



## 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 Services: Sunday's @ 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Live Streaming on Facebook & YouTube at 10:00 a.m.

Posted on YorkvilleUCC.org website after 12:00 p.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>Sexton</u>	Phillip Bethke

### 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 &amp; 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

# The Happenings

# APRIL 2021





## TIM's TALES

Here is an update on the interim process and a challenge.

**Update: The Heritage Celebrations:** During the 9 meetings with 36 participants identified 4 clear themes.

1. **Friendly** is the first impression most people have of YCUCC. First time visitors chose to stay because they were approached by a friendly lay person who was present in a positive manner with the visitor and engaged that visitor with a genuine welcome. Quote: "Not you getting into the church, but the church getting into you."  
Two sub themes emerged, people with young children desired quality family programming and many people first engaged with YCUCC because they identified with the UCC or a specific mission of the UCC (Open & Affirming, social justice).
2. **Music** ministries are core to the YCUCC experience. Most participants appreciated the "classic" form of worship music and expressed an openness to "newer" worship music. Highly valued were the music programs for children and youth.
3. **Fellowship Groups** such as Reel People, Stephen Ministry, Joy Circle, The Green Group, and events such as the rummage sales, spaghetti dinners, soup suppers, etcetera were valued for their fellowship and service opportunities. These events helped form a common bond of mission and purpose among participants.
4. **Community Service** opportunities in impactful social justice ministries helped build identity and purpose in the church. Quote: "Service is in the DNA of the church."

**Challenge: Imagine the Future:** You can engage in workshops linking the Holy Spirit to the church's current strengths and then begin to imagine the church's future. There will be five workshops—two in person and three video conferences. Make sure your voice is heard by participating. Detailed information is available in this edition of the Happenings and in bulletins.



## Church Office Covid-19 Protocol

Due to Covid-19 mediation measures, the Church staff will adjust their work hours to improve safety. Everyone will wear a mask and maintain physical distancing.

The church office will be open 9-3, Monday – Friday

Mary Ellen will be in the office 8-1, Monday – Thursday

Tim Rhodes and Barb Thurlby will be available via phone and by appointment.

All church meetings are to be remote or limited to 50 people, masked, and appropriately distanced.





## ***From the Desk of the Chair***

As many of you know, our current flat roof has served us well, however, just like any major piece of equipment, it has come to the end of its useful life. The roof leaks in multiple locations and is leaving us exposed to the possibility of damage inside. We need a new flat roof.

The good news is that we do have the money for the project in the bank. However, just like when we have large bills in our personal lives, if we can pay for it without raiding our savings account, that is the best option.

Yes, this project is expensive. It's a big roof. The total cost is nearly \$150,000. This is our first challenge.

However, the second, and most important challenge, is this. The church is currently spending more than we, as a community, are providing through our gifts. This has been true for several years. We have been bridging the gap using the same savings account that we also need to pay for the roof, and we can only use those dollars once.

Yes, we need to live within our means, but we are running out of expenses to cut. We need to increase income by 10% which is approximately \$30,000 per year.

Don't let the big numbers scare you. This boils down to about \$50 per month, per family.

We are all in different positions relative to how much we can give. Some are stretched as far as they can go. Many of us, if not most of us, can dig deeper now that we know our story. We're in this together. We need to take care of this building because this building houses our ministries.

If our income rises to meet our expenses, we'll be fine! But it is an absolute necessity that this happens.

If your number isn't \$50 per month, or \$100 per month, what is it?

**No One Can Do Everything, but Everyone Can Do Something.**

Please prayerfully consider two questions: "What can you do?" and "What will you do?"

Peace,  
Aaron Shatters  
SLT Chairperson

Remember that the best way to give is by signing up for the "E-Giving Automatic Giving Plan". The application is available at the end of this newsletter and at our website. This is the "set it and forget it" donation option and now is the perfect time to update your routine. More information can be found by clicking the "[E-GIVING](#)" button at <http://yorkvilleucc.org/>. Please give this option strong consideration as this could be the best option for both you and the church.



### **CE Sells STARBUCKS CARDS**

Gift cards are an easy and popular way to shop and the church benefits!

If you are interested in a Starbucks gift card for a teacher, neighbor, friend, teenager or anyone you might like to shower with a gift, you can contact Barb at 630/330-4448 or [ced@yorkvilleucc.org](mailto:ced@yorkvilleucc.org).

