

Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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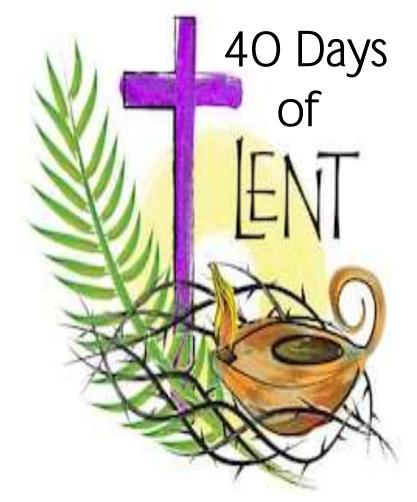
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March





A Time to Renew



One of the things I often do, when I am feeling anxious, or troubled, or struggling to find the good in a situation, or even when I am feeling grateful for some blessing that I've become aware of, is to page through the Psalms. Many of the Psalms in our Bible were written by someone who was struggling or was facing trouble caused by some adversary, or suddenly was confronted by their own sins, or in the midst of a trial, simply couldn't understand the meaning of what it was they were going through. That someone was often David:

Psalm 38

My heart throbs, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me. My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction, and my neighbors stand far off. Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek to hurt me speak of ruin, and meditate treachery all day long... But it is for you, O Lord, that I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. For I pray, "Only do not let them rejoice over me, those who boast against me when my foot slips." For I pray, "Only do not let them rejoice over me, those who boast against me when my foot slips." Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me; make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.

We've all been in that place and felt like the world was against us and God was far away. But then I read other Psalms which contain the words of that same David, and it is clear that David knew that no matter what it was he was dealing with, God was with him, and God would see him through the struggle, the trial, that tough time he was facing. It didn't matter what he was dealing with, David always seemed to see the hand of God in his life, and he was intentional about singing his praises to God for God's visible, yet invisible presence.

Psalm 92

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep! As I read David's words in Psalm 92, and other Psalms of praise, I ask myself, "How often do I praise God like that?" The answer comes back to me – "Not nearly enough." Why is that? Maybe because I don't look outward with the eyes of the Spirit. Maybe because I look inward a little too much and let the things that the world and other people do dampen my spirit and close my heart. And let's be honest, that is SO easy to do. It's easy to slip into that place where we get so overwhelmed that we close down and stop looking for God's presence in our life, and so, find it hard to see all the reasons we have to give God thanks and praise.

Psalm 100 echoes some of Psalm 92, as it reminds us, "*The Lord is good, and his(her) steadfast love endures forever, and his(her) faithfulness to all generations.*" All generations. Not just our parents, or our grandparents, or King David's generation. All generations, even yours and mine.

We have a God who is always faithful, who is ever present, and who always loves us, just as we are. Without condition. Doesn't that make you want to sing His/Her praises too? Doesn't that make you want to look around for what great works/things God is going to do next in your life?

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Mark

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. – Psalm 63:1-7





Raise the Roof Campaign Continues!!

We are working towards our goal for the new roof!

Kindly take a shingle or send your donation to the church office indicating Roof Campaign!

Jhank you!



March brings the hope of an early spring and renewed energy to the earth and to many of us who are clearly tired of dreary cold days. I love knowing the sun will shine more often and how beautiful our sanctuary looks with the sun beaming through our skylights. Speaking of which, we are very close to having our new skylights installed and a newly shingled peaked roof. Weather dependent, we have a start date of mid-March. Details about the construction plan will be provided during Information Sunday on March 22nd. Please put this date on your calendar. This meeting will be held directly after worship service and child care will be provided. I want to personally thank everyone who so generously donated towards our \$50,000 fund raising goal. This is just one of many ways that each of you have demonstrated your love for our church building and of spreading God's word and love for all.

