



Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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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.

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The Happenings

December

2021

Christ at the heart of Christmas

the night that changed
the world





TIM's TALES

The second Covid Christmas is upon us and there is joy and intemperance. Cheery songs fill the air and people wish us the best of our holidays. The eager shoppers browse the stores and websites. The rush is on.

The church is preparing too. The choirs are practicing their songs to join the angels singing of God's love born on earth and how that love gives us with faith and hope.

This year will be drastically different for us. Cheryl's mother died this year and so there will be a presence of absence at our holidays. We will honor and miss her; her kindness, respect, and radical welcome of all. We will also miss those we've lost to Covid and other diseases. And what do we do about the unvaccinated? I suppose give them the gifts of understanding and distance.

Holidays sharpen our feelings of loss. Death, divorce, brokenness, jobs, moves, and misunderstandings can all wedge loss into our holidays. We are healthiest when we acknowledge these losses and bring gratitude for the kindness and love we experienced when people were with us.

The meaning of Christmas is about kindness and love coming into the world in the infant Jesus. Immanuel, God with us. Among the holiday hustle, the presence of absence, the difficulties and brokenness, please remember to honor Jesus' birth with heaping helpings of kindness and love.

Poet Timothy Dudley-Smith shares this brief and beautiful celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

A song was heard at Christmas
to wake the midnight sky:
a savior's birth, and peace on earth,
and praise to God on high.

The angels sang at Christmas
with all the hosts above,
and still we sing the newborn King
his glory and his love.



OPERATION
SANTA



The Yorkville Junior Women's Club (Operation Santa) has partnered with the Kendall County Food Pantry to collect toys for the less fortunate kids in our area. They need our help again this year.

They help children newborn to age 12 with toys and teens 13-17 with items to go into a "Teen Bag". Fast food gift cards (\$5.00) go over big with the teens. It is difficult to find toys for \$10.00 so know that you will not be locked into a \$10.00 limit. They could also use batteries, wrapping paper, and tape too!

Please bring your unwrapped items to the church by December 15th!
It is not necessary to tag the gifts. A table is set up
and available to receive your gifts.

If you are not able to shop, I will do the shopping for you! Cash donations and checks made out to YJWC are greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your support! Regina Moe



From the Desk of the Chair

When a rich man came up to Jesus, asking him what he must do to gain eternal life, Jesus told the man to keep the commandments. The man pressed, saying that he had kept all of the commandments, what else is there? In Matthew 19:21 "Jesus answered, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'"

The message I get from this is two-fold. First of God's grace. I will always fall short of perfection. I cannot earn the love of God and I cannot earn my place in Heaven. It is freely given and it is mine to reject. The second is a big "but"... but if you truly want to strive for perfection, give everything to the poor and follow Jesus.

This definition of "perfection", while not to be attained by any of us, provides guidance. Even if we cannot get there, or will not get there, it tells us what it means to be moving in the right direction? It serves as a compass.

As I enter the holiday season, I hope to keep this in mind. While I will certainly fall victim to the holiday craze and occasionally bend towards materialistic compulsions, I should remind myself about the guidance Jesus provides. While we celebrate his birth, should we not heed his advice?

The central focus of the church is to discern the will and do the work of God. Our church's mission is to live as Jesus lived. To give to the church is to support this mission. What I want for Christmas is for people to support that mission by giving to the church.

Consider a gift to the church in the name of someone you love. I know that I would feel truly blessed if I received that in lieu of more "stuff" to clutter my house, my mind, and my conscience.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – Matthew 6:21

Peace,
Aaron Shatters
SLT Chairperson



Outreach and Welcoming

Greetings Church Family!

Christmas is quickly approaching and for many of us that can mean a certain amount of chaos, hopefully the controlled kind.

We as a church family are so blessed to be able to work together and bring Christmas to those less fortunate within our community; this is Grace in action!

