



## 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.

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.

### Staff

#### Minister

#### Building Manager

#### Christian Education Director

#### Administrative Assistant

#### Chancel Choir Director

#### Children's Choir Director

#### Organist

#### Pianist

#### Childcare Attendants

#### Custodians

#### Sexton

Timothy C. Rhodes  
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Barbara Thurlby  
Liz Cronshaw  
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Sondra Shatters  
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Phillip Bethke

### Shepherds

#### Chairperson

#### Vice Chairperson

#### Recording Secretary

#### Operations: Personnel

#### Operations: Bldg & Grds

#### Operations: Finance

#### Information Services

#### Christian Education: Adult

#### Christian Education: Youth

#### Worship: Serving

#### Worship: Preparation

#### Church Family: Caring

#### Church Family: Fellowship

#### Service: Missions

#### Outreach/Welcoming

Aaron Shatters  
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Gere' Ryerson

# The Happenings

February  
2022

## LOVE photo's needed for

# LOVE Sunday

## FEBRUARY 13th



## **TIM's TALES**

"I am so frustrated" is a refrain of our times. As the long winter lingers and we are again caged by Covid into cautious living, many of us are expressing frustration with life, Covid, death, and a larger sense of not knowing the future. Friends, that is big frustration.

Counselors report that new patients arrive with heightened anxiety instigated by the Covid pandemic. For these people the regular grind of life becomes unmanageable because the pandemic makes living that much more difficult. Frustration grows bigger.

I too share many frustrations around Covid which surrounds us with death and uncertainty. I address my frustrations the way psychologists suggest

- name the cause of the frustration
- see the frustration in context
- explore options of how to address the frustration
- decide on a course of action
- act on and hold to your decision

In my spiritual arsenal I have a bazooka that blasts frustration, helps control my anger and gives me personal peace.

1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you."

Prayer is a conversation with God and in my frequent prayers I bring my frustrations to God. God listens, patiently as I name the burdens of frustration I carry. Then God takes them from me, so I needn't carry them any longer. I know it seems magical and it is. The prayer frees me from my anger and disappointment and often guides me to a decision that relieves me of my frustration.

Sometimes it doesn't work the first, third or thirty-third time I pray, and I need to pray again and again. Still, in delightful ways God takes my burden and sets me free.

So, when you're gnashing your teeth and are frozen by frustration, take time to pray and feel the release of God's peace.

## **Stephen Ministers**



..... **about YOU**

**Contact the church office, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman to learn about a caring one-to-one Christian caring relationship.**



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

One month into 2022. The holiday highs have subsided. Families are back to their everyday hustle. It feels like Christmas was so long ago. It's cold. COVID is hitting households everywhere.

It is tempting to try and hide from it all, to hibernate until spring when everything is better. It is tempting to shut it down and wait it out.

If we do that; if we shut ourselves in, who are we shutting out? For the church, these moments of darkness are moments of opportunity, not moments of despair. We are the light in the lives of others. Our motivation is the greatest in times of need. Opportunities range from supporting Hesed House to the blanket mission to helping refugees settle in new homes to fellowship and education with book discussion and the confirmation program. Join the Green Group. Get involved with our caring ministries to help each other in times of need.

Why is the church staying open in January and February of 2022 when the COVID infection case numbers are higher than a year ago when in-person service was closed? There are a few reasons: high vaccination availability, less restrictive guidance by federal, state, and local government, and, not least of all, we are needed.

As the cold digs its heels in and surrounds us, closing in on us for another month, our church is needed as much as ever before. People are lonely and shut in. We need each other. We need our church, and our church needs you.

