



The Happenings

Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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Worship & Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Covid-19 Updates



Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

By Reservation Only

Worship Service - Sunday's @ 10:00 a.m.
Live Streaming on Facebook @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School packets provided at Worship
& E-Learning sent weekly.

Our Staff

<u>Minister</u>	Interim to Come
<u>Building Manager</u>	Mary Ellen Anderson
<u>Christian Education Director</u>	Barbara Thurlby
<u>Administrative Assistant</u>	Liz Cronshaw
<u>Chancel Choir Director</u>	Doug Trumble
<u>Children's Choir Director</u>	Sondra Shatters
<u>Organist</u>	Tina Andersen
<u>Pianist</u>	Lori Runkle
<u>Childcare Attendants</u>	Mariela Olvera
	Brett Rhodes
<u>Custodians</u>	Tim & Laurie Strong
<u>Sextons</u>	Steve Redmon
	Mike Obenauer

Our Shepherds

<u>Chairperson</u>	Aaron Shatters
<u>Vice Chairperson</u>	Deanna Bazan
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Sue Kimes
<u>Operations: Personnel</u>	Kathy Farren
<u>Operations: Bldg & Grds</u>	Tony Houle
<u>Operations: Finance</u>	Tim Andrus
<u>Information Services</u>	Diane Stablein
<u>Christian Education: Adult</u>	Aimee List
<u>Christian Education: Youth</u>	Stacy Skinner
<u>Worship: Serving</u>	Lori Redmon
<u>Worship: Preparation</u>	Pam Hamblin
<u>Church Family: Caring</u>	Mary Ann Doetschman
<u>Church Family: Fellowship</u>	Jeff Kline/Laurie Houle
<u>Service: Missions</u>	June Davis
<u>Outreach/Welcoming</u>	Gere' Ryerson

2020
September



Welcome to our Church!



*Interim Pastor Tim Rhodes
and Family!*

*Beginning Worship
September 13, 2020*



From the Desk of the Chair

We have an entire month under our belts and only a couple weeks left until Rev. Tim Rhodes joins us as Interim Pastor on September 13th. Many have stepped up over the last month to continue keeping our church humming along.

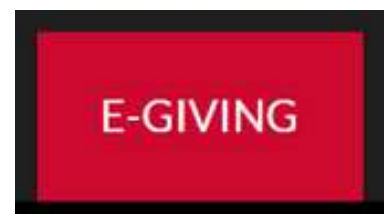
It is easy to take for granted how much work it takes to organize a worship service for 52 Sundays every year. Lori Redmon has been doing this for years, and now is a perfect time to recognize how much she gives as we see our worship services continue without missing a beat. Lori has provided for meaningful worship by leaning on some wonderful people to offer sermons. Thank you to Wendy Walker, Michael Obenauer, June Davis, Barb Thurlby and Doug Clevenger for your minds, words and time. Thank you to Lori Redmon for pulling it all together!

There is a lot of work being done behind the scenes also. YCUCC sees a lot of action on Sunday, but the day-to-day happens every day and we have a strong staff to thank for being there every day to steer the ship. I especially want to thank Laurie Strong for the work she has been doing to keep our church clean and safe.

I'd also like to turn my attention to the members and visitors of our church. It is very difficult to stay connected under our current circumstances and I'm sure many people feel like they are living on an island. It is also hard to know what to do and if we are making good decisions when everything is changing so quickly. If you are a young family with school aged kids and you are wondering "how in the world this is all going to actually work!", I can tell you, you are not alone. Please reach out to each other. Even if you just reach out to say hi, it will be a gift given and a gift received. You will find the common threads in life and learn how together we all continue to be.

Peace,

Aaron Shatters
SLT Chairperson



E-Giving is Easy!

Now is the time to sign up.

This is your monthly reminder to sign up for the "E-Giving Automatic Giving Plan" that is available from our website. This is the "set it and forget it" donation option. It's been said that this option is practically perfect in every way. More information can be found on our website, <http://yorkvilleucc.org>. Click the "**E-GIVING**" button from our website and you will find the sign-up sheet. Please give this option strong consideration as this could be the best option for both you and the church.

