



Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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 @ 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Live Streaming on Facebook @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes @ 10:00 a.m.

Our Staff

<u>Minister</u>	Timothy C. Rhodes
<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
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<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

The Happenings



2020

WELCOME BACK TO

Sunday School



OCTOBER 4TH!

**MASKS, TEMPERATURE TAKEN,
HAND SANITIZER &
SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED!**



TIM's TALES

What's the plan? How long will it take? How are we going to do this in the midst of Covid?

These are the questions surrounding the start of interim ministry. Below is an outline of how we'll proceed.

The plan is that the congregation will shape its future by faithfully completing five tasks. Each task will be done with abundant prayer and deep trust in guidance of the Holy Spirit. Together, we will learn loads and have fun!

1. Celebrating Heritage: The celebration will include the congregation's history and the leadership of the pastors of the church.
2. Exploring identity: The current identity of the congregation will be examined with the members and friends of YCUCC and how the church is perceived in the community. The community includes the Yorkville area and the larger United Church of Christ.
3. Encouraging new leadership: Yorkville Congregational UCC is good at calling forth new leadership and acknowledging former leaders. We will enhance this trend.
4. Strengthening connections to the United Church of Christ. Again, we will be building on a strength. The congregation is well connected to the wider UCC. We will find fresh ways that the local and national church can further bless one another.
5. Preparing for the new settled pastor: After the whole church has done its work, the identity is known, and the vision set, the search committee will be formed and begin their work. Then we will start to prepare for the new pastor.

How long will it take? Experience indicates that the church will have a new settled pastor in 18-24 months. Covidtide may change the timeline, but we don't know which way. The greatest impact on the time the congregation requires to call a new pastor is the eagerness for the congregation to complete the tasks outlined above. If we plan well and work together, the timeline shortens and the new pastor is usually a good fit.

I am privileged to be with you on this journey. You are a Spirit-filled church engaged in Godly ministries. I'm excited to work with you as we explore what God is imagining for the future of Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ.

Thank you

We want to thank all those who sent birthday cards or came by for our drive-by birthday parade! All was very much appreciated & a great celebration even though we are shut in at Cedarhurst.

Thanks All!!!

Earl & Mary Ellen Bushnell



From the Desk of the Chair

I don't know about you, but I feel a tremendous sense of excitement within our church right now. I understand that change can bring anxiety and concern, but I get the overwhelming sense that our congregation is optimistic, enthusiastic and eager.

This isn't just a feeling either, I can see it! There is a buzz of new activity at our church. We have a new pastor in Tim Rhodes who has brought a fresh voice and welcome perspective. Sunday services have been excellent and thought provoking. New Christian education opportunities are available as Sunday school has opened back up with very careful planning and consideration for the safety of our children, not to mention their growth and development. A new book study group has started to meet. And, as always, the building and grounds crew has continued to churn through projects.

I recently heard a phrase that really made me smile; "bounce forward" as opposed to "bounce back". We have a chance to take this momentum and turn it into significant forward progress. At home and at church, we have the opportunity to evaluate what is really important to us, what we really value, and retool so that we can "bounce forward", better than ever. For many at home, bouncing forward includes finding a connection with a church community and we need to be there to catch them.

There is a real sense of urgency at our church to capitalize on this momentum. As the months ahead unfold, I pray that each and every one of you feel that you have a place at your church, opportunities at your church, and a real chance to help shape the future of your church.

Peace,

Aaron Shatters, SLT Chairperson

P.S. ~ Vote ~

Stewardship Ministry

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap, nor gather into barns .. And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these. (Matthew 6:26a, 28-29)

Anyone who now or ever has lived with a teenager recognizes the central fallacy of Jesus' argument. Flowers are beautiful, but they wear the same outfit every day! ... Retirement savings are a kind of "gathering into barns". Isn't it socially responsible, even if last year was a financial "barn burner"? ... It's fine to critique contemporary time-poverty, but, in a season of record unemployment, cruel to offer people laid off sowing and spinning this twisted paraphrase: "Do not worry about tomorrow. Put today's worries on your credit card."

We have a love-hate relationship with Jesus' classic teaching found in Matthew. It challenges common sense, responsible planning and even church stewardship. Jesus is addressing our resource-attitudes. Every day we make choices about money, possessions security ... and giving.