The Interim Pastor Search team is continuing to diligently work towards finding the right person who will bridge the gap between the time Pastor Mark leaves at the end of April and our new settled Pastor being hired. We expect this gap to be between one to two years, probably closer to the two years. Thank you to those of you who filled out the sheet with your choice of the top twelve expectations for an Interim. Your feedback is very valuable. Another update will be provided about the search on Information Sunday.

March is also the month for the next Search & Discovery Class which will begin on March 1st. On March 15th, pancakes will be served by the youth in fellowship hall and the last of our "Soup Sunday's", until resuming in the fall, will be held on March 29th along with receiving new members. Thank you to the Missions group who <u>always</u> make this a very special time for fellowship. There is always room for delicious homemade soups, but most importantly a mission will receive a much appreciated monetary donation.

Please don't forget that the new distribution process for "The Happenings" goes into effect with this newsletter. We will be able to save quite a lot of money by either having you pick up your copy at church or by reading it on-line via our web site or through receiving an email with the newsletter as an attachment. Of course, we will still mail it to those of you who cannot receive the newsletter via either of those options. Please let Liz, our administrative assistant, know if you wish to change your distribution method at any time.

Respectfully submitted with



Sandy deRidder SLT Chairperson

Building and Grounds Office Hours Tuesday – Thursday 8:00 am – 2:30 pm

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



We are excited about the roof project. Our church family was extremely generous in supporting this project. Work on the roof will begin on **March 19**th, weather permitting. First you will see dumpsters and then roof materials. We have asked the Roofing Company to begin their work at the north end of our building and work their way towards the south end. Hopefully this work pattern will not interfere with our PADS program and other church meetings and events.

Our building and grounds team has been busy with setting up / taking down of tables for special events. They repaired the toilet in the north hallway and completed several other projects. We are tracking our repairs to help us, in the future, to budget our expenses.

<u>There is a special need!</u> We need a vacuum cleaner that is in good working condition that we can put in the kitchen closet for people to use when needed. We try our best not to use the vacuum cleaner that is part of the cleaning tools for our custodians. We need to have a vacuum cleaner available for quick cleanups. If you have one that you could donate to the church, please let me know.



Barb Thurlby and I attended the February Chamber Luncheon and heard the Yorkville Police Chief, Jim Jensen speak. He is a native of Yorkville and has a great vision for our police department.

With spring approaching, our church programing increases. Please check the google calendar when planning a meeting or event. Then call, text or email me your information.

Mary Ellen Bldmgr@yorkvilleucc.org

Missions Ministry

Our Soup Sunday on February 16th raised \$392.00 for Kendall County Senior Services Yorkville. Along with Missions Budgeted Line Item for the same, Kendall County Senior Services will receive a check for \$692.00. The Missions Ministry <u>thanks everyone</u> who helped make this happen.

B.K.F.D. – Bristol Kendall Fire Department requested monies for Educational Fire Safety Materials. A donation of \$125.00 would provide fifty children with said materials. A check was sent, coming out of our Missions Ministry, budgeted special giving line item.

One of YCUCC 5 for 5 Offerings, OGHS – One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected on Sunday, March 22nd. Through this offering we are planting seeds of new life, making the world a better place. Envelopes are in the pews and on the table in the Narthex.

This months' Soup Sunday will be March 29th. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex to bring soup, dessert or help in the kitchen. New Members joining this day will be our guests. Proceeds will go to the Kendall County Community Food Pantry.

おおおお 24 YCC FAMILY AND FRIENDS CELEBRATE 100TH BIRTHDAY FOR MEMBER JOHN SCHNEIDER By Barb Thurlby, CE Director 2 84 84 On Sunday, February 9, 2020 members and friends of the Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ celebrated the 100th birthday of long-time church member John Schneider. 84 23 John has been a long-time active member of YCC and the city of Yorkville. For many years, 84 8 John owned and operated the Schneider's Hardware and Appliance store in Yorkville. He also served as a building and plumbing inspector well into his 90's. John has also been a 84 23 member of the Lion's Club, American Legion and Masonic Temple. 84 24 It was a wonderful time of celebration to honor a true milestone to a pillar in our community. Нарру **B** irthday John! ********************************** 6