Cards come in \$10.00 or \$5.00 amounts.

Consider giving a gift of coffee and give back to the church at the same time.



## Missions Ministry News

As of March 25<sup>th</sup>, our 5 for 5 offering “One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)”, collected on Sunday, March 14, 2021 netted \$485.00. Through One Great Hour of Sharing places lacking health and educational resources and/or where disaster has struck, help is received through our giving.

*The Missions Ministry thanks all who contributed to make this possible.*

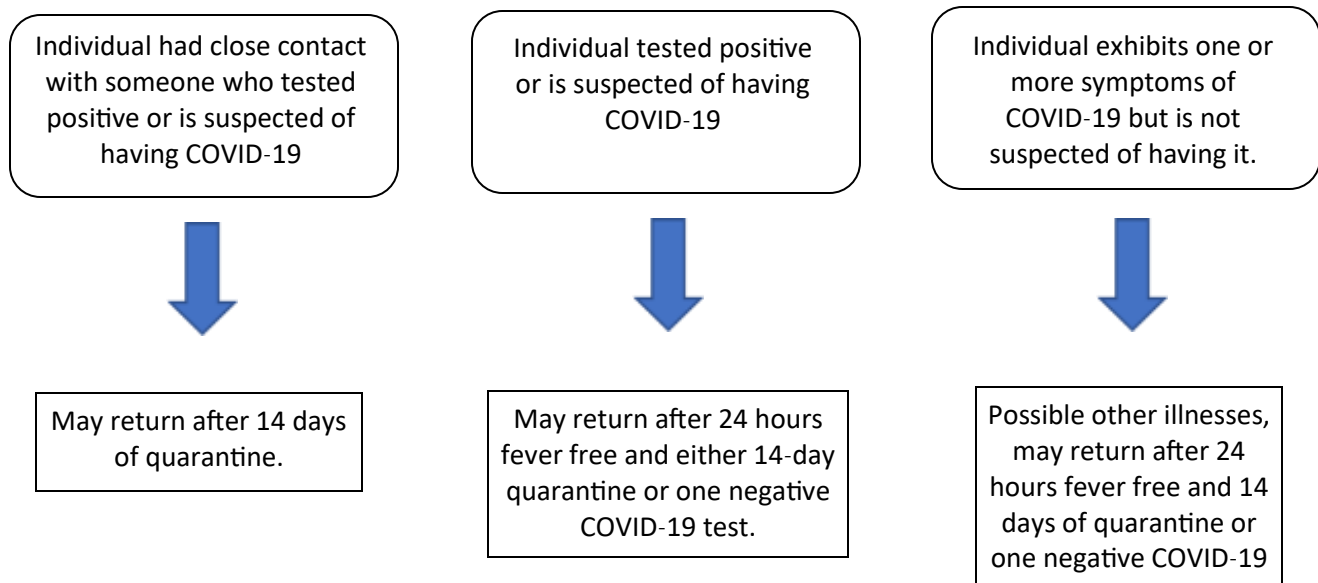
### YORKVILLE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### COVID – 19: Path to return to Church/Sunday School - TBD

*\* Any individual, (adult, or child), that tests positive of COVID-19 should alert church leadership; contacts should include:*

- Board Chair Aaron Shatters
- Pastor Tim Rhodes
- Worship Shepherd Lori Redmon
- Christian Education Director Barb Thurlby

*Necessary follow up will be completed.*



*\*\*\* Questions or concerns about processes should be addressed with the SLT board.*



Building and Grounds  
Office Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
8:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mary Ellen Anderson  
630-674-4345  
[Bldmgr@yorkvilleucc.org](mailto:Bldmgr@yorkvilleucc.org)

I want to thank the SLT members for their vote accepting the recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee. Their vote acknowledged that the B & G had done their due diligence and selected the best company to install the new flat roof.

We now have the same roofing company that installed both the shingle and the flat roofs. With their help we have a new design to extend the life of the shingle pitch roof and now a new design to change the water flow off of the flat roof. The warranty for the flat roof will provide us 20 years "No Dollar Limit" labor and material backed by the manufacturer.

We will keep you informed on when this project will begin and what safety measures will be in place during the installation.

With spring here and long daylight and more sunshine we are looking forward to addressing some outside projects. The men cleaned and added a new plexiglass to the door that projects the movable lettering on the corner sign. We also needed to replace the lock to keep kids from rearranging the letters on the sign.