Peace,

Aaron Shatters  
SLT Chairperson

### **Stewardship Thought This Month**

PSALM 133:1

*How good, how delightful it is for people  
to live together in unity.*

### **Winter Weather is Upon Us!**

**As we do our best to have the parking lot cleared of the winter weather, please use extra caution when entering and exiting the church. Usher assistance is available upon request.**

***Thank You!***

## Messy People Bible Study Returns

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

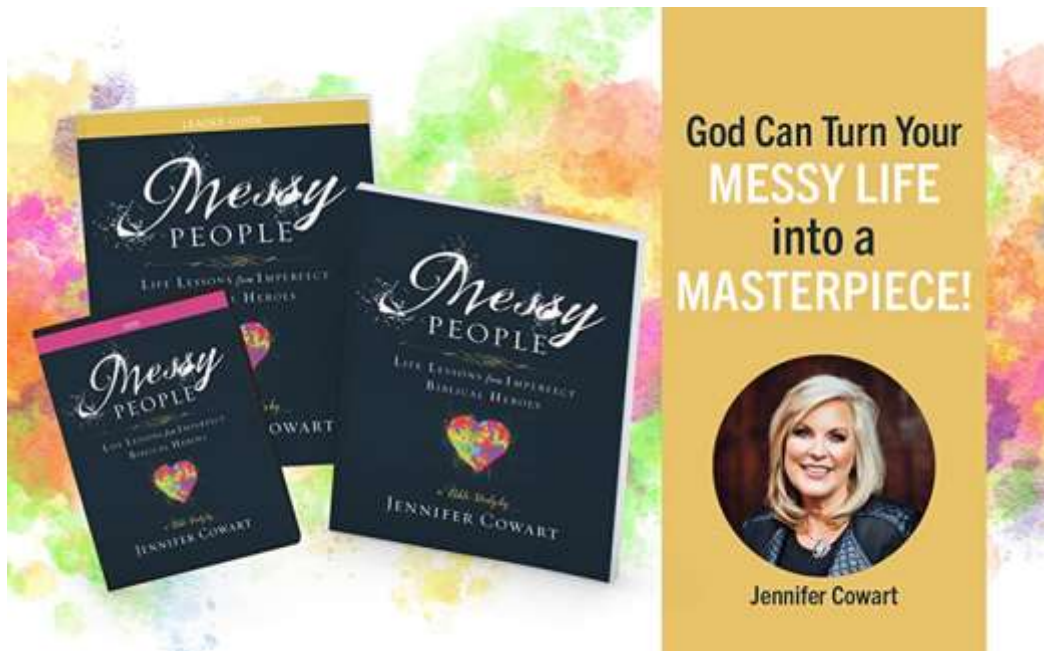
The much sought-after bible study, Messy People is returning! Messy People bible study will begin on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The study will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will run for six weeks ending on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Author and Pastor Jennifer Cowart shares life lessons from imperfect biblical heroes in her study, Messy People. We will learn how God continually uses Messy People in very powerful ways. Workbooks are \$13.00; contact Barb Thurlby at [ced@yorkvilleucc.org](mailto:ced@yorkvilleucc.org) to sign up.

Here is a quick insert of her book:

*God can turn your messy life into a masterpiece.*

*Every life gets messy at times. Sometimes these messes are literal, like a house that would be easier to condemn than to clean. But sometimes they are intangible messes such as illness, conflict, depression, abuse, bankruptcy, divorce, and job loss. And these messes can be painful, hurting our hearts and our homes. But as we see in the Bible, God loves to use messy people!*



Exciting news! YCUCC participates 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).





Building and Grounds  
Tuesday Mornings  
9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Mary Ellen Anderson  
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On January 9<sup>th</sup> we woke up to an icy glazed over landscape. The main roads were open, but the side roads and driveways were solid ice. Pastor Tim contacted our snow removal people and had them come back to salt the parking lot. Bob Thurlby and Jeff Kline used what salt we had to spread on the sidewalks. At our Tuesday morning meeting, following Sunday's ice situation, a plan was created to follow if we find ourselves in a icy situation again.

The building and grounds men have replaced with LED light bulbs the exterior light fixtures on the south side of the church. They replaced the reflecting tape in the choir loft, chancel area, and steps. They also reglued carpet areas in the chancel. Next, they plan to do some wall painting areas that were damaged from roof leaks.

