



## Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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**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.

Worship on [YorkvilleUCC.Org](http://YorkvilleUCC.Org) website after 12 p.m.

### Staff

#### Minister

#### Building Manager

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#### Administrative Assistant

#### Chancel Choir Director

#### Children's Choir Director

#### Organist

#### Pianist

#### Childcare Attendants

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#### Vice Chairperson

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#### Operations: Bldg & Grds

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#### Worship: Serving

#### Worship: Preparation

#### Church Family: Caring

#### Church Family: Fellowship

#### Service: Missions

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# The Happenings



Spring  
is coming



Sunday, March 20th



## **TIM's TALES**

Don't give up! Don't give up something for Lent. Instead, embrace gratitude between now and Easter.

Lent is an ancient season where people of faith prepare their spirits for the joyous resurrection of Christ. Lent is an opportunity to improve ourselves and make spiritual changes in our lives.

In the long winter of Covid so many of us are frustrated by masks and mandates and idiots and snow and sickness and the uncertainty of life. Our days often turn sour with the limitations of life.

Join me in a challenge for Lent. Between now and Easter (April 17) take a few moments each day to examine your heart and name a few things for which you are grateful. It may be something big or small, something incidental or planned, something personal or global. Speak this gratitude to God or write it on a piece of paper.

Maya Angelou gives us a prescription for gratitude when she writes, "Open your eyes to the beauty around you, open your mind to the wonderful of life, open your heart to those who love you, and always be true to yourself."

A daily act of gratitude will buoy your spirit and enliven your life. By exercising this moment of regular gratitude you'll find that by Easter the weather and your spirit will have improved.



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

March 2, 2022

Drive-thru Ashes - Noon to 1 p.m.

Worship Service - 7 p.m.

### **Worship Serving News**

Feeling like you'd like to give a little more to your church but not sure how or don't have much time? Here are a few ways you can help:

**Liturgist** - If you'd like to have an active role in worship services, consider being a liturgist. Responsibilities include reading the Call to Worship, Prayer of Praise and Adoration, and Scripture during a worship service. Each week's information can be provided beforehand so you can familiarize yourself with it.

**Worship and Spiritual Growth Ministry** - This group typically meets once a month with the Pastor to help plan worship services. We brainstorm new ideas for worship and fellowship. We are always looking for new members and new ideas.

**Media Team** - Do you ever wonder about the slides shown during the worship service or how we stream to social media? Would you like to help but don't feel "technical enough"? We'll be glad to have you sit with us and see if it's something you'd like to learn more about.

For more information about any of these items or to volunteer, contact Lori Redmon - [lmredmon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lmredmon@sbcglobal.net).



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

It is clever that the word “March” has a few different meanings besides a month of the year.

As a noun it means “border region”, like a defensive boundary. It’s like March is put in place by spring to defend itself against winter. I like that image.

As a verb, the word march means “to move along steadily”, “to move in a direct purposeful manner”, or “to make steady progress”. Steady. Purposeful. Progress.

For those devoted newsletter followers, you may notice that the next couple of paragraphs were written last March, but they remain annually relevant.

Don’t let the winter drag you down. Spring is near! The dragging on of winter and the anticipation of spring represents an almost perfect parallel to how life, in general, feels for some right now. Whether the seasons are cause or coincidental to our mood, the timing is nevertheless remarkable. So too is the timing of Lent. In the midst of everything, we are reminded to be patient, stay disciplined, remain focused, and keep our eyes on what is important to us.

Where our experiences tell us that warmth and new growth will come with spring, our faith should tell us that there will be similar resurgence in our lives, the lives of others, and our church. Luckily, as opposed to the change of the seasons, to which we are powerless observers, we have a role to play in this resurgence.

Your church needs you to join the march. Your church has never paused, has never taken a break, and has continued to march. Be engaged, be a helper, be a member, be a leader, be a shepherd. There is so much going on at your church. Make sure you are part of the steady, purposeful, progress.