Today-living is the secret to giving, open-handed giving. In fact, nobody is *happier* giving than the person headed for a job interview, one with a shrunken 401K, a church community whose endowment is en-down-ment. Today-giving replaces *stress* and *bless*. As long as we can bless one other person, we have the perspective to recognize that God's tomorrow is another priceless today, what Jesus called God's realm. An old hymn sings across all our worry, "God's eye is on the sparrow and I know God watches me".

November will be our yearly Pledge-Givings Campaign entitled "Beloved, LOVE" John 4:7, with dedication on Sunday, November 8th. A letter will be forth coming.



HURTING?

Stephen Ministers strive to ***"Bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ"***
Galatians 6:2.

If you or someone you know is burdened or hurting, a trained Stephen Minister can listen, encourage and care in a **confidential** one-to-one manner.

Contact the church office, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman

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. When Mikey tried this option, it was widely observed that "He Likes It!" 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



SUNDAY SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION!!!

By Barb Thurlby, CE Director

We are so excited to have Sunday School back in session. During this difficult covid time we have stayed the course and worked to keep our church family safe. Therefore, we have taken important safety precautions to keep our students, teachers and YCC families safe.

Sunday School will be open for all pre-kindergarten through 6th grade students beginning Sunday, October 4, 2020 during the 10:00 a.m. service. Students will be required to complete three checks before entering class: face mask, temperature check and hand sanitizer. Then it is off to the classroom! Once in the classroom students will practice social distance and each student will have their own section divided by plexiglass and personal supplies. Safety remains a priority during our ministry to YCC students.

Our fall curriculum is, 'Ingredients of a Godly Life.' Students will explore the ingredients of a godly life as they connect hands on activities and visual learning while exploring a fun cooking adventure.

We hope to see all our families back at Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ! We have missed you!

Building and Grounds
Office Hours: Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. – Noon

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Moving into the fall season brings new challenges. October is traditionally fire prevention awareness month. We have updated our fire drill routes and had our fire equipment checked and filed the report with the Bristol Kendall Fire Department. Please take time when you are sitting in the sanctuary to note where the exits are located and which one you should probably use if there was a drill. This is also a good time for you to check your smoke detectors at home to see if the battery needs to be changed.

Structural construction repair and a new flat roof over this same area has started by the time you read this article. Be safe entering the parking lot and building during this construction. We are installing a new membrane on the flat roof that does not require a stone ballast. We are trying this technique to see if it will hold up longer without needing repairs. Our current flat roof is nearing the end of its lifetime and we are looking ahead to see what we should do in a few years.

You probably have noticed the shape of our current church sign on the corner. Thank you for bringing the condition of the sign to our attention and know we too are aware of the way our image is currently being projected to the community. We are investigating various ideas on how to improve our signage at a reasonable cost and at the same time improve our community awareness of our amazing church programs.



Ladies from JOY Circle worked with Laurie Strong to deep clean the kitchen. They washed all of the dishes and wiped out all the cabinets. Out of date items were discarded and items could be used by multiple groups like napkins, cups etc. are all stored together in one location. It took several days but the end result is amazing!

*Thank you, Goldie Behrens, June Davis,
Pam Hamblin, Mary McCracklin,
and Laurie Strong
for your diligent work in the kitchen!*

Missions Ministry

The NIN – Neighbors In Need is one our 5 for 5 Offerings of the United Church of Christ (UCC) that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One third of the NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct services. We have been a 5 for 5 church going on twenty-two years. Last year we gave \$720.00 to Neighbors In Need. Please support NIN this year. Place your offering in the glass box on the table in the narthex marked OFFERING or mail it to the church. Dedication of this offering will be Sunday, October 4th. There are no special envelopes for this offering.

Outreach & Welcoming

The Power of Now

Good day my Church Family and Friends,

As we continue to acknowledge the importance of living our faith,
let us all try and relish in the Power of Now.

The Power of Now provides us the opportunity to be present in the lives of those around us.

The Power of Now also allows us to quiet ourselves to hear Gods word and
to feel His presence living and working within our lives.

We all need God's Loving Presence in our lives, we also very much need each other.

We need to reach out to one another; reaching out just to say hello, seeing how someone is
doing can have a very positive impact on their day and yours too!

You are also demonstrating what Jesus do, doing HIS work, here on earth.