We want to thank Jeff and Julie Kline for donating a slightly used snowblower. It will be put to good use in keeping the church sidewalks open.

We have a new kitchen refrigerator thanks to the Joy Circle ladies. Diane Dillow spent numerous hours locating a commercial refrigerator.

Future plans for this committee – we will investigate what areas of the parking lot that need to be replaced. We are looking to do the repair in stages to help spread out the cost over four years. We are slowly replacing windows. We have ten windows to replace over the next five years.

This spring we will have the shingle and flat roof inspected according to our warrantee agreements. We will also be working on the church gardens and landscapes.

We are looking forward to the Green Group presentation about what we can do to help our heating and cooling efficacy. Be sure to put this event on your calendar. The date is February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. with a light “boxed lunch” in Fellowship Hall.

As we move forward into early spring, please share your events and meeting information so we can put it on the church calendar. We do our best to keep the website calendar information current.

## **News From Your Missions Ministry**

The 5 for 5 Offering “The Christmas Fund” taken up on December 19, 2021 came to \$885.00.

Our gifts are very much appreciated by retired ministers and lay people.

The Mission Ministry sends a BIG THANK YOU to all who gave to this worthy cause.

Budgeted Mission Ministry item sent in January 2022 - Hesed House in Aurora, Illinois - \$300.00.

‘One Great Hour of Sharing’ (OGHS), is our next 5 for 5 Offering to be collected on March 27, 2022.

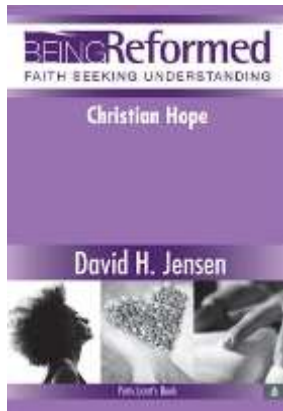
Through One Great Hour of Sharing lives are transformed and we are investing in the future.

More info next month.

## Adult Education

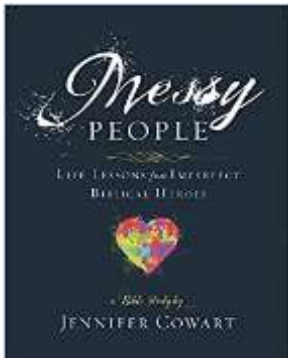
### Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets every other week in the conference room from 9 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings. We will begin a new six week study of Christian Hope using the Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding series on February 20th, all are welcome, so please join us!



- **February 20**--The Difficulty of Hope. "Christian hope confronts present-day injustice and tragedy by focusing on God's past, present, and future activity to redeem all of creation."
- **March 6**--Thy Kingdom Come--The Reign of God. "Our understanding of Christian hope is grounded in Jesus' proclamation and embodiment of the reign of God, where the last will be first, where nonviolence is the norm, where food is abundant and shared with all, and where power is made manifest in weakness."

### Women's Bible Study: Messy People



Barb Thurlby will be leading a requested encore presentation of her popular Women's bible study Messy People - Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes. The first class meets **February 8th** at 6:00 p.m. in the low ceiling room and meets weekly on Tuesday nights for 6 weeks. Contact Barb if you are interested so she can order a workbook for you.

### Spiritual Development Group



Beginning **February 15th**, the Spiritual Development Group will be reading, The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem, by Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan. The group meets online every other Tuesday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Discussions are led by Michael Obenauer and Pastor Tim. Contact Diane Stablein to be included on the email list and the church office to request a book.

## Adult Education (*continued*)

### Book Discussion Group



The Book Discussion Group will be discussing *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning* by Cathy Park Hong on April 5 and April 26. Both discussions will be on Zoom from 7 -- 8:30 p.m. The book is available to order at the Yorkville Public Library, it is available on the digital Libby app through the Yorkville Public Library, it is available on Amazon (be sure to set Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ as the Amazon Smile Charity), or any other book seller. This will be our last book discussion of the school year!