Peace,  
Aaron Shatters  
SLT Chairperson



## **Opportunity for Connection**

Are you a reader? Would you like to be? The YCUCC Book Discussion Group makes it easy under the leadership of Adult Education Shepherd, Aimee List. A group of about 12 recently finished reading and discussing [Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope](#). Our discussions were thoughtful and lively, with some of us doing more listening than talking just to take it all in. Aimee spreads out the reading over multiple sessions so it is easy to keep up. The online format allows you to curl up in your comfy clothes with a warm cup of tea and dive into the discussion. This has been a wonderful way to connect with my church family without ever leaving home.

The next book study meets twice, April 5 and 26, via Zoom to discuss [Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning](#) by Cathy Park Hong. I encourage you to join this group and engage with your church family. It’s fun, enlightening, and good for our minds and souls. Tell Aimee you want to be included on the Zoom invite, and I’ll see you there!

Deanna Bazan



Stephen Ministry team shares a story from a real person who received care from a Stephen Minister during a difficult time. **This is NOT about a care receiver from our church, as all conversations and information shared are kept confidential.** These real people have given Stephen Ministries organization permission to share their experience.

### ***Helping dad hang on during a personal earthquake***

Stephen Minister Jim describes the events that rock our lives--death, divorce, illness, unemployment--as personal earthquakes. In the face of such earthquakes, Jesus tells us to "***Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.***" Matthew 11:28. Stephen Ministers help people endure their earthquakes while holding on to Christ. Jim was the Stephen Minister for Jay, a young dad who learned that his pregnant wife was carrying a severely handicapped baby whom doctors said would not live long after birth. Stephen Minister Jim and care receiver Jay met for months before the birth and following the baby boy's birth and subsequent death, one hour after his birth. In talking about his relationship with his Stephen Minister, Jay says "the great thing about Jim was that I could talk about the difficult thing that everyone else was afraid to talk about". Jim knew how to provide care and comfort without offering trite platitudes such as "It's God's will", "He's no longer in pain." or "Everything happens for the good." "I don't know what I would have done without my Stephen Minister," continues Jay. It has been wonderful to be able to talk with another man. The truth is that our grief has to be expressed. I think many men have a need but feel afraid to seek help."

If you or someone you know would like to learn about the  
benefit from the continuing care of a Stephen Minister,  
talk with Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman.

## **Green Group Invites You**

YCUCC's Green Group invites you to attend and be a part of BIG THINKING as we begin to make a 1-3-5 year **Environmental Plan for our Church and Grounds!**

To help us work through the ideas and discussion, we have invited our Green Team Coach, Dan Huntsha, from Faith in Place! As an experienced facilitator, Dan has assisted many places of faith in their environmental stewardship.

Many minds make for magnificent miles of our journey toward becoming an earth-caring church in our community! This will become an environmental **"green print"** for our church! We welcome you and your ideas!

**Green Group will soon announce the date and time** for our **Environmental Planning Workshop**. Please be part of the process!





Building and Grounds  
Mary Ellen Anderson  
630-553-7308  
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Spring is finally coming, and we are so ready to enjoy it. The Building and Grounds members are getting quotes for grass mowing and snow removal to be done by one company. The B & G men put a speaker in the nursery room so the staff taking care of our little ones can listen to the worship service. They hung a television on the wall in fellowship hall to be used for presentations.

We have started preparing our budget for next year. We are adding a new line item called **preventive maintenance work**. These items we hope should help prolong the life of our equipment. An example would be to have our air conditioners and furnaces cleaned and checked for problems. Another example would be to fill cracks and sealcoat the parking lot. If we do not keep up with general maintenance, costly replacement will occur.

This summer the men plan to paint the south side of the church and install two replacement windows. There will also be a spring garden cleanup which will coincide with the city brush pick up schedule. Watch for more information about this project in the April newsletter.