We want to extend a warm thank you to everyone who will support our AID Tree.

AID's Christmas celebration is early this year, Santa's helpers will be delivering your gifts to them on Sunday December 12th.

From Our Church Family to Yours, Merry Christmas!



Starbucks Gift Cards make Great gifts!

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

Get your heavenly double reward for giving to the church and giving to your receiver! Gift cards are great to have a few on hand for those you accidentally forget to give a gift!

See Barb Thurlby or contact the church office to get your gift cards!



Christ caring for people through people.

Are holiday times difficult? Dealing with frustration, loneliness, illness, separation or divorce, loss of a loved one, or any other of life challenges?

Trained Stephen Ministers are available to care and walk alongside you!

Contact: The Church office, Pastor Tim, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman

MISSIONS SOUP SUNDAY'S

Great News! SOUP SUNDAY'S ARE COMING BACK STARTING IN JANUARY 2022. Our first one will be Sunday, January 9th, with proceeds going to our VBS (Vacation Bible School) here at our church. Seems like its early in the year for VBS, but monies are needed to cover expenses for VBS. Barb Thurlby, Director of Christian Education, is very appreciative of the help.

February 13th, will be our second Soup Sunday with proceeds going to Senior Services – Yorkville. Another is planned for March 13th, with proceeds TBA.

Mark your calendars and pray Covid-19 etc. stays away....so many have asked when we can have Soup Sunday's so this is good news! Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex as volunteers are needed to make this happen. Yeah!!!



SPAGHETTI DINNERS ARE BACK!!

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

Spaghetti dinners have returned! Dinners began on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The serving time is 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Meals are served slightly different due to social distance efforts, yet the same delicious meals will be enjoyed! Come join us!





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

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

We are always busy with many projects going on around the building!
Join us Tuesday morning's from 9 a.m. to noon
No experience needed just a willing heart!

YCUCC YOUTH WORK ON OUTREACH

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

The youth at Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ know how to have fun! There is a never a dull moment when middle schoolers and high schoolers attend youth night.

The night always involves some competitive games and snacks! Students love snacks! Though they know how to have a good time, they also know about service. Many of our youth help in several church programs including Sunday School, community events and outreach.

This past month students created community outreach messages. Each student tied a message from our church to a small plastic animal. The message stated, *'You have found me, now I am yours to keep. Please visit us at Sunday School - Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ, Yorkville, Illinois.'*

The small gifts were dropped off at local parks for neighborhood children to find. It was a fun way to have our students work on outreach in the community. Well done students!



Green Group is Growing Again

Following a time of dormancy during the pandemic, The Green Group started meeting monthly in early spring of 2021. We found new energy and new interest in caring for our Earth. We are growing our thoughts and membership with hopes to bloom some sustainable projects.

The Green Group formed a committee of 10 people who have been doing some deep research over the past eight months and learning about solar panels:

- how they work
- why they are good for reducing fossil fuel energy consumption
- to what extent they help to reduce carbon in our atmosphere
- what are different ways to install panels (without a rooftop)
- how much money can be saved long-term by using solar panels

*Meanwhile, Green Group is preparing for an **Environmental “Efficiency” Workshop**. We hope many folks - old and young - will want to join in the fun activities and discussion, which will be **led by Dan Huntsha**, Outreach Coordinator from Faith in Place, an Illinois Affiliate of Interfaith Power and Light.*

YOU ARE INVITED!

SAVE THIS DATE:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, AFTER CHURCH SERVICE!

**Workshop: How are we doing at YCUCC to care for our Earth?
What are we doing well?**

What can we improve in our place of faith and in our homes?

**This workshop will also include lunch, provided by the Green Group!
(Child care for the littles will be provided, too.)**

Watch for future announcements and a sign-up page in January.

We need your thoughts and ideas as we jump into 2022!

The Solar Panel Research Team will have a lot of information to share in the near future.