Peace, Aaron

Worship Serving Updates

I'd first like to thank the following people for stepping up to be lay leaders for the weeks between Pastor Mark's retirement and Pastor Tim's arrival:

Wendy Walker, Michael Obenauer, June Dave, Barb Thurlby and Doug Clevenger

Thank you for sharing your messages with us!

Service updates: We are now having a single service at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Please continue to sign up. We now have a FM transmitter, so if we have more than 50 people wishing to attend, you will be able to listen to the service in your car over the radio. We still need to be able to plan for this so service reservations are greatly appreciated.

I'd also like to thank Jeff Farren for making the shield for the pulpit so speakers can forgo facemasks while at the podium. This has greatly improved the quality of the service recording.

Lastly, I'd like to thank you all for your patience, words of appreciation and support while we work through the live-stream issues. I look forward to the time when we can all meet again in one place.

I miss seeing you!

Lori Redmon
Worship Serving Shepherd

Outreach & Welcoming

Living in Faith

Good day Church Family and Friends,
As we continue to move through these new times it strikes me how important it is we continue to live in faith, placing all our trust in Jesus.

Now more than ever we need The Healing Heart of Our Loving God and equally important, we need to Share HIS Loving Joy with those around us.

AS HIS LIGHT FILLS YOU, BRING HIS LIGHT TO OTHERS



I'M STILL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HERE [REDACTED]
BLACK [REDACTED]
DIGNITY IN [REDACTED]
A WORLD [REDACTED]
MADE FOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] WHITENESS
AUSTIN CHANNING
BROWN [REDACTED]

The United Church of Christ has a long history of working towards eradicating systemic and institutional racism. This is the year for Yorkville Congregational UCC to begin to educate ourselves about racism starting with the book, *I'm Still Here, Black Dignity In A World Made For Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. In the book, the author describes how racism has impacted her in her life including her Christian faith. Her descriptions of her very personal daily struggles are a real wake-up call. A six-week study of the book will begin the week of September 20 and continue weekly until October 25. Contact Aimee List at 309-208-7480, text or call, or by e-mail at ajlsan1@hotmail.com if you are interested and what your preferred meeting days and times are, meetings could be in-person or via video conference

We are a collective of change agents. Bored by easy answers, we wrestle with hard questions. We understand history can speak prophetically. We push ourselves purposefully. We read voraciously; listen intentionally. We act in solidarity. Often called troublemakers we interrupt the status quo. We work to uproot white supremacy. We hold power accountable believing in the possibility of change. Working to dismantle unjust systems; we drag injustice into the light. We make peace. We promote truth and love above politeness and civility. We make noise because our lives depend on it. We believe in reconciliation; we recognize justice comes first. We know God is working in the world. We celebrate. We laugh. We honor one another. We practice joy. Making room for grief, we cultivate hope. We believe in redemption and resurrection. We are confident in Love's victory.

By Austin Channing (austinchanning.com)



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 Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman.

Building and Grounds
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8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

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Time to put our hard hats back on. Early in September we hope to have the structural repair work done by Bill Smith, to the north east corner of our church. Over the years, serious water damage happened undetected until recently. We are having that issue corrected and at the same time putting on a new flat roof by Advanced Roofing over this same area. We are anxious to see this section of the flat roof without the stone ballast. You will see a dumpster in the parking lot while this work is being done.

Our other structural repair work planned to happen in late September, the washing and then repairing the stone joints in the two wing walls next to our main entrance by Willman & Groesch. Water running off the roof has eroded the joints. They will professionally clean, repair and seal the stone walls.

Long term and short-term maintenance projects are discussed weekly on Tuesday mornings by this group of dedicated men. They keep us running efficiently even during this COVID pandemic by doing scheduled work like changing lightbulbs, furnace filters etc., garden spraying, weeding and bush trimming.

The B & G men are helping Barb Thurlby, our Christian Education Director, get things ready for the reopening of Sunday School. They are building acrylic screens to help separate the kids when they are working at the round tables or rectangle tables in fellowship hall. She has a number of other safety protocols established to help keep our kids safe. They will not be meeting in their small classroom; instead, working at various stations in fellowship hall and the kid's zone in order to follow social distancing guidelines. These steps are being put into place and then we are waiting to see how things go with the start of the school year before we can reopen our program.

Looking ahead, please check the google calendar on our web page when planning future events and meetings. We have not been able to plan out the year programming but checking the calendar should be your first step and then contacting me to get your event on the calendar.