The men continue to meet every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and you are always welcome to join them. Please continue to give Liz your meeting and events information for the church calendar which is on our web page for your convenience to follow and not miss any church events.

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



*"Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God"*

*1 John 4:7 (NRSV)*

Hello Church Family,

Woohoo!! Our Welcome to America Pack has been delivered to the Ramin Family in Skokie. This young Afghan family of three came to the United States 6 months ago. Four and half months of it was spent in Wisconsin and then another one and half was spent in a hotel until housing could be secured. February 5<sup>th</sup> was when housing was secured and our Pack was delivered. The father expressed much gratitude to the kindness he has experienced by Americans. He is most appreciative for the items he received to start his new life.



**Thank You, Church Family for making it possible!**



***The **Mission** of 'Love Your Neighbor' Ministry at YCUCC is to enable refugees and other displaced people to establish new lives and regain hope, so that they become productive, contributing members of the community.***

***The **Vision** of 'Love Your Neighbor' Ministry YCUCC provides the structures that make it possible for each of us to welcome, empower, and provide opportunities for refugee and displaced people to be transformed economically, socially, and spiritually.***



## Confirmation Spotlight

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director



Owen Shatters

Owen Shatters is the son of Aaron and Sondra Shatters. Owen is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Thompson Middle School in Oswego, Illinois. A delightful and entertaining student, Owen has a lot of varied interests. Owen and his family have attended Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ for many years. He is involved in choir and confirmation. We asked Owen a few questions and here are his responses.

**What are your thoughts on YCC?** *The people are kind and caring. The activities are fun. I like the Pastor and music.*

**What are some of your personal favorite things?** *I like food, food, Legos, games, food, sleeping, running, growing, outdoors, food, chicken, cake, ice cream, sugar, sugar cookies, chocolate chips, fun, brownies, slushies, food, peaches, fruit, cheese, milk, lemons, lemonade, chicken nuggets, tacos, burgers, ham, french toast, meatloaf, friends, family and school.*

And there you have it....Owen Shatters, he likes food!



Annabelle Reeder

Annabelle Reeder is the daughter of John and Kathy Reeder. She is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Yorkville Middle School. Annabelle is a bright and delightful student. Annabelle and her family began attending Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ last year. We asked her a few questions and here are her responses.

**What are your thoughts on YCC?** *The church family is very welcoming, especially considering that our family is new to the church. I have made friends here and have learned a lot in confirmation class.*

**What are some of your personal favorite things?** *I really enjoy our confirmation class and I enjoy the songs that we sing in church.*

And there you have it....Annabelle Reeder, delightful and articulate!



# 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!*

## SAVE \$\$ and Energy with HOURLY PRICING PROGRAM

The country is currently experiencing a rise in electricity prices due to volatility in the energy market. Due to the fluctuations in hourly prices, using electricity during periods of high demand may have a higher impact on monthly bills.

We understand these unexpected price fluctuations can be frustrating. ComEd does not set the price of each kWh of energy that Hourly Pricing participants pay, nor does ComEd mark up or make any profit on the price of electricity.

What is hourly pricing? To manage your costs with ComEd's Hourly Pricing program, you can shift some of your electricity use to hours when real-time prices tend to be low, such as night and weekend hours.

In general, the best times to reduce energy use in the winter are 8–11 a.m. and 5–8 p.m.

Here are some tips to help you shift some of your electricity use to low price times and use electricity wisely in general. Avoid heating or cooling your home more than needed.

**Adjust the thermostat** setting when away from home or sleeping. **You can save around 10 percent a year on cooling and heating bills** by turning your thermostat setting up or down 7°F to 10°F for eight hours per day (U.S. Department of Energy). Use a programmable thermostat to conserve energy automatically.

**Do the laundry** during hours when the price of electricity is low. Use cold water when possible to cut water heating costs.