**We are excited to have the
choir back for rehearsal
on Wednesday night!**

**Contact Doug Trumble to get
more information about choir!**

Love our Neighbors: Refugees in Kane and Kendall Counties

HEAR THE CALL FOR HELP!

Several of our church members volunteered for World Relief (Aurora area) prior to the start of the pandemic; some have returned to help in safe conditions. Two members from Love Your Neighbor at YCUCC continue their service by setting up apartments (eight in last few weeks), driving new arrivals from airport to their first residency, and acting as a “friendship partner.”

Notes from World Relief in the Aurora regional area.:

- We are preparing to resettle 750+ refugees in Chicagoland this year (October 2021 – September 2022)
- In addition to the 750 refugees, we'll also be resettling 150+ Afghans evacuated out of Afghanistan in the last month
- In September alone, we resettled 48 refugees – we haven't resettled that many people in one month since 2017
- Top needs for volunteering include:
 - Apartment Setup Assistants
 - Transportation Assistants
 - Warehouse Assistants
 - Friendship partners



We, at YCUCC, can join the World Relief global network of over 95,000 volunteers positively impacting our world. Learn more about volunteer opportunities:

World Relief is a global Christian humanitarian organization that brings sustainable solutions to the world's greatest problems – disasters, extreme poverty, violence, oppression, and mass displacement. We partner with local churches and community leaders in the U.S. and abroad to bring hope, healing and transformation to the most vulnerable.

World Relief's work in the United States, specifically, focuses on helping refugees and other immigrants in vulnerable situations rebuild their lives in a new country.

<https://worldrelief.org/chicagoland/volunteer/>

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, a ministry group at YCUCC, meets virtually once a month to talk about what we have been doing as individuals. We organize activities that will invite other church members and friends to participate in various ways to assist immigrants and refugees. Contact Diane Stablein, Chairperson, to learn more. (630-677-7891) or wahjade@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 p.m.



YCUCC JOINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BIZ BOO EVENT

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

On Saturday, October 23, 2021 Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ took part in the Yorkville Chamber of Commerce annual Biz Boo event.

During this fun-filled fall family adventure businesses and nonprofit organizations set up booths throughout the city where children could trick or treat and visit a variety of interesting and entertaining booths.

Our church booth was located in the area near the NCG movie theater. Several of our church youth and adults worked hard to greet and pass out candy and toys to over 600 children from the area. We even shared treats with our community furry friends!

It was a fabulous outreach event, and the volunteers did a great job representing our church. Thank you to Aidan Mendell, Deb Mendell, Gere Ryerson, McKenzie and Zoey Strausberger, DJ Melhouse, Luke and Jacob DeFuss, Kelly Fischer, and Gavin Redmon for serving the huge crowd!





We can't wait
to do it again
next year!





Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

Each year we offer an opportunity for our members and friends to share in decorating our Sanctuary for Christmas with Poinsettia's!

The price for each Poinsettia is \$10.00

If you would like to order, please complete the information below & mail the form to 409 Center Parkway, Yorkville, IL 60560 with your check payable to YCUCC or place it in the offering bin no later than Sunday, December 12, 2021

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Please indicate exactly how you would like each gift to be acknowledged.

In Memory Of _____

In Honor of _____

Love Gift _____

When would you like to pick up your Poinsettia?

After the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service? _____ Yes _____ No

The following week? _____ Yes _____ No

Would you like to give it to a shut-in? _____ Yes _____ No

Number of Poinsettia's ordered _____ @ \$10.00 each.