Save the Date for a special Holy Thursday event

On Thursday, April 9, Holy Thursday, Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ will host a unique event: **Messiah in the Passover**, a demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover. *Chosen People Ministries*, a world-wide ministry dedicated to reaching, disciplining, praying for, and serving the Jewish community with the gospel of Jesus, will present the program. They will lead the demonstration to give the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions to better understand the shared roots and heritage of Christians and Jews. More information can be found on www.ChosenPeople.com

Messiah in the Passover begins with the traditional Passover Seder table--complete with the articles of this Jewish celebration. They will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with the disciples. Roasted chicken will be served in addition to the less familiar Seder dishes.

Volunteers are also needed to help prepare some of the Seder dishes - recipes will be provided.

Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, April 5 to make reservations for the Seder meal. Tickets are \$10, \$3 for children under 12. Child-care will be available.







YCUCC's 2020 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale Friday & Saturday - April 24th & 25th



~~ Peg Trumble ~~ Rummage & Bake Sale Chairperson This event is a *CHURCH-WIDE* Rummage & Bake Sale!

Items 'NOT' Accepted for Donation:

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

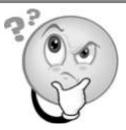
A <u>detailed schedule</u> will appear in April's 'The Happenings Newsletter' for the 2020 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 10:00 am Worship Communion Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Time Search & Discovery Class 1 CE Meeting in the Kid Zone 	2 6:30 pm Pads	3 6.30 pm Stephen Ministry Training	 4 Noon Bible Study 5:15 pm Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 Jubilation Choir Interim Team—Sandy 6:00 pm Sonshine Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 om Adult Choir 	5 3.00 pm Pastor & SLT hair 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Prayer Group 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation	Ŷ	7 Daylight Saving Move your clock forward
8 10:00 Worship 5 for 5 Offering Children's Message Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Time Search & Discovery Class 2 4-6:00 pm Youth Event @ Dickson Valley Camp (7-12 grade)	9 6:30 pm PADS	10 10:00 am Pastoral Care information meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training	 Noon Bible Study 5:15 pm Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 Jubilation Choir 6:00 pm Sonshine Choir 6:00 pm Projector Team 7:30 om Adult Choir 6:00 pm Pastoral Care 6:30 pm Youth Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir 	12 1:30 pm Staff meeting 6:00 pm Financial Committee 7:00pm SLT	13 5.45 pm Rehearsal for Seibel Wedding	14 2:00 pm Zach and Amanda's Seible Wedding
15 10:00 am Kid's Worship—Barb Sunday School 11:00 am Pancakes Served in FH Search & Discovery Class 3 Worshin Committee—Lori	16 Election materials delivered 6:30 pm PADS	 17 4 am—8 pm Polling Site 5.00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training Pastc 	 18 Noon Bible Study 5:15 pm Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 Kid's Choirs 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Agult Choir or Mark gone from Tuesdi 	Site18Noon Bible Study19205:15 pm Spaghetti DinnerRoof Project Begins7:00 pm 'Reel'5:30 - 6:30 Kia's Choirs1:30pm Staff Meeting7:00 pm 'Reel'7:00 pm Adult Choir7:00 pm Spiftual FormationPastor Mark gone from Tuesday, March 17th until Tuesday, March 24th	20 7:00 pm 'Reel' People /, March 24th	21 Noon—5:00 pm Private Party—Miles (Memorial Service for Mark's mother)
22 10:00 am Worship One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Children's Message 11:00 am Coffee Time FH 11:15 Informational Meeting with childcare—SLT	23 6:30 pm PADS	24 10:00 am Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training	 25 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 Newsletter Calendar 	26 1:30 am Staff Meeting (Barb Vacation Day)	27	28
29 10:00 am Worship Receive New Members Children's Message Sunday School 11:00 am Soup Sunday—Food Pantry	30 9:00 am Newsletter mailing 6:30 pm PADS	31 5.00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training				

March 2020

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUTH?!