Yard clean up needs to begin. If we need to schedule a yard clean up day, we will reach out to our church family for more help.

We also plan to add stone to the south parking lot and Bill Anderson has offered to help with this project.

Please continue to share meeting and other active information with us to make sure that it is on the church calendar. We do our best to keep the google calendar up to date with information of upcoming events.



## Housing for Homeless Needed!



Do you have an apartment to rent?

Several individuals and couples soon will be leaving Hide-Away Lakes Campground and will need an apartment to rent. Without an apartment, they will be HOMELESS. Under new ownership, the campground is closing for a while to make improvements and turn it into a warm-weather recreational campground.

The men and women, who have been living year-round in poor, unstable conditions, currently are receiving assistance from Community Action in the Kendall County Health Department. Apartments, one bedroom or two bedrooms in or near Kendall County, are very much needed.

Landlords can receive guaranteed rent payments every month with costs being covered partially or fully with housing vouchers.

Carrie Werner, case manager, from Community Action is handling the housing for the clients. Her contact information: 630-553-8011 or [cwerner@co.kendall.il.us](mailto:cwerner@co.kendall.il.us). Please contact Carrie to learn more about the housing program and get a renter.





*Drive Thru  
Communion  
12 - 1 p.m. &  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

**MAUNDY**  
*thursday*  
*April 1, 2021*

Online Service on Facebook  
& YouTube at 6 p.m.

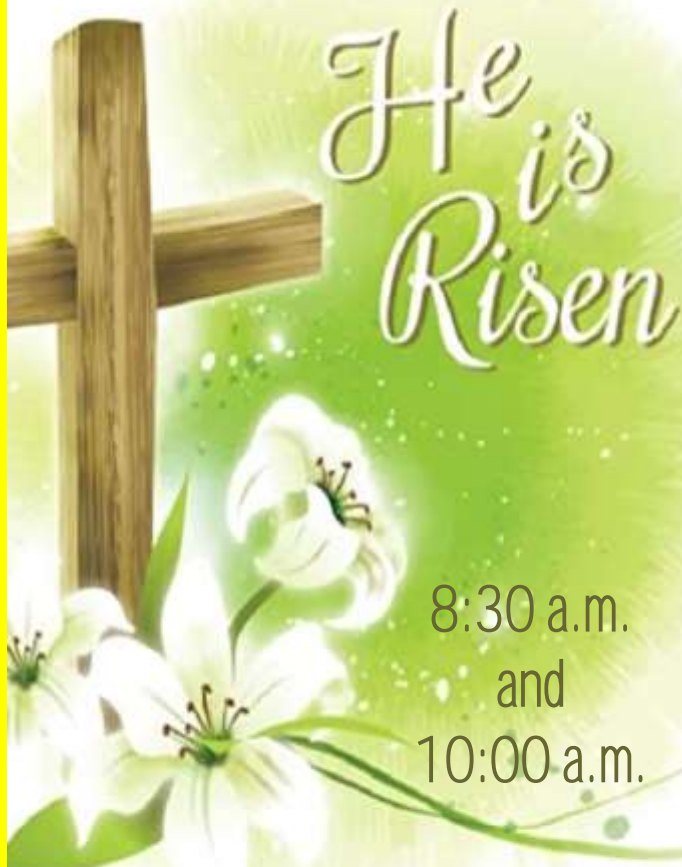
**April 2, 2021**



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Prayers at the Cross  
12 - 7 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary**

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8:30 a.m.  
and  
10:00 a.m.

**YCC  
EASTER EGG  
HUNT**

**SUNDAY  
APRIL 4, 2021  
11:00 A.M.**



## Celebrating Graduates! Grad Pics Needed!



Are you or is someone you love graduating in 2021?  
We need your picture!

To celebrate everyone who graduates from high school, tech school, college, or graduate school, YCUCC will be producing a special video to be shared on Sunday, May 16. Send in your cap and gown digital pic or a senior picture or any picture of you as a graduate along with a note saying where you graduated from.

All photos must be submitted on or before May 10. You can email your photo to the church office or bring the photo to church and we will scan it for you.



