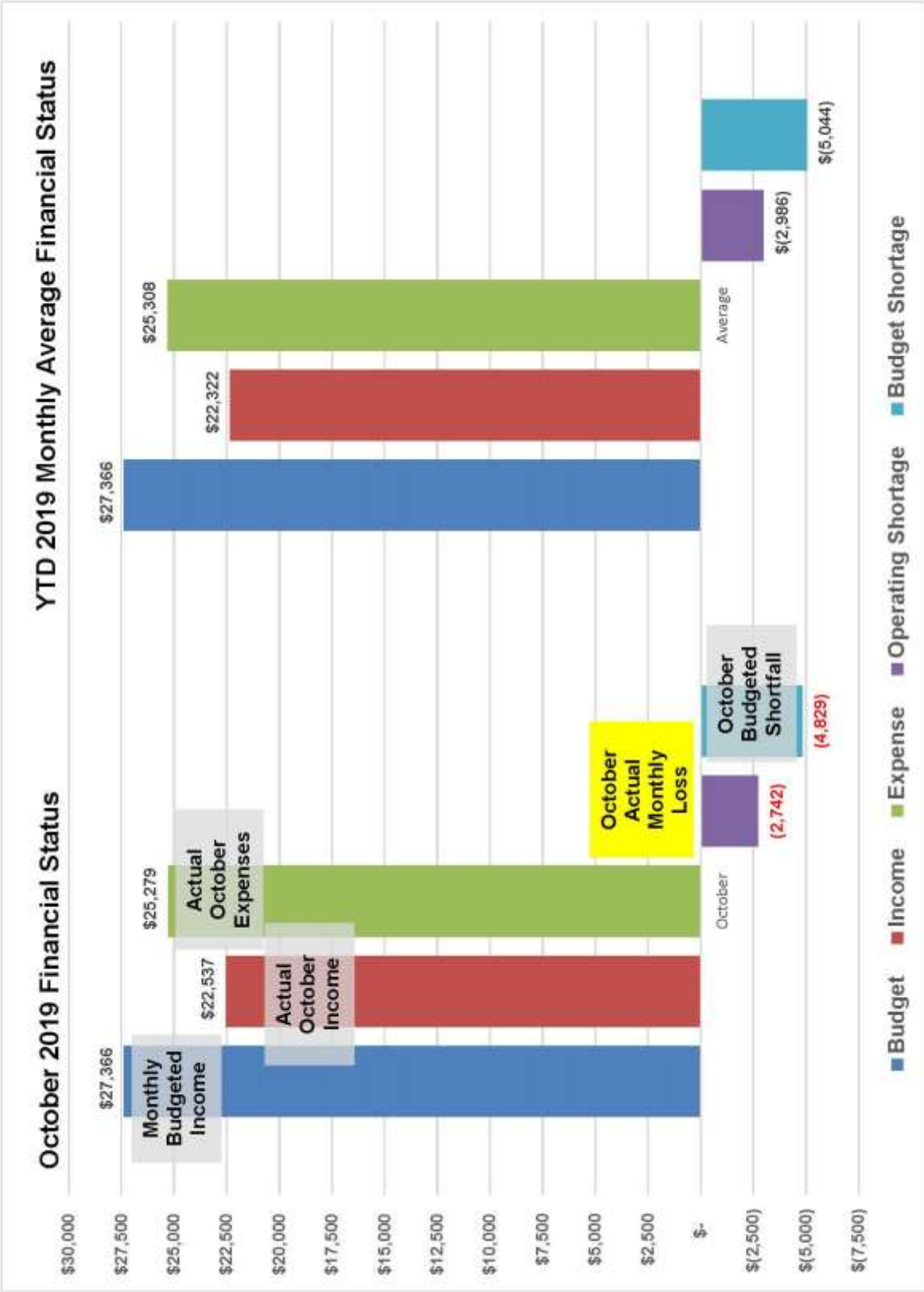
Myrah Baldwin	Brian Homerding	Michelle Terri
Carsten Family	Betty McClure	Fred & Marie Wayne
Louise DeFuss	Ruth Prince	
Ashley Grube	Walter Scott	

Homebound/Assisted Living:

Jim Follmer	Dorothy Sanderson
Andrea Prochaska	



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



Our Mission Statement

*To live as Jesus lived: Love without Judgement, Welcome without Exception,
Serve with Compassion, Teach by Example.*

Our Vision Statement

God's community of unconditional love, made real for everyone, everywhere.

Open & Affirming Covenant

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.

**10th Annual Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale!
Saturday, December 7th, 8:00AM to Noon**



**Let us help you with your holiday baking!
Select from an array of festive and delicious
homemade Christmas cookies & candies!**

Only \$8.00 per pound

**For more information, contact the church
at 630/553-7308**

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Change Service Requested

December, 2019

**This is the season
This is the reason**



MerryChristmas!