Stewardship Thought...

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

Luke 12:48

Everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.

Each of us should try to live everyday as God's Stewards.

What's The Scoop?

Do you enjoy eating a sweet, creamy ice cream cone?

Do you know how to read?

Do you like to have books read to you?



If you answered **YES** to just **2** of these questions, you could earn a **FREE** ice cream cone!

HOW? Read a book from the Kid's Church Library, the public library, school library or from your home library and record the names of the books you read on the official Ice Cream Scoop Reward's Form. Use the form below or get one from Miss Barb's office, church office or down the hall at the kid's library corner at church.

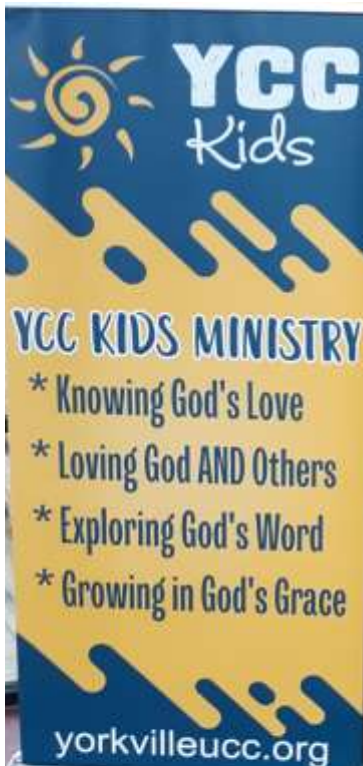
How many books do I need to read? **3**

Sound GOOD! Start reading!!!



Read 3 Books and get a FREE Ice Cream Cone

Your Name _____



Books you read:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Enjoy your Cone!



YCC SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL PROGRAMMING

By Barb Thurlby, CE Director

As summer ends, we are thinking positive and looking forward to our fall Sunday School program at Yorkville Congregational Church. Our Sunday School classes will enjoy a delightful theme entitled, "Ingredients of a Godly Life".

In this series kids will explore the ingredients that go into a godly life, while they help "cook up" some tasty snacks that reinforce each lesson. Kids will learn valuable tools that help children build a godly character in a fun and different way. Lessons will include: A bowl of trust, A sprinkle of obedience, Mix in Mercy, Stir together wisdom, A spoonful of confidence, A dash of boldness, A cup of faith, and A heaping helping of love. Kids are sure to enjoy this delightful cooking adventure!

As we look to eventually gathering, we continue to be cognizant of the difficult time that we are living in and the threat of covid. The church remains diligent on taking appropriate steps for cleanliness, safety, and social distancing. As we prepare for times ahead, we will focus on how to keep our kids safe and social distanced. We will require facemasks, temperatures taken and social distancing will be expected.

Please stay tuned as we continue in these uncharted waters and know that we fervently pray for our students and families.
We miss you and look forward to being together.



Missions Ministry

We will have our Neighbors In Need - NIN 5 for 5 offering collected on Sunday, October 04, 2020. The NIN offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

Look for more info next month!

September Birthdays

Carrie DeFuss	02	Elise Phillipp	16
Rick Falato	02	Katie Niesen	17
Joe Runkle	02	Amber Anderson	18
Andy Langston	02	Maddy Gawne	18
Cooper Langston	02	Mary Ellen Herron	20
Marilyn Vogus	02	Marjorie Fitzgerald	20
Marge Hembree	03	Lori Runkle	21
Ruth Prince	05	McKenzie Strausberger	21
Dan Gette	06	Cecil Hembree	21
Adam Kolowski	06	Christopher Erickson	22
Kristine Arch	07	Ellie Gentile	22
Tracy Andrus	08	Mariah Cathey	22
Dianne Corneils	09	Jeff Dillow	23
Aidan Donahue	13	Jon Runkle	23
Dawn Mulligan	14	Mike Mallon	25
Brett Rhodes	14	Tyler Wilson	25
Guliana Goldman	14	Jenna Anderson	27
Fred Anderson	15	Pat Stewart	28
Julie Kline	16	Mark Gregory	29



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 Ex 12:1-14 and Ps 149
 Ezek 33:7-11 and Ps 119:33-40
 Rom 13:8-14
 Matt 18:15-20
Remember, Restore, Renew