## CALLING ALL STITCHERS!

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director



Hey Knit and Crochet connoisseurs! We are looking for some people that like to knit or crochet. We have an opportunity to make baby blankets for a local hospital. Maybe you haven't pulled those needles out in a while, or maybe you are looking to begin a new hobby; either way, we can use your artistic abilities to keep some tiny ones warm. They do not need to be huge, maybe 24 x 24 or 24 x 30, just enough to snuggle a sweet one!

Contact Barb Thurlby with questions.



*Because He lives, we CAN face tomorrow.*

**A Stephen Minister will care, listen and encourage you.**

Contact Pastor Tim, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman



## Bible Study Begins!

Wednesday's, April 7, 2021 - May 12, 2021

6 - 7:30 p.m. in fellowship hall.

6 session video-based study!

Participant Guide \$13.00

Call the church office to sign up!

## Stewardship Thought...

MARK 12:44

They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything---all she had to live on.

We may have little to give, but Jesus invites us to give out of our poverty. Though it may seem meager to others, we give what we have, and God finds great joy in our lavish gifts.

Where are you with your giving's?????????

## Information Sunday - April 11<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for Information Sunday!

Information Sunday is taking place via Zoom video conference at 1 p.m. on Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Some of our leaders will be sharing a little bit about their ministries and then we will have a Q & A session.

Questions can be submitted beforehand by filling out a form you should have received in an email from the church entitled "Information Sunday". The Zoom meeting invitation can also be found in the same email.

This is a busy time at your church, and everyone needs to play an active role. Take part in the discussion.

Peace,  
Aaron Shatters  
SLT Chairperson

## Imagining the Future



Yorkville Congregational  
United Church of Christ

### Forge YCUCC's Future Prepare for your Next Pastor Make Your Voice Heard

Join your YCUCC friends & shape the mission of the church during exciting workshops. Together, we will seek to know who God is calling the church to be and how the church is to serve. Through interactive games & discussions, you will identify priorities for the congregation & your next pastor.

- 90-minute workshop
- Safely distanced & masked
- Only attend one
- In person or video conference

### In Person at the church

Sunday, April 18, 11-12:30

Sunday, April 25, 11-12:30

### Video Conference on the web

Tuesday, April 20, 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 7-8:30 p.m.

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Call 630.553.7308 or email,  
adminasst@yorkvilleucc.org





# Updated: April 19

## Start Date for the Flat Roof Replacement

**During construction  
signs will be posted for:**

- **Parking**
- **Where to Enter the Church**

### **Outreach and Welcoming**

No Good Deed Goes Unnoticed by God –



Welcome to Do Good Deeds –

Outreach and welcoming are asking everyone in our Church Family to get involved.  
Do Good Deeds for family, neighbor, community and share your goodness with each other.

Each month, Outreach will publish a new “Do-Good Deeds” challenge  
and joyfully ask all to participate.

This month, I ask the little ones and adults alike to help a friend or family member in need, write a thank you note to someone who will not expect it, collect children’s toys, and donate to an organization that helps children. This is a few idea’s, there is no end to the things we can do in support of those we love and the community that surrounds us.

Let’s have some fun and photograph yourself as you joyfully “do good deed” and upload them to the Church so they can be added to our Facebook page, if you are tech savvy, you can add them to our Facebook page yourself.

Peace and Love to all.

## YORKVILLE CONGREGATIONAL 'OMEGA' YOUTH KICK OFF

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

What do you get if you take a group of high schoolers, a handful of adults, some snacks and a whole lot of nerf guns? You get a fun filled Omega youth night! Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ kicked off our first Omega Youth night on March 5, 2021. The Omega youth group is high school age students and provides a great opportunity for students to connect and enjoy student activities. Seven kids and four adults managed to overtake the church with hundreds of nerf bullets and lots of energy. Omega youth group connects high school students, while our Alpha youth group connects middle school students. This is an exciting time at the church and a great way to serve our youth. Volunteer youth leaders are needed; if you have a desire to help this amazing group of young people contact Barb at [ced@yorkvilleucc.org](mailto:ced@yorkvilleucc.org).



### YCUCC's 2021 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> has been canceled!

Although YCUCC will once again have in-person worship services beginning March 7, 2021, compliance with health guidelines limits the gathering of people to 50 at any given time; therefore, it will not be possible for J.O.Y. Circle to host the 2021 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale at Yorkville Congregation United Church of Christ.

It would be highly unlikely J.O.Y. Circle members could maintain CDC's social distancing guidelines of keeping patrons and workers six feet apart, enforce the wearing of masks at all times, plus maintain a limit of only 50 people to physically be in the building at any given time. We do not want to put any of our workers/volunteers/customers at risk due to COVID-19.