From the Amazon description of the book:

**“NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER” • PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST • NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE AWARD WINNER • ONE OF TIME’S 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE • A ruthlessly honest, emotionally charged, and utterly original exploration of Asian American consciousness.**

**“Brilliant . . . To read this book is to become more human.”—Claudia Rankine, author of *Citizen***

**In development as a television series starring and adapted by Greta Lee • One of *Time’s 10 Best Nonfiction Books of the Year* • Named One of the Best Books of the Year by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *NPR*, *New Statesman*, *BuzzFeed*, *Esquire*, *The New York Public Library*, and *Book Riot*.**

Poet and essayist, Cathy Park Hong, fearlessly and provocatively blends memoir, cultural criticism, and history to expose fresh truths about racialized consciousness in America. Part memoir and part cultural criticism, this collection is vulnerable, humorous, and provocative—and its relentless and riveting pursuit of vital questions around family and friendship, art and politics, identity and individuality, will change the way you think about our world.”

Aimee List

Adult Education Shephard

[ajlsan1@hotmail.com](mailto:ajlsan1@hotmail.com)

## Altar Guild



We are in need of donated centerpieces for the Altar for the following seasons:

Spring  
Summer  
Winter

See Kathy Wickens, Pam Hamblin or you may leave donations in the church office on the counter. *Thank You!*

# Solar Panels for Yorkville Congregational UCC

## Fighting Climate Change - One Project at a Time

In the midst of the second year of the pandemic, Green Group resumed meeting - virtually - nearly a year ago, to revitalize our commitment to one of core beliefs YCUCC: **Our responsibility to be good stewards of the earth and environment.**

A project was suggested to the group by one of our newer members: [Could solar panels be put on the church roof to generate energy? How much fossil-fuel produced energy could be reduced by the use of solar panels? Would solar panels help to bring down the cost of electricity?](#)

We were ENERGIZED Into looking into this idea and formed a Solar Panel Research Team, which met regularly and often through 2021. Research included: what other churches in northern Illinois used solar panels, and how did they accomplish that? What type of design would work on our building? What would be needed structurally - best location? placement? What is the annual cost of electric at YCUCC? How many panels would be needed to produce enough electricity to offset part or all of that cost? What would be the cost of solar panels? How will it be funded? Could we get a grant to cover some of the cost? What company will work with churches?

Without going into notebooks full of the details, we want to announce the result of our extensive research and decisions reached with Green Group and support of SLT.

## YCUCC WILL GET 30 SOLAR PANELS IN SPRING OF 2022!

**Panels** will be an “awning” adjacent and parallel to the south roof of the church. The panels will not be on the roof itself as to not affect the warranty of our new, specially-designed roof and shingles.

**Communication:** The Solar Panel Research Team stayed in communication with our Shepherds Leadership Team through the past year. On September 9th we virtually presented a detailed power point and had another follow-up discussion with SLT. There was much interest and enthusiasm for this environmental project. But the biggest concern and challenge was to find a way to fund this project without touching the church’s budget and operating funds. The funding was accomplished to meet this goal.

**Funding:** The cost of the project will be fully covered without affecting the church operating funds. Costs will be covered by (a) ComEd’s rebate energy credits to be \$3,045 after the system starts working, (b) State of Illinois’s SREC’s projected to be \$12,586 and distributed during the first year, (c) private donations from climate-concerned members of the church, and (d) a very generous grant!

**A grant:** The grant has been awarded from Faith in Place, an affiliate of Interfaith Power and Light.\* YCUCC applied for and received the second (of only two) available grants offered in 2021! The amount of the grant is \$10,000. The church has already received the first installment.



**Construction:** The project will be done by Independent Renewable Energy (IRE) from Sandwich Illinois. When the very cold winter subsides, materials and the construction team from IRE will be ready to install solar panels. Watch for the action!

**Savings:** Using some solar powered energy with the awnings, the projected amount of savings is expected to be 16,890 kWh production and \$1337 (approximately 1/3 of YCUCC's average yearly cost). Over the next ten years, the projected amount of financial savings is \$15,064. Think about how that amount of money can be directed to other mission work of the church!