**Charge devices** such as cell phones and cordless tools at night when electricity prices are low. Unplug the charger from the outlet when not in use.

**Run the dishwasher** when electricity prices are low. If your dishwasher has a timer or “delay start” function, you can use it to automatically start the cycle during lower priced hours. Use the “energy saver” or “no heat dry” option to save even more energy.

**Reduce wasted “standby” power** that is used by electronics that are not in use. Unplug electronics or use a power strip to shut off power to multiple electronic devices at once.

**Use energy efficient lighting** such as LED bulbs and make sure lights are turned off when not in use.

Learn more about managing household energy costs by visiting [www.ComEd.com](http://www.ComEd.com)



## March 15<sup>th</sup> J.O.Y. Circle Meeting

### In-person J.O.Y. Circle Meeting

12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall

### AGENDA

2022 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale - April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

### Lunch Meeting

Enjoy your BYO lunch/drink while planning the 2022 Spring R&B sale.  
Dessert will be provided by Mary McCracken!

### Masks

We will follow YCUCC's mask guidelines at the time of the meeting.

### Please - Come Join Us!

### Questions? Contact Peg Trumble

J.O.Y. Circle/Rummage & Bake Sale Chairperson  
[pjltrumble@comcast.net](mailto:pjltrumble@comcast.net) or 630-768-5924



# Spring Bake Sale

## Think Spring – Think Bake Sale

Church Family, it's time to go into the kitchen and do some serious baking. The success of our bake sale has a huge impact on our Vacation Bible School. I know Barb is planning an exciting program, but we need bake sale money to make it possible.

Our Bake Sales are a HUGE success thanks to all the wonderful donations. Two years ago, we offered baked items for sale on Saturday morning. We had shoppers that came back hoping to purchase additional bake sale items because they had eaten what they had purchased the day before and they wanted more!

The dates for the **Spring Sale are April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will be accepting bake good donations on **Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.** HELP is needed to package these delicious bake goods. I have all kinds of packaging containers but my energy level from my cancer treatment is still in recovery mode. If you could stay for just a few minutes to help package your goodies, it would be greatly appreciated. It is difficult to judge how the flow of receiving baked items will run. Sometimes we are bombarded with donations – which is good! Please sign up to be a baker and help make this a huge successful Bake Sale!

Bake Sale Committee: Sandy Lindblom, Diane Dillow and Mary Ellen Anderson



## **You Are Invited To See "The Diary of Anne Frank" With A Group From YCUCC on March 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Morris Theater Guild, a local community theater group, is producing "The Diary of Anne Frank" on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:30 pm. You, your family, and friends are invited to join a group from Yorkville Congregational UCC to travel to Morris to experience the story of Anne Frank and her family, presented on the Morris Theater Guild stage.

Here is your part in preparing for this special trip together with the YCUCC community:

- 1) Look at the flyer below from the Morris Theater Guild about the production.
- 2) You will see the matinee production on Sunday, March 6 @ 2:30 p.m. You will also see the web address and a phone number for the Morris Theater Guild, and the cost of tickets.
- 3) Determine how many people will be in your group for that 2:30 p.m. matinee performance. Have your credit card handy. Go online or by telephone and order your ticket(s). (A hint: Do the ordering NOW because news is the tickets are going fast!)
- 4) Pastor Tim Rhodes and Rev. Michael Obenauer are co-leaders for this special group experience on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Let one of the co-leaders or Liz in the church office know you have your ticket(s). We need to know how many tickets so plans can be made for carpooling.
- 5) The YCUCC group will gather in the front parking lot of the church building at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to make the trip together to Morris.

The main doors of the Theater lobby open at 1 p.m. The Theater Guild will have several displays in the Lobby to enhance and deepen our understanding of the experience of Anne Frank and her family, the Holocaust setting of World War II, and the significance of this story for us today.