By Barb Thurlby



There are many interesting facts about today's youth. The following youthful facts were published in Christian Magazine Today (christianmagtoday.com).

- 1. Hybrid automobiles have always been mass produced.
- 2. They have never licked a postage stamp.
- 3. Email is "formal" communication, while texts and tweets are "casual" communication.
- 4. They have grown up treating Wi-Fi as an entitlement.
- 5. The announcement of someone being the "first woman" to hold a position has only impressed their parents.
- 6. Cell phones have become so ubiquitous in class that teachers don't know which students are using them to take notes and which ones are planning a party.
- 7. Their parents have gone from encouraging them to use the Internet to begging them to get off it.
- 8. If you say, "around the turn of the century," they may well ask you, "which one?"
- 9. The therapeutic use of marijuana has always been legal in a growing number of American states.
- 10. Teachers have always had to insist that term papers employ sources in addition to those found online.
- 11. Playhouse Disney was a place where they could play growing up.
- 12. Surgeons have always used "super glue" in the operating room.
- 13. The Lion King has always been on Broadway.
- 14. First Responders have always been heroes.
- 15. CNN has always been available en Español.

20. Amoco gas stations have steadily vanished from the American highway.

*This list came from Beloit College.

***Dale Hudson** has been in Children's Ministry for over 25 years. He is the director of children's ministry at <u>Christ Fellowship Church</u> in Palm Beach, Florida. Christ Fellowship has nine campuses and ministers to over 22,000 people on weekends. Dale leads a Children's Ministry staff team of over 50 and a volunteer team of over 2,600.

Our ever-changing world and challenges to our youth make it important that the church, our church, continue to be a safe place, and accepting place, where young people are encouraged to ground themselves in true values and a personal spiritual journey.



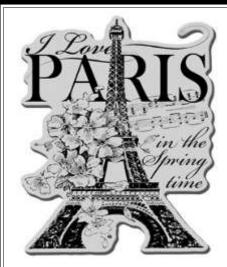
Please continue to pray for our youth, and younger students following behind them. And pray for our church, that we continue to work to meet the needs of families with youth in our area. I would challenge you to send your youth and invite friends to our **Dickson Valley Youth Event** on **Sunday, March 8, 2020, 4:00 p.m.** to **6:00 p.m**. (we will meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. and permission slips are required and available from the church).



Stewardship Thought...

Stewardship is "What we do with what God has given us."

The Easy Automatic Giving Plan can be done anytime of the year. Forms are available on the table behind the last pew. If you have any questions talk to Fred Gaebler or June Davis for more information.



Spring Bake Sale April 24–25 With a touch of Paris!

We have new tablecloths and a few new containers for you to use in packaging your bake goods. Just a few new twists for your delicious bake goods, we hope we will make it impossible for customers to pass us up.

You – our bakers - are the reason for our success! We hope you will support our bakery by donating some of your delicious homemade goodies for this spring sale.

Our customers look forward to taking some delicious items home after shopping the rummage sale.

We need everything – cookies, brownies, pies, breads, coffee cakes apple/cherry slices and Mary Ann's Swedish Kringlas! Fresh fruit cups were a huge hit! Muffins, trail mixes, peanut clusters, Rice Krispy treats and anything with lemon are an instant sale.

Please bring your donations on **Thursday, April 23rd from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm**. We will be delighted to help with the wrapping and ribboning if you run out of time.

Proceeds from this bake sale will be given to our Christian Education Program to help off-set some of the expenses of our Vacation Bible School and other outreach programs that we hope will help build our Sunday School enrollment.