If you are willing to save items you planned to donate to the 2021 Spring Rummage Sale for the 2021 Fall R&B Sale, we thank you!!

### 2021 Fall Rummage & Bake Sale -- September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

YCUCC is not accepting donations at this time!

J.O.Y. Circle will be happy to receive your "Treasures" the week of the scheduled fall sale.

#### **Reminder: 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

On behalf of J.O.Y. Circle, thank you very much for your continued support of our church family and community!

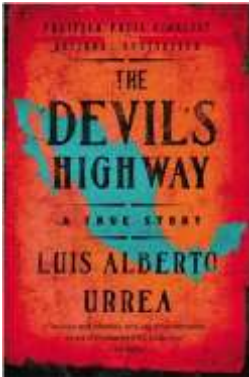
**Peg Trumble**

J.O.Y. Circle Chair / R&B Sale Chair



Thank you to all who continue to support Dusty Rhodes and his family. The prayers, meals, gas cards, and financial contributions ease the ongoing burden of recovery. If you'd like to continue to support the family, please contact the church office.

## Adult Education



I am excited to announce the last book we will be reading this academic year! *The Devil's Highway: A True Story* by Luis Alberto Urrea. It is a brilliantly written book that is both horrifying and eye opening! Goodreads says, "In this work of grave beauty and searing power - one of the most widely praised pieces of investigative reporting to appear in recent years - we follow twenty-six men who in May 2001 attempted to cross the Mexican border into the desert of southern Arizona, through the deadly region known as the Devil's Highway, a desert so harsh and desolate that even the Border Patrol is afraid to travel through it, a place that for hundreds of years has stolen men's souls and swallowed their blood. Only twelve men made it out."

Watch the *Moyers on Democracy* May 4, 2012 interview with Luis Alberto Urrea [Between Two Worlds -- Life on the Border | Moyers & Company | BillMoyers.com](#). It is a nine-year-old interview, but still relevant and gives a good introduction to the author and his writing.

Consider purchasing your book from an independent and/or minority owned bookstores such as: [Semicolon Bookstore & Gallery Bookshop](#) or [Anderson's Bookshop](#).

Discussion to take place Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. E-mail Aimee List if you are interested in joining the discussion.

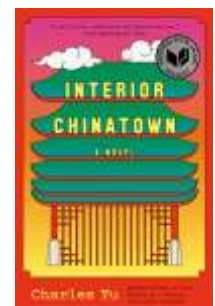
### For Further Reading:

With the recent hate crimes against Asian Americans, it is a good time to explore some of the issues Asian Americans face in these excellent books. While this is not an exhaustive list, that covers all the issues, by any means, I have recently read these books and gained new understandings and enjoyed them both.



*The Last Story of Mina Lee* by Nancy Jooyoun Kim. This is a story about a Korean War orphan who immigrated to the United States and her daughter who grows up American and the differences and difficulties the two face.

*Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu. A brilliant satire about Asian American stereotypes, immigration, and assimilation!





## YCC Tag Team Mission Final Report

This sweet little mission has been busy the past few months. Weekly we baked cookies and delivered them to the homes of our membership. Our goal was to attempt to reach all members. We miss seeing each other and at times feel very disconnected and alone from our church family. That is how this simple little mission project began. Diane Dillow came to my aid and offered to bake and even deliver cookies and so we were a team. After the first week, people started offering to help bake cookies and I convinced the building and grounds men to take a few boxes of cookies and deliver them on their way home after our weekly Tuesday meeting.

Next came a truly unexpected surprise! We started getting phone calls, text messages and handwritten notes thanking us for reaching out to them with a simple box of delicious homemade cookies. To tell you the truth, I think those who delivered and baked cookies had bigger smiles on their faces than those who received them!

All in all, I am immensely proud of my church family for their support with this simple little mission project. We were able to reach people that were recovering from major surgery, dealing with serious health issues, and loneliness that we had no idea what they were going through at the time. We even reached Pastor Mark and Michelle before they left for Colorado.