## Caring for our earth - one project at a time!

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### (Faith in Place) Our Mission

Faith in Place empowers people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the Earth, providing resources to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.

We believe that when people of faith lead the environmental movement, it is a movement focused on justice and care for our common environment. We operate from local offices serving Chicago, the North and West Suburbs of Chicago, Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, and Southern Illinois.

We implement our five program areas – [Energy & Climate](#), [Sustainable Food & Land Use](#), [Water Preservation](#), [Advocacy](#), and [Youth Empowerment](#) – in close collaboration with our [358 faith partners and over 180 Green Teams](#).

Our faith partners and Green Teams located throughout Illinois represent diverse religious traditions, including Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant Christian churches; Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist denomination Jewish synagogues; Muslim mosques; and Zoroastrian, Buddhist, Native American, and Baha'i houses of worship.

Web site: <https://www.faithinplace.org>

**You are invited to join the Green Group - for discussion and idea-sharing for our new Year of Action in 2022!** The next meeting will be for the entire church on **Sunday, February 20th**, immediately after service in Fellowship Hall. Listen and watch for details for a fun and inspirational "Energy Efficiency Workshop!"



*Independence Renewal Energy*



## Cookie Delivery Resumes

We are once again attempting to reach out to our church family to help them feel loved and connected during these COVID times. Our church leaders have done their best to help keep us safe and healthy, but we do feel disconnected and lonely. We are hoping with a delivery of homemade cookies and a cheery note, we will put a smile on the faces of our friends.

How does this mission work? We are looking for a group of bakers who will provide cookies on Tuesday morning and help package them for delivery. We also need drivers who will deliver the cookies. I will give the driver a list of addresses and phone numbers and off they go delivering boxes of cookies.



If you would like to be a baker, please let me know and pick a date to help.



If you would like to be a driver, please let me know and pick a date to help deliver these delicious cookies.

Please think about joining this mission group either as a baker or a delivery person. We box up the cookies on Tuesdays between noon and 1:00 pm and then deliver them Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon.

Mary Ellen Anderson 630-674-4345



YCC Tag Team Mission



### Coming February 13<sup>th</sup>!

We need pictures of you with anything you love!  
Family, friends, pets, hobbies, anything!

We can accept pictures by emailing to [adminasst@yorkvilleucc.org](mailto:adminasst@yorkvilleucc.org) or bring them to the office and we can scan them.

Pictures are needed by Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

A digital collage of all of the pictures will be shown at worship on Love Sunday!

## ENERGY - HOW MUCH DO WE NEED?

On **Sunday February 20, 11:15 a.m.** every person in church is invited to attend and listen to **"Energy Efficiency Workshop."** Members of **Green Group** will provide each attendee a light "boxed lunch" to eat while listening to guest speaker, Dan Huntsha.\*  
Child care will be provided!!! Raffles prizes: energy efficient products for your home.

What is an Energy Efficiency Workshop? This sounds like a boring academic meeting. NOT! Dan will entertain us while giving us practical down-to-earth tips we can use in our church as well as apply to our own homes. Some examples:

*Do you use "Real Time Pricing"  
to save energy and save \$\$\$?*

*What are you doing to stop the cold drafts  
from sneaking into your home?*



*How much \$ is drip, drip, dripping  
down your drain?*



*How hot do you really  
need your water?*



*What kinds of light bulbs are you using?  
Where can you get free, more-efficient bulbs?*

We will hear practical tips about things we can do (and un-do) to be smart with our energy usage. We can save some \$ at church and at home, and help save our precious planet.

*\* Dan Huntsha, presenter on February 20th, is a Green Team Coach from Faith in Place, the Illinois affiliate with Interfaith Power and Light. Dan's territory as "coach" includes suburbs west and north of Chicago. He is serving as a guide, a mentor to our church and Green Group as we work toward best practices for a healthy environment.*

(Need more information? Talk to Anne Engelhardt or Deanna Bazan.)