Reel People News

Reel People movie lovers will meet on Friday, March 20, 2020 at the home of Ellie Gentile. (Note this one time change from the normal schedule of the 2nd Friday of the month.) We'll be discussing **The Flowers of War**, based on actual events involving the Japanese invasion of China in 1937. It's the tale of a very flawed man who is mistaken for the replacement of a priest in an elite Catholic girls' school. To complicate his life further, a group of Chinese prostitutes seek shelter in the cathedral and together they work to shield the innocent girls from the invaders using a most unique ruse. It's a very interesting and entertaining way to learn about this man, his experiences and the blessings that can come even in the worst of times.

First timers are always welcome to our food loving group. Why not join us for an evening of interesting adult conversation sprinkled with lots of laughs? We're not movie critics but love to delve into the deeper message a story holds. Just view the movie beforehand, let the hosts know you will attend and bring a snack and/or a favorite beverage to share. See you there!



7:00 PM on March 20th at Ellie's Home 611 Bluebird Circle Sandwich, IL Ph# 630-768-1009 <u>ellienline@yahoo.com</u>





The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister



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 blessings in return.

Here's what some Stephen Ministers are saying about their experiences.

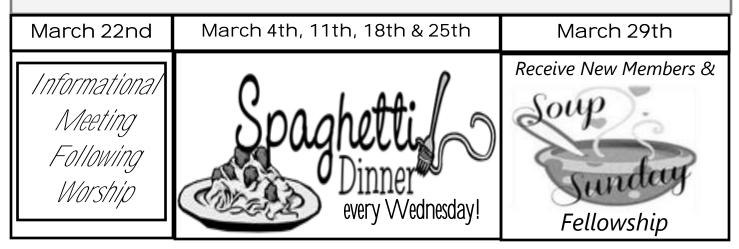
- "Stephen Minister training taught me not just how to be a caregiver, but how to live life in a new way—being Christ to other people. It's an awesome blessing to be used by God to bring hope and healing to someone else. I am humbled." Mike, a Carpenter, Georgia
- "Stephen Minister training has helped me relate better to family, friends, neighbors everyone I meet. I've experienced the fruit of the spirit— love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. God is part of my daily life more than ever before. It's been a real blessing." Maria, a Mother, Connecticut.

Our Stephen Ministry team is growing! Leslie Inukai, Ken Olvera, Art Prochaska, Gere Ryerson, Lea Ann Skogsberg and Amy Strausberger are currently learning and growing in their faith to become Stephen Ministers. YCUCC is blessed and honored to have these folks.

Talk to the new trainees; encourage them along this new path. And talk with our current Stephen Ministers-- Doug Clevenger, Anne Engelhardt, Carrie DeFuss, Fred Gaebler, Gail Gaebler, Lou Ann Hoffman, or Pastor Mark about how having a Stephen Minister can be a blessing to you or someone you know.



Want to become a member of our church family? Join our Search & Discovery Classes beginning March 1st following worship!



Coming Early April!



LADIES SAVE THE DATE!! YCUCC "LADIES DAY OUT" VENDOR FAIR SATURDAY, APRIL 4th 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.



Passover Seder Dinner - A pril 9th - please sign up now!

March Birthdays

Phyllis Yabsley Jim Dirst Matthew Bazan Mary Freeman Chris Skinner	03 04 06 06 06	Harper Vaclavik Avery Andersen Deborah Myers Matthew Gette Jonah Hart	14 15 18 23 23
Fred Dickson	10	Timothy Kolowski	23
Darlene Niesen Laurie Strong	10 10	Troy List Benjamin DeFuss	24 25
Katelyn Gette	12	Jacob DeFuss	25
Harold McCracken	12	Tim Sartori	26
Dale Perkins	12	Sue Frahm	27
Gayle Jacobs	14	Jim Ruzicka	29
Christine Keith	14	Greyson Tsusaki	30
Caleb Vaclavik	14	Michael Obenauer	31

March Anniversaries

3/15 Stephen & Carole Guenzler3/25 Ken & Marilyn Vogus3/31 Aaron & Sondra Shatters