Let us all, when we can reach out to our brothers and sister in our congregation and
extended families, stay in touch and share your Loving Kindness with one another.



Peace and Love Always

Adult Education

The YCC Book Group has been meeting virtually every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Austin Channing Brown's book *I'm Still Here, Black Dignity In A World Made For Whiteness*. Meetings continue through October 28th. The book is a masterfully written memoir about race. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome!

I'd also love to hear from anyone interested in future book discussions. Contact me with your suggestions and ideas.

Some of the books I'm reading this month:

- *Caste* by Isabella Wilkerson. This is the current Oprah pick and it really is worth reading.
- *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi. A beautifully written book about immigration, racism, religion, mental illness, science, and addiction.

I am also recommending the documentary *13th*, streaming on Netflix right now. The movie tackles racial inequality driven by political and economic motives.

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CHRISTIAN ED OCTOBER FAMILY EVENTS



WATCH FOR DETAILS
VIA EMAIL
POST CARDS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
E-LEARNING
& NEWSLETTERS




Scavenger
Hunt



OCTOBER 25 @ 4 PM

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Neighbors In Need Offering 8:30 am Worship Rev Tim Rhodes 9:00 am Confirmation Class 9:45 am Sunday School registration 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & streaming on Facebook	5	6 9:00 am B & G men come to do maintenance work.	7 7:00 pm Book Study "I'm Still Here" On Zoom—Aimee List	8 6:00 pm on Zoom Finance 7:00 pm on Zoom SLT	9	10
11 8:30 am Worship Rev Tim Rhodes 9:00 am Confirmation Class 10:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & streaming on Facebook 400 pm CE Family Campfire @ our church	12	13 9:00 am B & G men come to do maintenance work.	14 7:00 pm Spiritual Development Meeting FH 7:00 pm Book Study "I'm Still Here" On Zoom—Aimee List	15	16	17 9:00 am CE Family Canoe Trip
18 8:30 am Worship Rev Tim Rhodes 9:00 am Confirmation Class 10:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & streaming on Facebook	19 Stewardship mailing Giving Materials for Beloved Love campaign	20 9:00 am B & G men come to do maintenance work.	21 7:00 pm Book Study "I'm Still Here" On Zoom—Aimee List	22	23 <div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Newsletter Calendar Deadline</div>	24
25 8:30 am Worship Rev Tim Rhodes 9:00 am Confirmation Class 10:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & streaming on Facebook 4:00 pm CE Community Family Scavenger Hunt starts and ends @ our church	26	27 9:00 am B & G men come to do maintenance work.	28 7:00 pm Spiritual Development Meeting—FH 7:00 pm Book Study "I'm Still Here" On Zoom—Aimee List	29	30	31 Move Your Clock Back One Hour 

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!

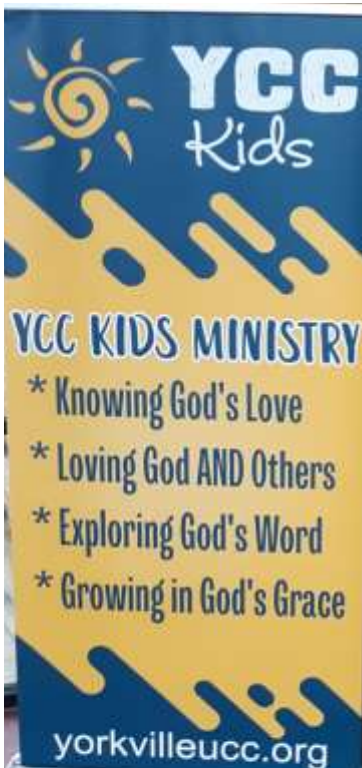
HOW? Read a book from the Kid's Church Library, the public library, school library or from your home library and record the names of the books you read on the official Ice Cream Scoop Reward's Form. Use the form below or get one from Miss Barb's office, church office or down the hall at the kid's library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



NEED GROCERIES?

If you don't have enough to eat, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry can help.

Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry distributes nutritious food to high-need areas. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or income is required. **Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis, while supplies last.**



Due to COVID-19, Mobile Pantry distributions have moved to a contactless drive-thru model, with pre-packed boxes of groceries.