### Bakers:

Diane Dillow Laurie Strong, Pam Hamblin, Sue Kimes, Goldie Behrens, Carol Seible, Jo Pierce, Mary Ann Doetschman, Michael Obenauer, Mary McCracken, Anne Engelhardt, Betty Naden and Mary Ellen Anderson



### Delivered by:

Diane Dillow, Tony Houle, Goldie Behrens, Jeff and Julie Kline, Jim Davis, Andy and Pam Hamblin, Art Prochaska, Mary McCracken, Jo Pierce and Mary Ann Doetschman, Pastor Tim and Mary Ellen Anderson.

### We delivered 130 boxes of cookies!

If we missed you, we are deeply sorry. Some of you have been down south for the winter, others just lived just a little too far for us to make the home delivery, and some live-in facilities that will not let us deliver to you now; however, we have cookies available at church that we would love to give to you after worship on a Sunday.

Please keep in mind that we are truly family and we are here for you.

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

Exciting news! YCUCC is now participating in Amazon Smile. This means that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases through <https://smile.amazon.com> to YCUCC if you select "Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ" as your preferred charity.

Use the following link to select your preferred charity:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2639077>.

From that point forward, qualifying purchases can be made through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

Peace! - Aaron



### April Birthdays

Jill Mickelson	02	Stacy Skinner	17
John Sleezer	02	Carole Munson	18
Jim Stott	02	Tim Strong	18
Leslie Hart	03	Sara Gelsomino	19
Gavin Larson	03	Mariela Olvera	19
Andrew Goss	05	Art Prochaska	19
Kirk Brown	06	Adam Morello	20
Elisabeth Mallon	08	Samantha Keith	21
Owen Shatters	08	Craig Pottinger	21
Colton Kolowski	09	Brant Corwin	22
Collin Snow	10	Eva Schoenfelder	22
David Snow	10	Julie Gawne	24
Jacob Snow	10	Dee Brown	25
Raegan McLeod	11	Fred Wayne	26
Dan Melhouse	13	Mackenzie Brewick	27
Chase Pranga	13	Beth Goss	27
Timothy Rhodes	13	Sarah Pottinger	27
Hudson Martinez	15	Robin Campos	29
Donna Fatten	16	Jo Pierce	29
Matt Skinner	16		

### April Anniversaries

4/6	Tony & Pam Campos	30 years
4/12	John & Ruth Morello	35 years
4/26	Tim & Laurie Strong	35 years

### Altar Guild

Andy & Pam Hamblin

#### **Easter**

WHITE

Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 25:6-9

Ps 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Cor 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43

Jn 20:1-18 or Mk 16:1-8

*Now What?*

#### **Second Sunday of Easter**

WHITE

Acts 4:32-35

Ps 133

1 Jn 1:1-2:2

Jn 20:19-31

*Marks of Faith*

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

WHITE

Acts 3:12-19

Ps 4

1 Jn 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

*Christ Among Us*

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

WHITE

Acts 4:5-12

Ps 23

1 Jn 3:16-24

Jn 10:11-18

*Enfolded by Love*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Liturgists</b>
<b>4/4</b>	<b>Owen Shatters</b>	<b>Carrie DeFuss</b>
<b>4/11</b>	<b>McKenzie Strausberger</b>	<b>Lea Ann Skogsberg</b>
<b>4/18</b>	<b>DJ Melhouse</b>	<b>Lea Ann Skogsberg</b>
<b>4/25</b>	<b>Sadie Pottinger</b>	<b>Carrie DeFuss</b>



Jesus is the Lord of Lords,  
the King of Kings,

the Great I AM!  
*Happy Easter*



### **Those Grieving:**

The Dirst Family

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

Andrea Andres	Dave Patterson	Pearl Undesser
Jean Ann George	Dusty Rhodes	
Peg Knell	Pat Rogers	
Sue Monahan	Coulson Taylor	

### **Health Concerns:**

Bill Andersen	Pat Dietz	Karen Hess	Doug Pierce
Myrah Baldwin	Joe Duran	Carlene Hudgins	Teddy Polashek
Jackie (Phil)	Brenda Farren	Justine Jahp	Dale Prochaska
Lynn Belcher	Gail Fisher	Diana Lee	Larry Rezash
Chris Brisbin	Veronica Forney	Kim Leszczynski	Vaclavik Family
Earl Bushnell	Mary Freeman	Mazie Marshall	Fred Wayne
Mary Ellen Bushnell	Donna Fuss	Nancy Morel	Marie Wayne
Louise DeFuss	David Hembree	Joanne O'Brien	Kathy Wickens