Anne Frank was a young, Jewish teenager in the Netherlands during World War II. She died in a Nazi Concentration Camp. The subject matter of the play is her diary, which can be quite intense and complex to understand. As you plan, you certainly will want to consider including middle school, junior high, and high school in your group. The experience might be too much for younger children.

A personal note from Michael Obenauer: Some of you may know or remember my stepson, Matthew Johnson. Matthew is the director of this production of "The Diary of Anne Frank." He is also "a child of the Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ." His nurture in this congregation has helped to bring Matthew to this point in life. Thanks, from a proud father!

It is the hope of the co-leaders that this will be highly memorable, deeply moving experience, given additional meaning by sharing it with the YCUCC community of faith. If you have questions or want to talk about possibilities, please know that Pastor Tim and Michael look forward to engaging you. We hope to see you in the March 6<sup>th</sup> Matinee group!



**MORRIS THEATRE GUILD**  
**516 W ILLINOIS AVE, MORRIS, ILLINOIS 60450**

**FRI-SAT MARCH 4, 5, 11, 12 AT 7:30 PM**  
**SUN MARCH 6, 13 AT 2:30 PM**

**ADVANCED SALES: \$15 ADULT - \$13 SENIOR - \$10 STUDENT**  
**DOOR SALES: \$20 ALL**  
**ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED**

**WWW.MORRISTHEATREGUILD.ORG**  
**BOX OFFICE: (815) 942-1966**

**DIRECTOR: MATT JOHNSON**  
**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: SHELBBIE DAUGHERTY**



## ***Easter Lily Order Form***

Each year we offer an opportunity for our members and friends to share in decorating our Sanctuary for Easter with Lilies!

The price for each Lily 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, March 27, 2022

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 Lily(s)?

After the Easter Service? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

The following week? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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

Would you like it to be planted at the church? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Number of Lilies ordered \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each.

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance 6 pm MP Bible Study	2 Ash Wednesday 8:15-11 am Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00-1:00 pm Drive-Thru Ashes 5:00 pm Sonshine Choir 5:15-6:45 pm Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir No Youth Group 7 pm Ash Wed Service	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Adult SS-Conf Rm 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Outreach Focus Grp-FH 2:30 pm Diary of Anne Frank Play Michael Obenauer	7	8 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance 10:00 am Pastoral Care 6 pm MP Bible Study 7:00 pm Spiritual Dev Grp-online	9 8:15-11 am Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Sonshine Choir 5:15-6:45 pm Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:00 pm Pastoral Care 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	10 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Spring Ahead  10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Soup Sunday-Fin Walker 11:00 am WSG Mtg in Conf Rm	14	15 Schedule roof inspection with Advance Roofing 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance Joy Circle @ noon in FH 6 pm MP Bible Study	16 8:15-11 am Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Sonshine Choir 5:15-6:45 pm Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 1st Day of Spring 10:00 am Worship Sunday School Coffee Fellowship 11:15 am CE Meeting-Kids Zone	21 6:30 pm LYN Mtg on Google Meets Diane	22 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance 7:00 pm Spiritual Dev Grp-online	23 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Sonshine Choir 5:15-6:45 pm Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	24	25	26
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## YCUCC's 2022 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>



**Donated Clothing:** Clean, with no holes or stains.

Please use a safety pin to secure matching outfits!

**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

### DONATING A LARGER ITEM FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE?

Call Tony Houle directly at 815-546-1061  
to discuss specific item/s being donated  
and schedule an April 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> pickup.

**(SCHEDULING BASED ON STORAGE  
AND/OR ROOM AVAILABILITY)**

*Offer available 'ONLY'  
to our YCUCC Church Family!*

### PLEASE NOTE!

1) To ensure a successful 2022 Spring R&B Sale, J.O.Y. Circle membership will be requesting help with...