For additional food resources, visit www.SolveHungerToday.org/GetHelp



Wednesday, October 7, 2020

9:00AM-12PM

Kendall County Health Department

811 John St., Yorkville, IL 60560

**For questions please call Linda Mathre at
815-210-0985**

Children's Library

Laurie Strong gave our kids a wonderful thoughtful gift of cleaning our children's library. She cleaned all the shelves and wiped off all the books and arranged them back on the shelves.

The Children's Library looks GREAT!

Thank you Laurie for taking on this task!

Okay kids you can go to the library corner and find a good book to read for the . . .

"Ice Cream Cone Challenge" - What's the Scoop?

Read three books or have someone read to you three books and we will give you an ice cream cone to enjoy.

YUM!

Come join the fun!

COMMUNITY FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT!!!

- Families and friends will meet at the church
- Each vehicle will pick up a list of clues
- Families will follow the clues and the directions
- Once you have completed the hunt, vehicles will return to the church for a to go treat!
- Come on, load up the family and take a ride!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020
4:00 P.M.



October Birthdays

Marina Olvera	02	Dakota Kolowski	13
Brooke Keith	03	Eric Redmon	13
Chanel Bravo	03	Mary Ellen Anderson	14
Roger Brooks	04	Diane Dillow	15
Tim Andrus	04	Jeffrey Pratt	15
Isabelle Shatters	04	Aimee List	16
Ashley Brown	04	Colton Pranga	16
Joanne Vitek	06	Jeff Corneils	19
Steven Redmon	06	Julie Gette	19
Melissa Myers	06	Frank Yabsley	20
Wendy Walker	06	Kamron Brewick	24
Melissa Lee	07	Dolores Cruise	26
John Morello	08	Bradley Brown	26
Kyle Pratt	08	Mary McCracken	28
Tony Campos	09	Rhonda Matlock	28
Emily Mallon	09	Sondra Shatters	28
Gail Fisher	12	Lori Redmon	29
Bob Kolowski	12	Kiersa Downs	30
Alex Betzviser	12		



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Ps 19
 Isa 5:1-7 and Ps 80:7-15
 Phil 3:4b-14
 Matt 21:33-46
Wisdon for the Way

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 Ex 32:1-14 and Ps 106:1-6, 19-23
 Isa 25:1-9 and Ps 23
 Phil 4:1-9
 Matt 22:1-14
Praiseworthy Living

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 Ex 33:12-23 and Ps 99
 Isa 45:1-7 and Ps 96:1-9 (10-13)
 1 Thess 1:1-10
 Matt 22:15-22
Living Messages

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN
 Deut 34:1-12 and Ps 90:1-6, 13-17
 Lev 19:1-2, 15-18 and Ps 1
 1 Thess 2:1-8
 Matt 22:34-46
The Compassionate Life

October Anniversaries

10/13	Tim & Tracy Andrus	19 years
10/25	John & Carol Schulz	45 years
10/26	Gavin & Lori Redmon	35 years
10/26	Andy & Kristen Langston	24 years
10/26	Brad & Natalie Schroder	7 years
10/28	Megan & Sara Gelsomino	3 years
10/30	Jeff & Kathy Farren	49 years

Altar Guild

Andy & Pam Hamblin



*Remember...
 Daylight Saving Time Sunday, November 1st*

***The Lord is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?***

***The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?***

Psalm 27:12

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?



Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- ISOLATION AND LONELINESS
- ANXIETY OVER HEALTH
- GRIEF DUE TO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF LOSSES
- TENSION FROM JUGGLING WORK, CHILDCARE, AND SCHOOLING
- FINANCIAL STRAIN OR JOB LOSS
- UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE
- OTHER UNEXPECTED LIFE CHALLENGES?



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call our church office.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



Those Grieving:

The Brewick Family, The Clevenger Family, The Houle Family, The Stout Family, The Redmon/Walker Families

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	Gail Fisher	Diana Lee	Dale Prochaska
Myrah Baldwin	Mary Freeman	Mazie Marshall	Larry Rezash
Lynn Belcher	Donna Fuss	Joanne O'Brien	Walter Scott
Earl Bushnell	David Hembree	Doug Pierce	Marie Wayne
Jim Davis	Karen Hess	Debbie Potempa	Kathy Wickens
Jim Dirst	Cliff Jahp	Andrea Prochaska	
Joe Duran	Bob Johnston	Art Prochaska	