**PLEASE, SIGN UP (IN THE NARTHEX) TO LET US KNOW YOU WILL ATTEND THE  
WORKSHOP, SO THAT GREEN GROUP CAN PREPARE FOR THE LUNCH!**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

Despite the continued challenges of the coronavirus the Christian Education program at Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ continues in ministry.

After a successful Christmas pageant students and teachers took a short break from Sunday School to rest and regroup. During the month of January elementary students met in the Kids Zone to encourage social distancing, while the Pre-K and kindergartners continued to meet in their area.

Lessons for the month of January and February center around Jesus as a child followed by the Miracles of Jesus. The students were curious to imagine Jesus as a child. They were intrigued that he had a family that included cousins and that he attended school, just like our students. We experienced an interesting discussion on housing and food from the time of Jesus; they were quite confused that Jesus' cousin John would eat honey and bugs. None of our students were interested in a crunchy snack of bugs that was provided; they did however enjoy the gummy worms!

The 'Shower for Mary' was well received and many generous people from the church donated a plethora of infant items including diapers, wipes, baby bottles, blankets, and money. The items were donated to Hesed House and will assist families experiencing homelessness in our area.

Confirmation students continue to meet weekly as they diligently prepare for their confirmation on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Students, teachers, and leaders look forward to an exciting spring program and the opportunity to gather together for more family friendly events.



## Outreach and Welcoming

Happy Valentine's Day to my Church Family, you are my heart ❤️

The Outreach & Welcoming ministry has put our focus group together. This is a great time in our Church for this ministry to really break out. There is a strong sense among many that O & W should be more centric to Christian Ed, Youth Group outings, sharing time with the families creating and gathering new ideas. We are LQQKING to grow our ministry. If anyone is considering more ways to get involved in their Church, this is a fun way to do just that. If you are interested, please reach out to Gere' Ryerson.

Peace and Love Always







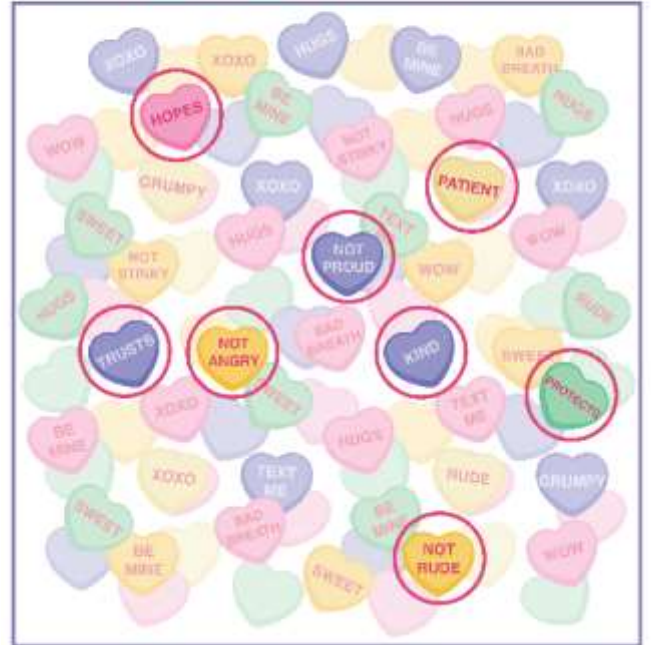
**WE THANK THE MANY THAT  
HELP RECYCLE ALUMINUM  
CANS AND DONATE THEM  
TO THE CHURCH!**