### **General Concerns:**

Brian Homerding	Michelle Terri	The people who work on the front lines of the virus - doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, nursing home workers, first responders.
Ruth Prince		

### **Homebound/Assisted Living:**

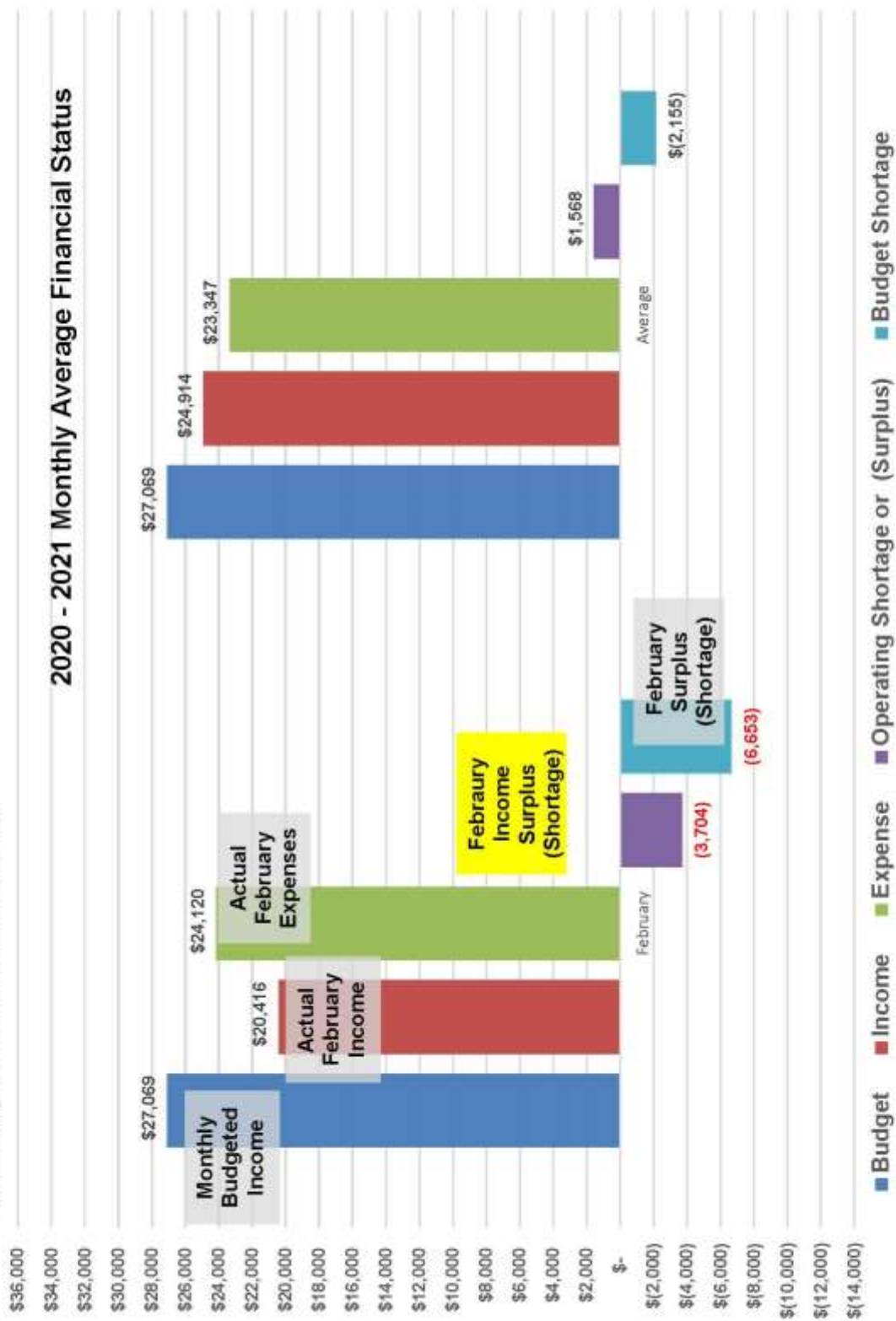
Andrea Prochaska	Dorothy Sanderson
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### **Furry Family:**

Riley - Kelly Fischer

## February 2021 Financial Status

### 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.
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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**April, 2021**

**Rejoice in the Lord  
always. I will say  
it again, Rejoice!**

**- Philippians 4:4 -**