Total Amount Enclosed _____



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:00 am Staff meeting 5:15 pm Kids Choirs 5:15—6:45 pm Spaghetti Dinner	2	3 Set up for Cookie Sale Baker's Drop Off 9 am-3 pm 6—7:30 pm Youth Event	4 Cookie Sale 10:00 am—Noon
5 Advent 9:00 am Adult SS Conf Rm Communion Sunday 10:00 am Christmas Pageant - Sondra	6	7 9:00 am B & G men come to do maintenance work. 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	8 11:00 am Staff meeting 5:15 pm Kids Choirs 5:15—6:45 pm Spaghetti Dinner 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	9 6:00 pm Finance on Zoom 7:00 pm SLT on Zoom	10	11 1:00—3:00 pm Private Party Recital Sanctuary - Sondra
12 Advent—Communion Cancel Choir 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 1:pm—4:30 pm Private Party—Piano recital Poinsettia forms Due AID Gifts Due	13	14 9:00 am B & G men come to do maintenance work. 10:00 am Pastoral Care Meeting 7:00 pm Spiritual Dev.- Video Meeting	15 11:00 am Staff meeting 5:15 pm Kids Choirs 5:15—6:45 pm Spaghetti Dinner 6 pm Pastoral Care 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice Operation Santa gifts due	16	17 <div>Newsletter & Calendar Items Due</div>	18
19 Advent Chancel Choir 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 5 for 5 Christmas Fund 9 am Adult SS Conf Rm	20	21 9:00 am B & G men come to do maintenance work. 7:00 pm Spiritual Dev.- Video Meeting	22 11:00 am Staff meeting 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	23	24 Christmas Eve 7 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Chancel Choir <div>Church Office Closed</div>	25 Christmas
26 10:00 am Worship Hymn Sing NO Sunday School	27 <div>Church Office Closed</div>	28	29 9:00 am Mail Newsletter 11:00 am Staff meeting	30	31 <div>Church Office Closed</div>	



Remember to use your AmazonSmile account this holiday season!

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!*

Missions Ministry

Missions is currently working on our traditional A.I.D. Tree. Our A.I.D. Tree chairperson is Gere Ryerson. She has already set-up the tree in the Narthex. You pick a tag and sign your name by that tag number, purchase the gift, wrap your gift and put the tag number on the package. Then bring it back to church and place on the table in the Narthex that has been set-up to receive your gifts. December 12th is the deadline to collect the A.I.D. gifts. All the recipients are appreciative of our church's generosity and so is the Missions Ministry. A BIG THANK YOU all for helping to make this happen again this year.

5 for 5 Special Offering THE CHRISTMAS FUND

For the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

One of our 5 for 5 Mission Givings that Y.C.U.C.C. supports is "The Christmas Fund". For all the sacrifices that clergy and lay church workers have made in our congregations, over 100 years ago the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ created the **Christmas Fund for the Cross and the Emergency Fund** to help support them in retirement and during times of emergency need.

The Christmas Fund provides Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks for retirees and those facing unforeseen financial hardship.

Join with others of the United Church of Christ to make "the light shine in the darkness" for those who have given so much to our church.

Donations for this 5 for 5 Offering can be dropped off at the outside mailbox by the front doors of our church; you can bring it inside if you prefer; go on-line to donate; mail it in or place in the offering box while attending church. Designate on your envelope "5 for 5 Christmas Fund". Dedication Sunday is planned for Sunday, December 19th. You are able to give towards it till the end of the year.



The family of my grandson, Tyler Mall, would like to thank Pastor Tim and everyone who prayed for him and his MIRACULOUS recovery. There will be a lengthy rehab but Tyler is truly a miracle and his fight is our fight. This Thanksgiving we are especially thankful for our blessings. It will be so nice to celebrate the holidays with smiles instead of tears. Your concerns and prayers are appreciated more than words can express!

Love & Blessings, Carol and Rick



Energy Saving Tips

especially for the holiday season

“Many of us will be thankful for delicious home cooked dinners and baked goods during the holiday season. But did you know that cooking accounts for 4.5% of total energy use in U.S. homes? And that figure doesn't include the energy associated with refrigeration, hot water heating, and dishwashing. Added together, that means that as much as 15% of the energy in the average American home is used in the kitchen.”

