



Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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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.

Worship Services at 10 a.m. in-person fully
masked regardless of vaccination status.

Live streaming on
Facebook & YouTube Sunday's at 10:00 a.m.

YorkvilleUCC.Org website after 12 p.m.

Our Staff

<u>Minister</u>	Timothy C. Rhodes
<u>Building Manager</u>	Mary Ellen Anderson
<u>Christian Education Director</u>	Barbara Thurlby
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	Rhonda Ladson
	Dakota Shatters
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<u>Sexton</u>	Phillip Bethke

Our Shepherds

<u>Chairperson</u>	Aaron Shatters
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<u>Service: Missions</u>	June Davis
<u>Outreach/Welcoming</u>	Gere' Ryerson

The Happenings

October 2021



**Saturday
October 2nd
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**



TIM's TALES

Sometimes my prayers seem puny. I lift my pleas for peace against the relentless chaos in Afghanistan and Haiti. I hurl hopeful cries for justice in the face of racism and the institutional prison industry. I implore the Divine for relief from the scourge of cancer in people close to me. I pray for comfort and healing for people I've never met and will never know beyond a name on my heart. Against all the travails of life on the whirling earth, I reach out to my God and pray.

The Psalmist speaks hope to my aching heart when Psalm 17 says, "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge." My spiritual imagination senses God leaning in to hear my ardent pleas and my heart joins God's heart and healing for shattered and broken people seems miraculously possible.

Therefore, I pray. Slathered in doubt, heartened by love, and believing recklessly in hope, I pray. I pray that babies will grow to shape a just world, that persons will be healed of ailments, that people will embrace tolerance, and that peace will work in the winds of time. I pray to the God who has worked miracles in my life.

Will you join me?

COVID Update

The position that YCUCC leadership has taken from the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic has maintained throughout. We follow the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Kendall County Health Department and the local schools. As their guidance changes, our response changes to match within a practical timeframe.

This applies to the restrictions we put in place as well as to the limits of the restrictions we put in place. If an individual is following the guidance provided by the CDC and IDPH, we don't want to be further restrictive unless we have special circumstances. We have no expertise to justify more or less restrictive measures.

The church itself does not limit the building use as long as the usage adheres to current guidance provided by CDC and IDPH. However, as a church, much of our activity relies on volunteers. Volunteers may feel comfortable with further restrictions for the added safety of themselves or others, or they might cancel or postpone the event. Our volunteers need to feel safe and this is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Currently, the CDC recommends that unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission. As of September 24th, Kendall County is an area of high transmission. On August 26th, the Governor of Illinois issued executive order number 87 stating people "shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when in an indoor public place." Furthermore, "face coverings may be removed temporarily while actively eating or drinking and may be removed by workers at workplaces when they can consistently maintain six feet of distance."

Our church is an indoor public place, so we require masks. If we have food served in the church for a special event, face coverings may be temporarily removed to put the food into our faces.

Stay healthy! Aaron Shatters, SLT Chairperson



From the Desk of the Chair

"If you're not growing, you're dying". Have you ever heard that quote?

The great commission in Matthew 28:19 tells us to "go and make disciples of all nations". We are told to grow. We need to grow because it increases our capacity to do good. The more we grow, the more good we can do, the more good we can do, the more we grow. It is a fortifying and reinforcing cycle. It is the mission and the method bound together in one.

Just like our muscles, we must use them to make them grow. The more active we are, the stronger and healthier we get. If we are sedentary and inactive, our muscles atrophy and weaken. The best prescription for muscle growth is physical activity and one of the best prescriptions for the growth of our church is to be an active church.

In Genesis 1:28, God said to "be fruitful and multiply". In Galatians 5:22-23, it reads "the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

If we concern ourselves wholeheartedly with which we can be certain are products of the Holy Spirit, we can't go wrong! We will be fruitful and multiply.

If we concern our thoughts and deliberations with probing the boundaries of righteousness and aspire towards a definitive guide on which people are right and which people are wrong, what fruit have we bore? Have we actually done good?

We know what to do. Love God, love yourself, love your neighbor and love your enemy. Bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit and grow. Let this consume our thoughts and motivate our actions.

We think of ourselves as an action-oriented church. Get involved in the action. Help with Christian education, join the Building and Grounds team, join the Green Group, get your kids involved, support each other, give generously to the church and to the missions of the church, or start something new. Cast your time, talents and treasures into the action. Your church needs you in the action so that we can grow.