34 years 42 years 13 years

Altar Guild

March, 2020 Andy & Pam Hamblin April, 2020 Jan Essex & Joann Morr



First Sunday in Lent

VIOLET Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matt 4:1-11 Abundant Grace

Second Sunday in Lent

VIOLET Gen 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 or Matt 17:1-9 Bold Blessing

Third Sunday in Lent

VIOLET Ex 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42 Thirsty Voices

Fourth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET 1 Sam 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Eph 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 *Restored*

Fifth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET Ezek 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45 Breath of Hope

Date	Greeters	Liturgists	Guardians
3/1/20	Tony & Laurie Houle	Pam Campos	Fred Dickson
3/8/20	Earl & Mary Ellen Bushnell	Pam Campos	Jeff Farren
3/15/20	Justine Jahp & Nancy Modery	Salli Walden	Andy Hamblin
3/22/20	Gere' Ryerson & Ellie Gentile	Pam Campos	Jeff Kline
3/29/20	Katie Niesen & Joanne Vitek	Pam Campos	Lee Kinkade



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Those Grieving:

The Gregory Family, The Guenzler Family, Rhonda Ladson's grandkids, The McIntyre Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Andrea Andres	Michelle Meyers	Pat Rogers
Tommy Marcum	Sue Monahan	Pearl Undes

Health Concerns:

Bill Andersen Michelle Atwood Myrah Baldwin Lynn Belcher Earl Bushnell Im Dirst	Joe Duran Mary Freeman David Hembree Karen Hess Carlene Hudgins	Bob Johnston Donald Kimes Diana Lee Mazie Marshall Joanne O'Brien	Doug Pierce Macayla Poch Debbie Potempa Dale Prochaska Walter Scott Bob Stout
Jim Dirst	Cliff Jahp	Dale Perkins	Bob Stout

General Concerns:

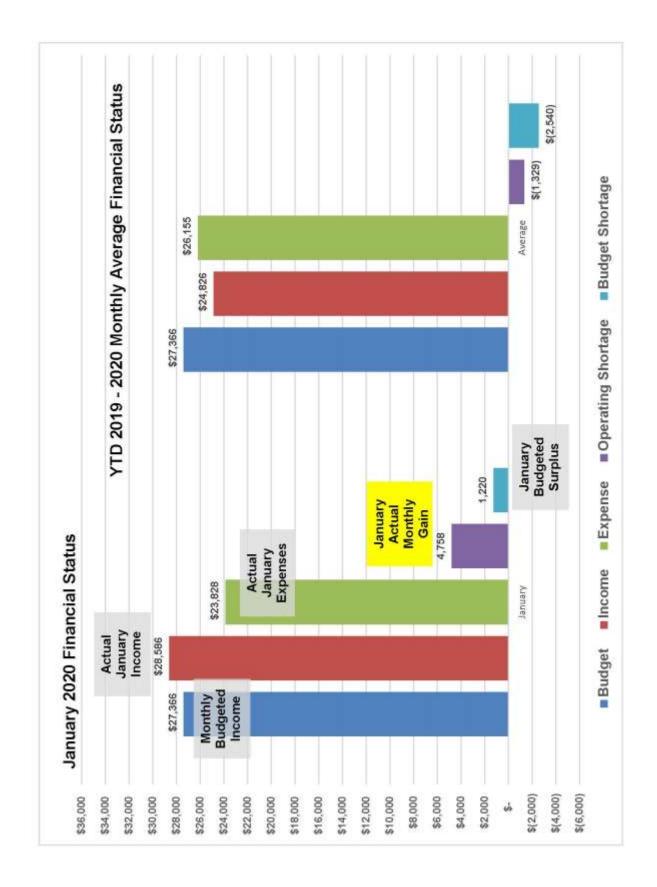
Brian Homerding Ruth Prince Michelle Terri Fred & Marie Wayne

Homebound/Assisted Living:

Jim Follmer Andrea Prochaska **Dorothy Sanderson**



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.



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Change Service Requested

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