Put your food in the oven right away

Place your food in the oven as it warms up to use all the heat available. Don't wait until the oven is preheated to start baking large dishes like a turkey or casseroles.

Get excited about meal prepping

Start planning your meals to cook as many items in your oven at once. If you can't cook dishes at the same time, try to cook them back to back.

Give your heating system a break

Turn down your heat a few degrees when you start cooking. The heat from your cooking can help keep the house cozy for you and your guests.

Give your furnace the day off

Winter's holiday parties are a big part of the season, and most of us find ourselves with a houseful of people at least once between now and the New Year. If your next party involves a lot of work for your stove, think about turning down your furnace to compensate. The heat of the oven—and all those guests—will keep the temperature comfortable, and your furnace won't have to work so hard.

Use other small appliances for cooking

Don't neglect your crock pot. Or your microwave, toaster oven, or warming plate. Most of us have a veritable smorgasbord of small kitchen cooking appliances that we rarely use. Putting them to work more often instead of the oven or stovetop can mean significant energy savings.

Ranges

When you're cooking, adjust the flame to fit the bottom of the pot or pan. Turning up the flame beyond the bottom only wastes energy.

Keep the burner surfaces clean.

Cover pots and pans with lids when cooking.

Cook food at high heat to bring to temperature then reduce to complete cooking.

<https://www.energy.gov/articles/how-be-energy-efficient-your-kitchen-thanksgiving>

YCUCC SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS 'ADOPT' PETS

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

November is recognized as National Adoption Month. Our Sunday School program took the opportunity to bring this important issue to our students.

Ephesians 1:5 explains, *'God destined us to be his adopted children through Jesus Christ because of his love. This was according to his goodwill and plan'*. Students were reminded that God has adopted us into His family by grace, not that we have earned being part of the family of God but by grace He invites each of us to be part of the eternal family.

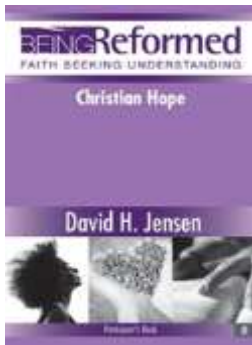
Students were given the opportunity to adopt a beanie baby pet as a reminder of God's grace and adoption of us. Each adopted pet came with a completed adoption certificate. It was an exciting event for students and a great way to remind them of God's grace.



Adult Education

Sunday School

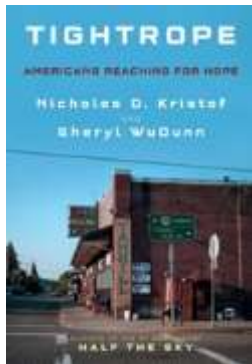
- December 5, 9:00 a.m.--The Thoughtful Christian, Faithful living in a complex world: **Reclaiming Christmas:** Seeking an Alternative. How can people of faith celebrate Christmas in a way that will bring more joy, peace, and connection to the message of Christ?
- December 19, 9:00 a.m.--The Thoughtful Christian, Faithful living in a complex world: Film Discussion: **It's a Wonderful Life.**
- January 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m.--We will continue our study of The Spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Read Session 5, The Spiritual Life in a Religionless World.
- January 23, 2022, 9:00 a.m.--Our final session of The Spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Read Session 6, Spirituality and Political Responsibility.



Up Next:

Starting in February and going until May, we will start a new study on Christian Hope using the *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding* lesson series. To deepen your understanding of the material, there is a short passage to read before class. Contact Aimee List if you are interested in joining so we can order a book for you.

Book Discussion Group



The focus of our next book discussion will be the crisis of working-class America as explored in the excellent book published in 2020 by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, *Tightrope: Americans Reaching For Hope*. There is a lot to unpack and discuss in this book, so I scheduled four discussion sessions:

January 11 (pages 1-72)
January 18 (pages 73-140)
January 25 (pages 141-202)
February 1 (pages 203-265)

All sessions will be via video conference from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Please contact Aimee List with any questions at ajlsan1@hotmail.com

Stewardship Thoughts...