**A) Set-up:** Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service

**B) Extra help throughout the week of the sale from our YCUCC Church Family:**

- i) Sorting/Organizing donated items (Staggered, 2-hour volunteer time slots available)
- ii) Baking/providing treats and/or helping Mary Ellen w/Bake Sale set-up/preparations on Thursday
- iii) Friday and/or Saturday Sale Days (Staggered, 2-hour volunteer time slots available)

**C) Tear-down:** 12:00 p.m. - @ 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

2) Volunteer, sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex beginning March 6<sup>th</sup> for all of the above!!

3) Detailed schedules will appear in April's *The Happenings Newsletter* regarding the 2022 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale.

4) Updated CDC/KCHD/IDPH/YCUCC guidelines due to COVID-19 will be closely followed prior to the scheduled sale date. Please be flexible, as J.O.Y. Circle plans to host the 2022 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale, it may be altered to ensure the safety of all volunteers and patrons.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YCUCC'S RUMMAGE & BAKE SALES!**

Peg Trumble - J.O.Y. Circle/Rummage & Bake Sale Chairperson

Questions? Contact Peg: [pjltrumbl@comcast.net](mailto:pjltrumbl@comcast.net) or 630-768-5924



## Refugees are Welcomed into their first USA “Homes”

**Afghan and Refugee Numbers** - In the fall/winter of 2021, World Relief resettled nearly 300 Afghan refugees across Chicagoland. They anticipate resettling 700+ additional refugees by October of 2022. How exciting!

World Relief set up 29 homes in November, 24 homes in December, and 25 in January across the region. Men, women, and children found safe, comfortable apartments or homes - a real place of refuge.



VOLUNTEERS are needed! The work is small and the gift is large! (Apartment setups require volunteers to wear masks until further notice and to follow procedures in the guidebook.)



World Relief: <https://worldrelief.org/chicagoland/>

World Relief is one of the organizations “**Love Your Neighbor**” ministries at Yorkville Congregational UCC helps to support.

*“World Relief is a global Christian humanitarian organization whose mission is to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable. We aim to tackle the world’s greatest problems with holistic, locally-driven solutions that lead to lasting change — whether in response to [disasters](#), [extreme poverty](#), [violence](#), [oppression](#) or [mass displacement and immigration](#). 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.” (Click on the blue links to learn more.)*



## Save the Date for a Special Holy Thursday Event

On Thursday, April 14, Holy Thursday, Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ will host a unique event: **Messiah in the Passover**, a demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover.

**Chosen People Ministries**, a world-wide ministry dedicated to reaching, discipling, praying for, and serving the Jewish community with the gospel of Jesus, will present the program. They will lead the demonstration to give the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions to better understand the shared roots and heritage of Christians and Jews. More information can be found on [www.ChosenPeople.com](http://www.ChosenPeople.com)

**Messiah in the Passover** begins with the traditional Passover Seder table--complete with the articles of this Jewish celebration. They will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with the disciples. Roasted chicken will be served in addition to the less familiar Seder dishes.

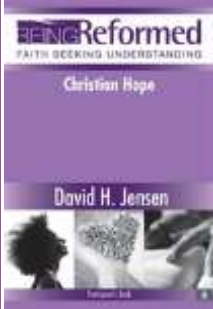
Volunteers are also needed to help prepare some of the Seder dishes- recipes will be provided.

Sign up sheets will be placed in the Narthex for the dinner and for help with the Seder dishes. Reservations for the Seder meal are needed by Friday, April 1, 2022. Tickets are \$10, \$3 for children under 12. Childcare will be available.

## Adult Education

### Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets every other week in the conference room from 9 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings. We are continuing our study of Christian Hope using the *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding* series in March, all are welcome, so please join us!