Peace,
Aaron Shatters
SLT Chairperson

Remember that the best way to give is by signing up for the "E-Giving Automatic Giving Plan". 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](http://yorkvilleucc.org/)" button at <http://yorkvilleucc.org/>. Please give this option strong consideration as this could be the best option for both you and the church.

Missions Ministry

The Missions Ministry would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Kendall County Community Food Pantry. The items collected have been delivered along with a check in the amount of \$510.00 (\$210.00 was received at this collection along with \$300.00 from the Missions Ministry Budget). May God Bless You for Giving.

There will be no Soup Sunday in October due to Covid-19 etc. Hopefully we can reinstate Soup Sunday's again starting in January 2022.

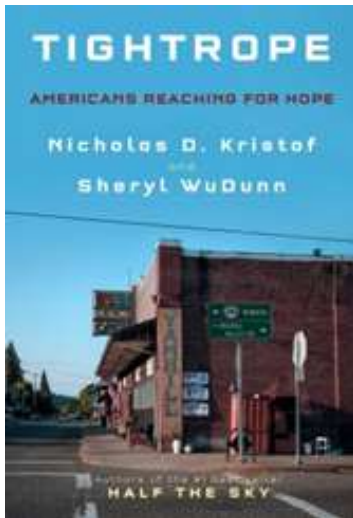
Adult Education

Book Discussion Group

The goal of having a Book Discussion Group from the beginning was and continues to be taking a deep dive into social justice education, one topic and book at a time. With the goal of developing deeper insights into issues we might not have known about or thought about before.

Past topics included:

- What it is like to be a Black woman in America.
- The unspoken caste system in America today.
- The physical dangers of Mexican Immigration and who the immigrants are and why they undertake such dangerous journeys.
- What it means to be a Native American living in an urban environment.



The next Book Discussion Group meeting will be **Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** We will be discussing *Tightrope, Americans Reaching for Hope* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. From the book jacket: “The authors of the acclaimed No. 1 best seller *Half the Sky* now issue an urgent call to address the crisis in working-class America, offering solutions to mend a half century of malign neglect.”

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will meet every other week. We are currently working our way through *The Spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. You do not need to register in advance just drop in. The following are the October meetings:

- October 3, 9:00 a.m.-- **The Spirituality of the Word.** “In confusing, uncertain times the church is sustained by the community’s identity in Jesus Christ.”
- October 17, 9:00 a.m.--**Longing for Community.** “Because we live increasingly isolated from one another, it is crucial for Christians to nurture community with one another.”
- October 31, 9:00 a.m.--**The Cost of Discipleship.** Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s “struggle to be a faithful disciple challenges each of us to examine closely what Christ is asking us to be and do.

Please contact Aimee List, ajlsan1@hotmail.com



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

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

October is Fire Prevention Month. Yearly at this time we address issues about fire safety at church and at home. Due to the COVID restrictions we will NOT have a fire drill at church. We would like you to take time to be aware of exits, flashing light signal indicating that the alarm is going off and which exit you would most likely use to leave the building.

The Sunday School children will also talk about fire safety in their classes. Posted in every room of the church is a map indicating what exit to use in case of a fire. The teachers and children may do a practice walk drill to help the children understand what to do in time of a fire. We hope that you will talk about fire drills at home and come up with a plan for your family to follow if there was a fire. Please check to see if your smoke detectors need their batteries changed.

The Building and Grounds committee need a few more members to join them on Tuesday, 9:00 am for a brief meeting and then perform various maintenance repairs. This fall they are concentrating on outside projects. We have some painting to do, weed spraying, tree and bush trimming, and general garden cleanup.

We have a **Saturday Workday** scheduled for **October 16th from 9:00 – Noon**. All are welcome to help that day. Kids and adults can play an important role in completing this project. The city has a brush pick up scheduled for that time. Come join us!

October has a full schedule of special events, family fun activities and a special “Love Your Neighbor Collection Offering”. Be sure to check the calendar on our website so you don’t miss out on the fun!



Saturday, October 16th

9:00 am – Noon

Bring the Family and Lend a HAND!



YCUCC Green Group



Do you worry about the health of our earth?
Are you interested in serving as an ally for a healthy planet?
What are best environmental practices for our church?
What can I do to help?