Our yearly Pledge-Givings Campaign entitled "Rooted In Love" (Psalm 1:3a), was dedicated on Sunday, November 14th. Results are not tallied as of this printing.

God doesn't give us what we cannot handle. God helps us handle what we are given.

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is they faithfulness."

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

**WE THANK THE MANY THAT
HELP RECYCLE ALUMINUM
CANS AND DONATE THEM
TO THE CHURCH !**



**WE HAVE INSTALLED A
GARBAGE CAN NEXT TO
THE SIDE DOOR OF THE
GARAGE FOR CONVENIENT
DROP OFF ANYTIME !**



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!

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

December Birthdays

Marcus Schulz	01	Melissa Olvera	12
Bob Clack	02	Suzie Pratt	12
Terri Frisk	03	Gavin Redmon	13
Ronan Heffernan	04	Holly Erickson	15
Kim Elleby	05	Barbara Davis	17
Jaxxton Golubla	09	Anne Stout	17
Josh Kolowski	09	James Anderson	19
Aidan Mendell	09	Joey Jerabek	22
Nancy Modery	09	Amy Strausberger	23
Giovanni Olvera	10	Parker Trumble	25
Sue Kimes	11	Marie Wayne	25
Linda Reingardt	11	Gail Gaebler	30
Amy Ems	12	Jeff Kline	31

December Anniversaries

12/15	Erik & Mike Mallon	10 years
12/18	Gerry & Leslie Inukai	44 years

Altr Guild

Andy & Pam Hamblin

Second Sunday of Advent

VIOLET or BLUE
 Bar 5:1-9 or Mal 3:1-4
 Luke 1:68-79
 Phil 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6
Make Ready

Third Sunday of Advent

VIOLET, BLUE or ROSE
 Zeph 3:14-20
 Isa 12:2-6
 Phil 4:4-7
 Luke 3:7-18
Look Forward

Fourth Sunday of Advent

VIOLET or BLUE
 Mic 5:2-5a
 Luke 1:46b-55 or Ps 80:1-7
 Heb 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
Moving with Mary's Song

First Sunday after Christmas

WHITE
 1 Sam 2:18-20, 26
 Ps 148
 Col 3:12-17
 Luke 2:41-52
Who is This Christ?



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists
12/05/21	Sadie Pottinger	Carrie DeFuss
12/12/21	Molly Davis	Carrie DeFuss
12/19/21	Luke DeFuss	Lea Ann Skogsberg
12/26/21	Cayla Pottinger	Lea Ann Skogsberg



Those Grieving:

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Mary Ellen Anderson	William Hustun	Carol Schulz
Mary Ellen Bushnell	Randy Ladson	Coulson Taylor
Pat Dietz	Pat Rogers	Pearl Undesser

Health Concerns:

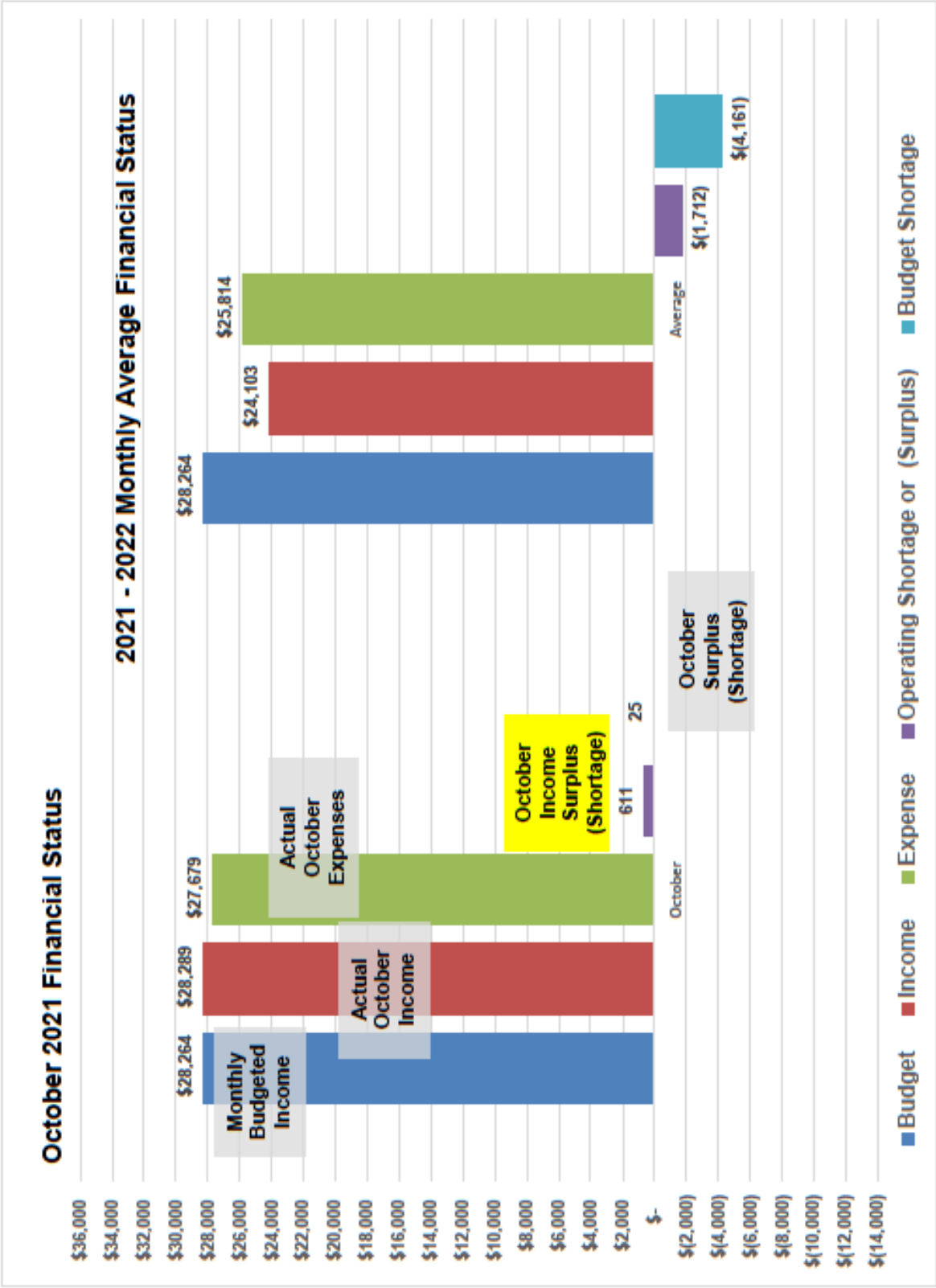
Bill Andersen	Chris Brisbin	Justine Jahp	Joan McEachern
Tina Andersen's dad	Earl Bushnell	Rick Kolowski	Joanne O'Brien
Jean Anderson	Ann Byrd	Billy Ladson	Dale Prochaska
Everett Andrus	Joe Duran	Kim Leszczynski	Vaclavik Family
Myrah Baldwin	Dave Encinas	Nora Lewis	Finley Walker
Goldie Behrens	Mary Freeman	Tyler Mall	Fred Wayne
Lynn Belcher	David Hembree	Mazie Marshall	Marie Wayne
Deb Bezroukoff	Inukai Family	Jean Martin	Lynne White

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	Prochaska Family	

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.
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3. Scroll down to select the appropriate sermon date.
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YouTube.com: [Click here](#) OR

1. Go to the search bar.
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