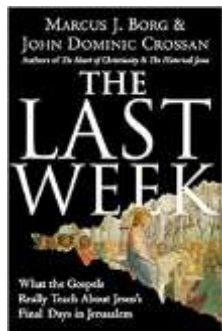


**March 6--**Thy Kingdom Come--The Reign of God. *"Our understanding of Christian hope is grounded in Jesus' proclamation and embodiment of the reign of God, where the last will be first, where nonviolence is the norm, where food is abundant and shared with all, and where power is made manifest in weakness."*

**March 20--**There will be no Sunday school. This is Yorkville school district's spring break.

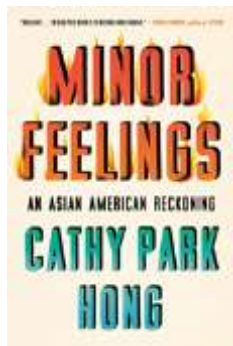
**April 3--**Resurrection of the Body and Life Eternal--A Christian affirmation of the resurrection acknowledges the painful realities of death but affirms that in Christ's resurrection, we have hope.

### Spiritual Development Group



Beginning **February 8th**, the Spiritual Development Group started their study of, *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. Discussions continue 2-22, 3-8, and 3-22. Contact Diane Stablein to be included on the email list.

### 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. 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:

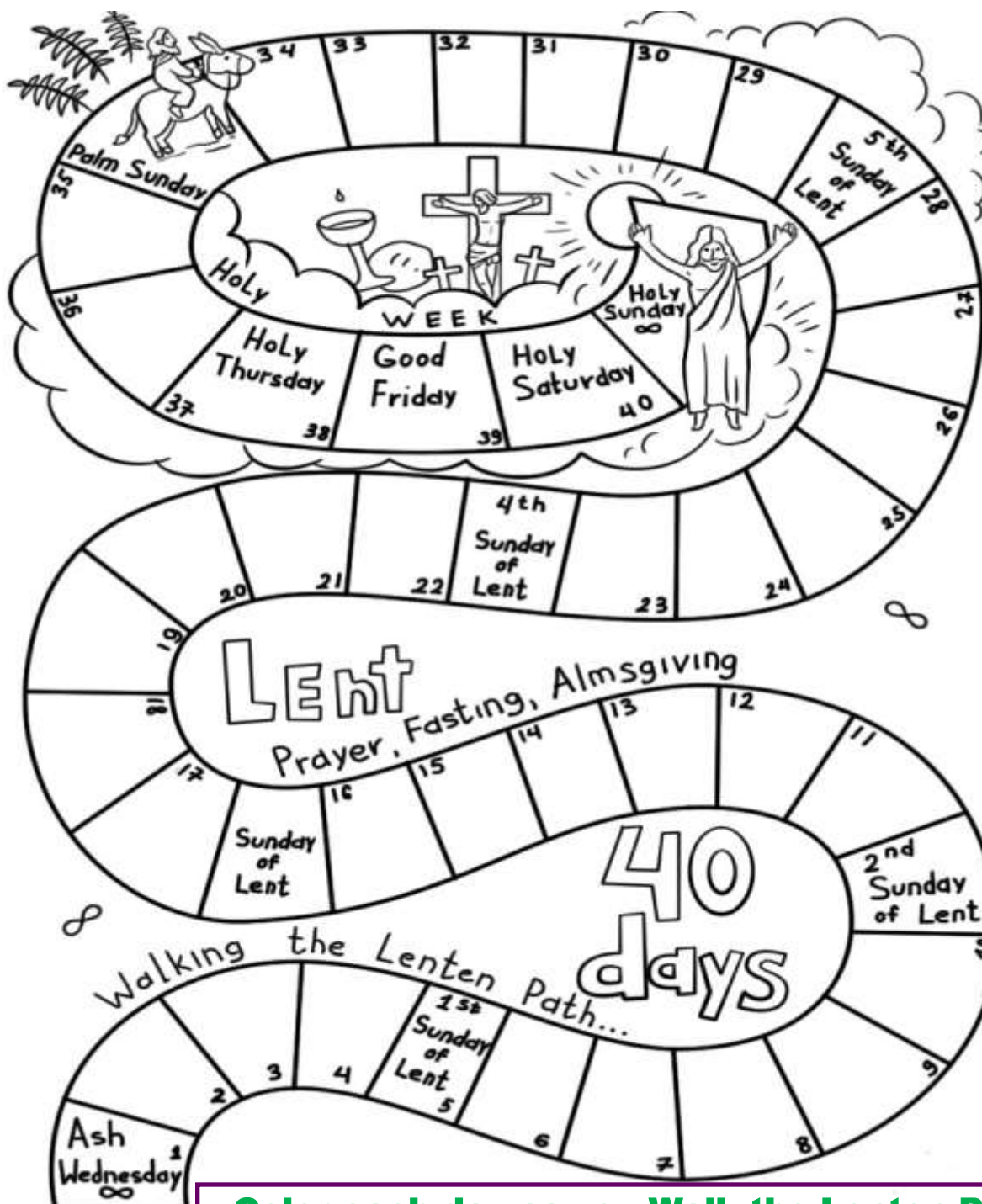
*"Poet and essayist Cathy Park Hong fearlessly and provocatively blends memoir, cultural criticism, and history to expose fresh truths about racialized consciousness in America. Part memoir and part cultural criticism, this collection is vulnerable, humorous, and provocative—and its relentless and riveting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