Join in the discussion for a 10-year Environmental Plan for YCUCC

Next meeting
Tuesday, October 12
7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Contact Anne Engelhardt to get the Zoom link to join the meeting
630-308-5073 anneengelhardt@sbcglobal.net



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



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MINISTRY**

**There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties.....
You don't have to face your crisis alone.**

A caring Stephen Minister will listen and walk alongside you as you deal
with life's challenges. Contact one of our Stephen Leaders
Pastor Tim, Carrie De Fuss or Lou Ann Hoffman.

YCUCC BEGINS IN PERSON FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

On Sunday, September 19, 2021, YCUCC Sunday School students returned to in-person Sunday School! It was a welcome sight since we had not met in our classrooms since before COVID hit. We have forty students registered and 23 attended on our first Sunday.

Currently, our program offers a Preschool thru kindergarten class, a 1st and 2nd grade class, a 3rd grade class, a 4th – 6th grade class and a confirmation class. Sunday School teachers this fall include: Mary Ellen Anderson, Jenna Anderson, Aaron Shatters, Jean Heffernan, Gavin Redmon, Stacy Skinner, Sarah Pottinger, Kathy Farren and Deanna Bazan. Welcome back teachers and thank you for your commitment of service!

The fall curriculum is 'Fruit of the Spirit'. Students enjoy interactive classes surrounding the fruit of the spirit discussed in the book of Galatians. While students learn about the fruit of the spirit including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; they will enjoy various yummy fruit snacks! This fruit-filled curriculum is sure to be a big hit!



Stewardship News

The Annual Givings/Pledge Campaign for 2021 is entitled Rooted in Love.
(Psalm 1:3a They are like trees planted by a stream of water, which yield their fruit in its season).

"Stewardship begins with the question, 'What do I owe to life for the freely received gift of life and its accompanying benefits?' The conversion to stewardship begins with the rejection of the idea that we have personally earned, deserved, acquired, or won anything we possess. Everything is a gift!"

Think about your stewardship and giving.

Our Annual Givings/Pledge Campaign numbers last year were 45 pledges received totaling \$160,876.00. Hopefully we can increase it this year. More information will be forthcoming.

Our In-Gathering Sunday will be on November 14, 2021.

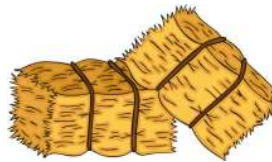
CE HAYRIDE A HUGE SUCCESS

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

On Saturday, August 14, 2021, Ben and Regina Moe hosted a family hayride at their farm. Several families and friends attended the event where they enjoyed a hayride, some fun historical facts of the Moe family farm area, a walk through the woods and a fire with tasty treats.

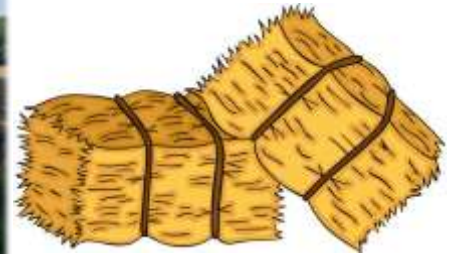
The weather was perfect, and the outdoor activities were enjoyed by all the attendees.

Thank you, Ben and Regina, for hosting this family fun event!





**MORE FUN
HAYRIDE
PICTURES!**



OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
CONTINUES THRU NOVEMBER 3RD

WEDNESDAY'S
AT 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

'WE SAVED YOU A SEAT'
BY LISA-JO BAKER

****Finding and Keeping**
Lasting Friendships

Contact CE Director Barb Thurlby
at ced@yorkvilleucc.org



Refugee Collection
for the month
of October!

YCUCC COLLECTING
CANDY FOR



Thank you for your donations
by October 22nd!

Please place donations in the
shopping cart in the Narthex.



OCTOBER 3RD @ 12:30 PM
FALL COLORS



\$10 PER PERSON

LEAVE HYDRAULIC ST END AT SILVER SPRINGS

TO REGISTER:

KENDALL COUNTY OUTDOOR EDUCATION @
EMAIL (dbazan@roe24.org) OR CALL
(224) 704-0150



CE Family Campfire
Sunday, October 24th
at 4 p.m.
in the church backyard!

Search and Discovery Classes for New Members
Sunday, October 3rd, 10th and 17th @ 11 a.m.
Welcome New Members on Sunday, October 24, 2021!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



MINISTRY

Currently:

Illinois is welcoming 890 refugees. World Relief in Illinois will be helping 750 of those refugees to resettle in the Chicagoland area. It is estimated that half of that number (750) will come from Afghanistan.