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

## **Valentine's Day Seek & Find**

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 AND THEN FIND  
THE 8 CANDY HEARTS THAT DESCRIBE REAL LOVE



## **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***

### February Birthdays

Jean Anderson	01	Emily Frisk	18
Diana Lee	01	Steve Gawne	18
Ken Olvera	03	Alissa Prochaska-Jones	18
Mathew Patterson	03	Bob Anderson	19
Carol Schulz	04	Philip Gaebler	19
Carla Skinner	05	Lennox Strong	19
Fred Gaebler	06	Lindsay Martinez	20
Lori Melhouse	07	Hadley Vaclavik	20
Lauren Rhodes	07	Bert Erickson	20
Joe Stablein	09	Aiden Green	21
Leslie Inukai	10	Sadie Pottinger	22
Malia Skinner	10	Kylie Brewick	23
Kara Yabsley	11	Bob Thurlby	23
Amy Corwin	12	Ken Vogus	23
Alex Goldman	12	Connie Dickson	24
Kyle Mulligan	12	Myrah Baldwin	25
Anthony Gelsomino	13	Alex McLeod	27
Andy Hamblin	13	Cory Strong	27
Liam Rhodes	13	Joan McEachern	28
Keenan Trashavil	13	DJ Melhouse	28
Megan Gelsomino	15	Marcella Culberson	29

### February Anniversaries

2/07	Justin & Jean Heffernan	13 years
2/10	Doug & Peg Trumble	49 years
2/10	Louise & Carrie DeFuss	10 years
2/12	Jim & Sue Shalek	45 years
2/15	Douglas & Coral Clevenger	30 years
2/21	Chris & Stacy Skinner	13 Years

### Altar Guild

Andy & Pam Hamblin  
Kathy Wickens

#### **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

GREEN

*Isa 6:1-8, (9-13)*

*Ps 138*

*1 Cor 15:1-11*

*Luke 5:1-11*

*A Surprising Catch*

#### **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

GREEN

*JER 17:5-10*

*Ps 1*

*1 Cor 15:12-20*

*Luke 6:17-26*

*Surprising Teaching*

#### **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

GREEN

*Gen 45:3-11, 15*

*Ps 37:1-11, 39-40*

*1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50*

*Luke 6:27-38*

*Love Your Enemies*

#### **Transfiguration**

WHITE or GREEN

*Ex 34:29-35*

*Ps 99*

*2 Cor 3:12-4:2*

*Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)*

*Astounding Glory*



We dropped off the "Mary's Baby Shower" items  
 and learned they are in great need of **"trial size" shampoo,  
 conditioner and soap.** The items must be **"trial size"** for  
 storage reasons. A collection box will be in the Narthex.  
 Thank You!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Liturgists</i>
<b>2/6/22</b>	<b>Aiden Mendell</b>	<b>Kathy Farren</b>
<b>2/13/22</b>	<b>DJ Melhouse</b>	<b>Kathy Farren</b>
<b>2/20/22</b>	<b>McKenzie Strausberger</b>	<b>Pam Campos</b>
<b>2/27/22</b>	<b>Cayla Pottinger</b>	<b>Pam Campos</b>



### **Those Grieving:**

Anderson Family, Bethke Family, Bushnell Family, Huston Family, Jahp Family, Potempa Family, Prochaska Family

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

Mary Ellen Anderson    Coulson Taylor  
Randy Ladson            Pearl Undesser  
Carol Schulz

### **Health Concerns:**

Jean Anderson	Dave Encinas	Kim Leszczynski	Dale Prochaska
Lynn Belcher	Rick Falato	Tyler Mall	Matt Skinner
Deb Bezroukoff	Inukai Family	Mazie Marshall	Finley Walker
Ann Byrd	Wyatt Jones	Jean Martin	Lynne White
	Jonathan Lamp	Joanne O'Brien	Helen Wiles