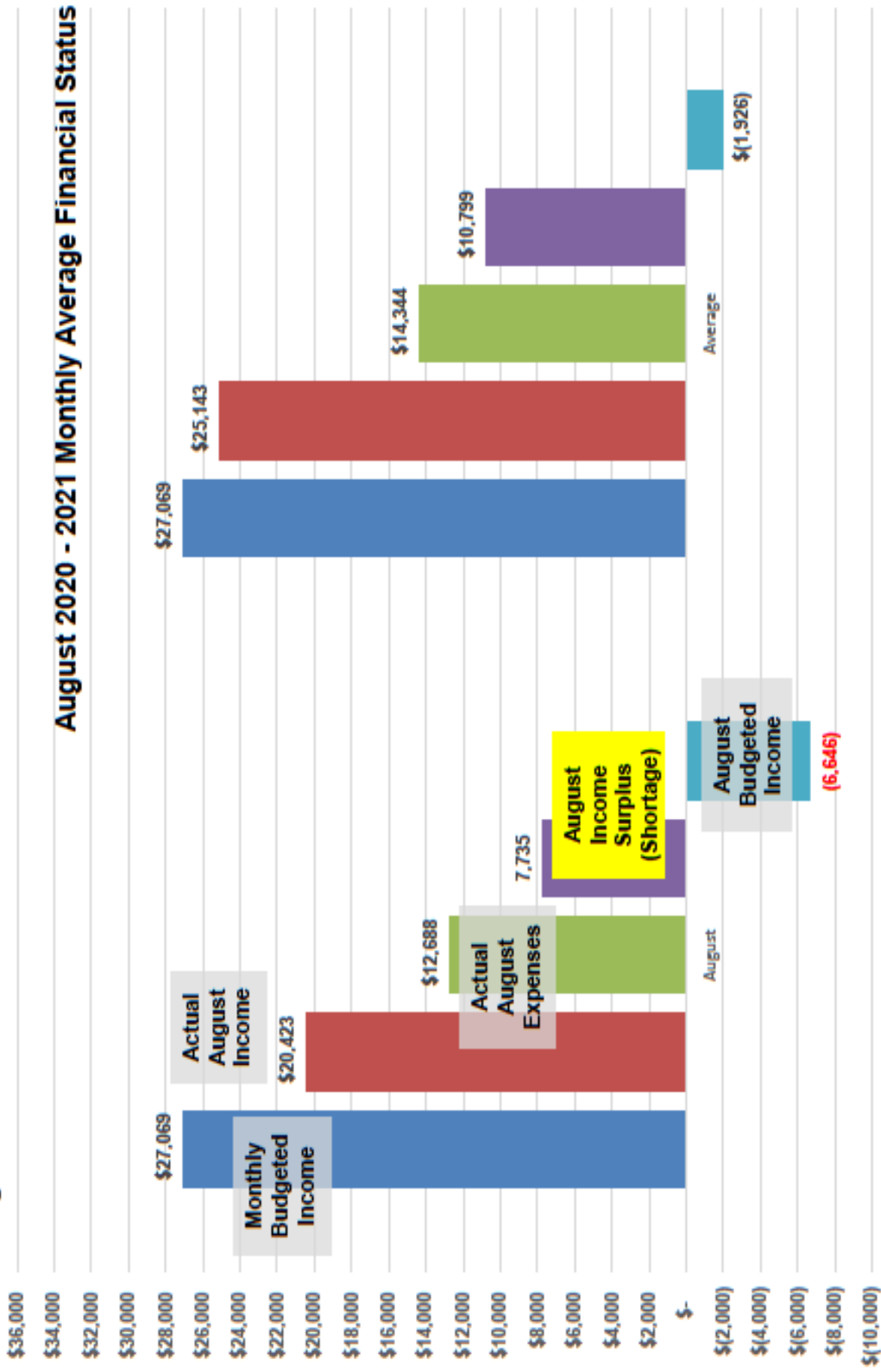
General Concerns:

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

August 2020 Financial Status



■ Budget ■ Income ■ Expense ■ Operating Shortage or (Surplus) ■ Budget Shortage

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.
4. Click the arrow to view the sermon video.

YouTube.com: [Click here](#) OR

1. Go to the search bar.
2. Type in "Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ".
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