Are you thinking, How can I help?

There are many ways to help.

On an individual basis, organizations such as World Relief (<https://chicagoland.worldrelief.org>) and Exodus World Service (<https://exodusworldservice.org>) can always use volunteers as well as donations (monetary and/or items).

Another way to help is our Welcome Pack collection that starts Oct 3rd and ends Oct 31. The Welcome Pack helps to welcome refugees coming in. We will be collecting for a family of 4. We do not know who the family is but many refugees are being processed right now and both World Relief and Exodus World Service expect a “surge” in the coming months. They need our assistance in collecting items for their new home.

Of course,

“We need more Lovers!”

Think you’d like to be a “Lover” contact Diane Stablein or anyone else in LYN.



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.

Thank you!

**HALLOWEEN FUN
AT CHURCH!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

**COME IN A COSTUME OF
YOUR FAVORITE
BIBLICAL CHARACTER
OR FAMILY!**

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Reminder!

Starbucks gift cards available in
\$5.00 and \$10.00 amounts!

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Nursery is Open!

***Vaccinated
& Masked Caregivers***

Air Purification Installed

October Birthdays

Marina Olvera	02	Eric Redmon	13
Brooke Keith	03	Mary Ellen Anderson	14
Chanel Bravo	03	Diane Dillow	15
Roger Brooks	04	Jeffrey Pratt	15
Tim Andrus	04	Aimee List	16
Isabelle Shatters	04	Colton Pranga	16
Ashley Brown	04	Julie Gette	19
Joanne Vitek	06	Frank Yabsley	20
Steven Redmon	06	Kamron Brewick	24
Melissa Myers	06	Dolores Cruise	26
Wendy Walker	06	Bradley Brown	26
Melissa Lee	07	Mary McCracken	28
John Morello	08	Rhonda Matlock	28
Kyle Pratt	08	Sondra Shatters	28
Tony Campos	09	Lori Redmon	29
Emily Mallon	09	Hannah Secrest	31
Gail Fisher	12		
Bob Kolowski	12		
Alex Betzviser	12		
Dakota Kolowski	13		

October Anniversaries

10/13	Tim & Tracy Andrus	20 years
10/25	John & Carol Schulz	46 years
10/26	Gavin & Lori Redmon	36 years
10/26	Andy & Kristen Langston	25 years
10/26	Brad & Natalie Schroder	8 years
10/28	Megan & Sara Gelsomino	4 years
10/30	Jeff & Kathy Farren	50 years

Altar Guild

Andy & Pam Hamblin

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 and Ps 26

Gen 2:18-24 and Ps 8

Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mk 10:2-16

Enfolding Love

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Ps 22:1-15

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Ps 90:12-17

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 10:17-31

What Must I Do?

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) and Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Isa 53:4-12 and Ps 91:9-16

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 10:35-45

Great Service

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Ps 34:1-8 (19-22)

Jer 31:7-9 and Ps 126

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 10:46-52

Take Heart

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Ruth 1:1-18 and Ps 146

Deut 6:1-9 and Ps 119:1-8

Heb 9:11-14

Mk 12:28-34

Wherever You Go

Date	Acolytes	Liturgists
10/3/21	Chris Andrus	Sandy deRidder
10/10/21	Sadie Pottinger	Sandy deRidder
10/17/21	Molly Davis	TBD
10/24/21	Luke DeFuss	TBD
10/31/21	Cayla Pottinger	TBD



Those Grieving:

The Pierce Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Andrea Andres	Pat Dietz	Coulson Taylor
Mary Ellen Anderson	Randy Ladson	Pearl Undesser
Mary Ellen Bushnell	Pat Rogers	

Health Concerns:

Bill Andersen	Wayne Cruise	Justine Jahp	Michael Obenauer
Tina Andersen	Joe Duran	Rick Kolowski	Teddy Polashek
Myrah Baldwin	Gail Fisher	Billy Ladson	Dale Prochaska
Jackie (Phil)	Esther Fraser	Diana Lee	Gere Ryerson
Lynn Belcher	Mary Freeman	Kim Leszczynski	Vaclavik Family
Chris Brisbin	Donna Fuss	Mazie Marshall	Finley Walker
Earl Bushnell	David Hembree	Gene Martin	Fred Wayne
Rosey Clark	Lou Ann Hoffman	Joan McEachern	Marie Wayne
Dolores Cruise	Inukai Family	Joanne O'Brien	Lynne White