### **General Concerns:**

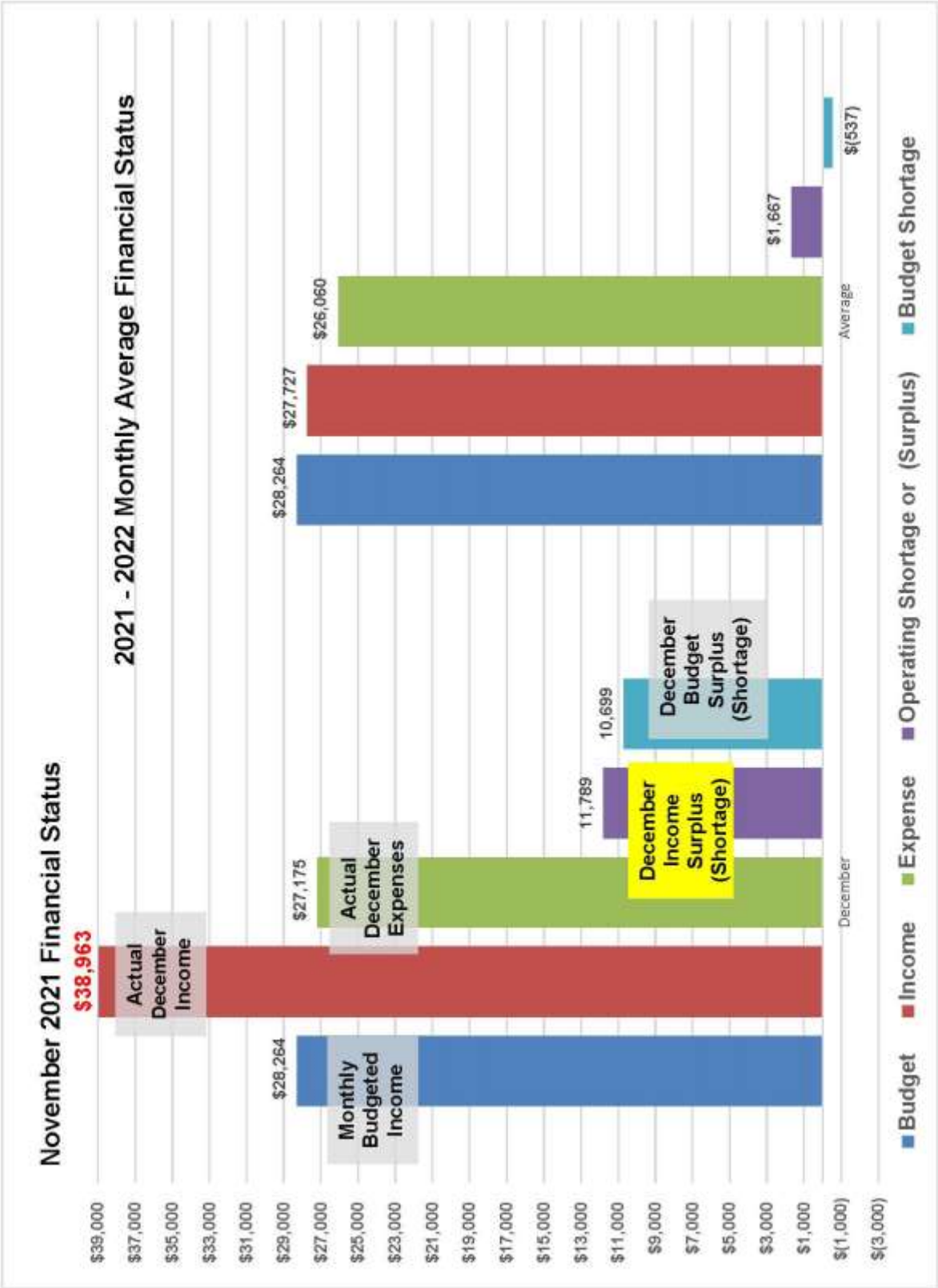
Brian Homerding	Prochaska Family	The people who work on the
Deb Mendell	Michelle Terri	front lines of the virus -
		doctors, nurses, healthcare
		workers, nursing home
		workers, first responders.

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

Myrah Baldwin, Earl Bushnell, Pat Dietz, Mary Freeman, Joan McEachern, Ruth Prince, Pat Rogers, Fred Wayne, Marie Wayne

### **GRIEFSHARE:**

If you or someone you know is struggling with grief, GRIEFSHARE program might provide support. Contact [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) for a list of programs in our area.



### **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.
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