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 Ex 14:19-31 and Ps 114 or
 Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21
 Gen 50:15-21 and Ps 103:(1-7), 8-13
 Rom 14:1-12
 Matt 18:21-35
Road to Freedom

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 Ex 16:2-15 and Ps 105:1-6, 37-45
 Jon 3:10-4:11 and Ps 145:1-8
 Phil 1:21-30
 Matt 20:1-16
Tensions in the Wilderness

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 Ex 17:1-7 and Ps 78:1-4, 12-16
 Ezek 18:1-4, 25-32 and Ps 25:1-9
 Phil 2:1-13
 Matt 21:23-32
God's Sustaining Presence

September Anniversaries

9/04	Frank & Phyllis Yabsley	38 years
9/04	Troy & Aimee List	21 years
9/05	Cecil & Marge Hembree	38 years
9/06	Bob & Bar/b Thurlby	23 years
9/11	Harv & Peg Knell	65 years
9/14	Earl & Mary Ellen Bushnell	24 years
9/17	Scott & Amy Corwin	37 years
9/19	Fred & Connie Dickson	56 years
9/20	Allan & Beth Goss	40 years
9/22	Ben & Regina Moe	19 years
9/22	Alex & Kaitlin Mulligan	2 years
9/23	Joe & Diane Stablein	3 years

Altar Guild

September, 2020
 Kristina Arch & Chanel Bravo
 October, 2020
 Alpha Group

*And I will give you pastors
 according to mine heart, which shall feed you
 with knowledge and understanding.
 Jeremiah 3:15*

Date	Greeters	Liturgists	Guardians
9/6	TBD	TBD	TBD
9/13	TBD	TBD	TBD
9/20	TBD	TBD	TBD
9/27	TBD	TBD	TBD

STAYING EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY IN A PANDEMIC

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

During the coronavirus pandemic many agencies are looking at the emotional challenges of families and individuals including pastors, lay leaders and congregants. Agents such as Barna Research and Suicide Prevention have their pulse on the emotional and mental health challenges of this difficult time.

The pandemic can cause anxiety and chaos that we are not used to. Keeping ourselves emotionally and spiritually healthy is vital in these arduous times. Your church can provide tidbits of emotional support.

Consider some of the following suggestions:

- Visit and walk the church labyrinth.
- Visit the church library or take your children to the children's library.
- Set up a time to visit the sanctuary and meditate in the quiet beauty of the church.
- Reach out to those that may be shut in or alone.
- Join a book group or bible study with church peers.
- Contact church leaders for prayer.
- Contact a Stephens Ministry leader if you have feelings of depression or overwhelmingness.
- Attend worship services online or in person.

Take a moment and consider your emotional and spiritual health and then connect with your church in some way. Together, we can overcome.



Bags Needed The Food Pantry needs plastic bags. With the volume of customers, they serve each week, they go through 600 -700 bags each week. If you have clean reusable plastic bags, please drop them off in the container by our main entrance doors.

Thank You!



Those Grieving:

The Schaefer Family, The Patterson Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Andrea Andres	Pat Rogers	Kylie Brewick's sister-in-law's mom - leukemia
Sue Monahan	Pearl Undesser	

Health Concerns:

Bill Andersen	Mary Freeman	Diana Lee	Andrea Prochaska
Myrah Baldwin	David Hembree	Barry Leggett	Dale Prochaska
Lynn Belcher	Karen Hess	Mazie Marshall	Larry Rezash
Earl Bushnell	Cliff Jahp	Joanne O'Brien	Walter Scott
Jim Dirst	Bob Johnston	Doug Pierce	Bob Stout
Joe Duran	Rhonda Ladson	Debbie Potempa	Marie Wayne
Gail Fisher			

General Concerns:

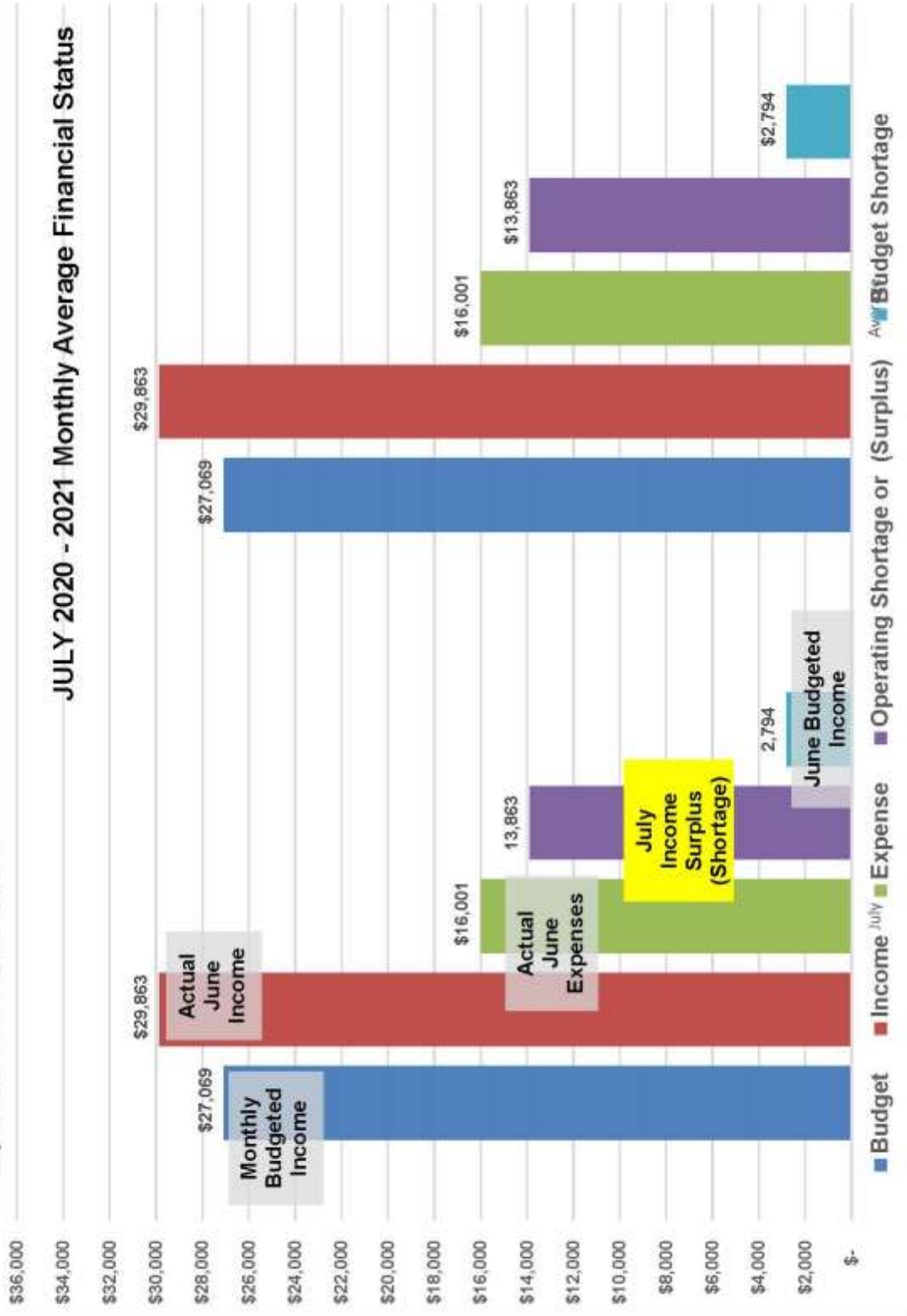
Brian Homerding	Ruth Prince	The people who work on the front lines of the virus - doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, nursing home workers, first responders.
Justine Jahp	Michelle Terri	
Lee Kinkade	Fred Wayne	
Samuel Nedrow, US Navy		

Homebound/Assisted Living:

Jim Follmer
Andrea Prochaska
Dorothy Sanderson

July 2020 Financial Status

JULY 2020 - 2021 Monthly Average Financial Status



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.

Watch our church services on the internet!!

Facebook: [Click here](#) OR

1. Go to our YCUCC Facebook page.
2. Click on the videos tab on the left side of the home page.
3. Scroll down to select the appropriate sermon date.
4. Click the arrow to view the sermon video.

Website: [Click here](#) OR

1. Go to our YorkvilleUCC.org home page.
2. Click on the Worship/ Media Tab.
3. Scroll down to select the appropriate sermon date.
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