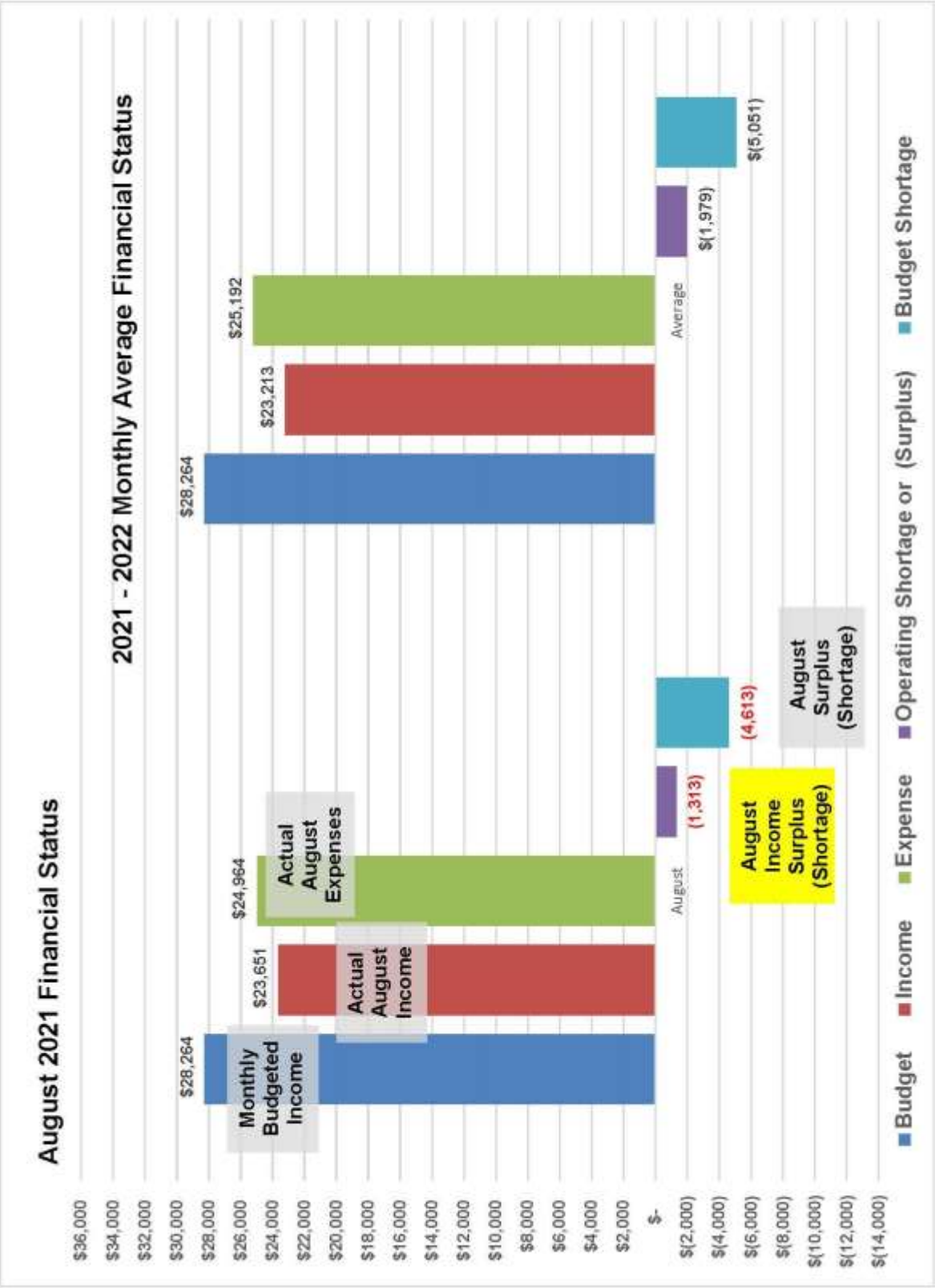
General Concerns:

Brian Homerding	Michelle Terri
Ruth Prince	

The people who work on the front lines of the virus - doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, nursing home workers, first responders.

Homebound/Assisted Living:

Andrea Prochaska



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.
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