Contact Aimee List if you are interested in joining the discussion.

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### March Birthdays

Phyllis Yabsley	03	Avery Andersen	15
Scott Stevens	04	Charlie Skinner	16
Matthew Bazan	06	Deborah Myers	18
Mary Freeman	06	Matthew Gette	23
Chris Skinner	06	Jonah Hart	23
Fred Dickson	10	Timothy Kolowski	23
Darlene Niesen	10	Lillian Seibel	23
Laurie Strong	10	Troy List	24
Katelyn Gette Pansera	12	Deb Mendell	24
Harold McCracken	12	Benjamin DeFuss	25
Dale Perkins	12	Jacob DeFuss	25
Gayle Jacobs	14	Tim Sartori	26
Christine Keith	14	Sue Frahm	27
Caleb Vaclavik	14	Greyson Tsusaki	30
Harper Vaclavik	14	Michael Obenauer	31

### March Anniversaries

3/14	Zachary & Amanda Seibel	2 years
3/15	Stephen & Carole Guenzler	36 years
3/25	Ken & Marilyn Vogus	44 years
3/31	Aaron & Sondra Shatters	15 years

### Altar Guild

Andy & Pam Hamblin  
Kathy Wickens

### First Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Deut 26:1-11

Ps 91:1-2, 9-16

Rom 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

*Wilderness Companions*

### Second Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18

Ps 27

Phil 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

*Strong & Tender*

### Third Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Isa 55:1-9

Ps 63:1-8

I Cor 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

*Open Invitation*

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Josh 5:9-12

Ps 32

2 Cor 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Embracing Love*



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists
3/6/22	Ronan Heffernan	Fred Gaebler
3/13/22	Annabelle Reeder	Fred Gaebler
3/20/22	Chris Andrus	Gere Ryerson
3/27/22	Sadie Pottinger	Gere Ryerson



### **Those Grieving:**

Anderson (Roger) Family, McEachern Family, Potempa Family, Prochaska Family

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

Mary Ellen Anderson    Coulson Taylor  
Barry Kimes              Pearl Undesser  
Randy Ladson

### **Health Concerns:**

Lynn Belcher	Virginia Goss	Kim Leszczynski	Michelle Terri
Deb Bezroukoff	Brian Homerding	Tyler Mall	Finley Walker
Ann Byrd	Inukai Family	Mazie Marshall	Lynne White
Dave Encinas	Wyatt Jones	Joanne O'Brien	Helen Wiles
Rick Falato	Jonathan Lamp	Dale Prochaska	

### **General Concerns:**

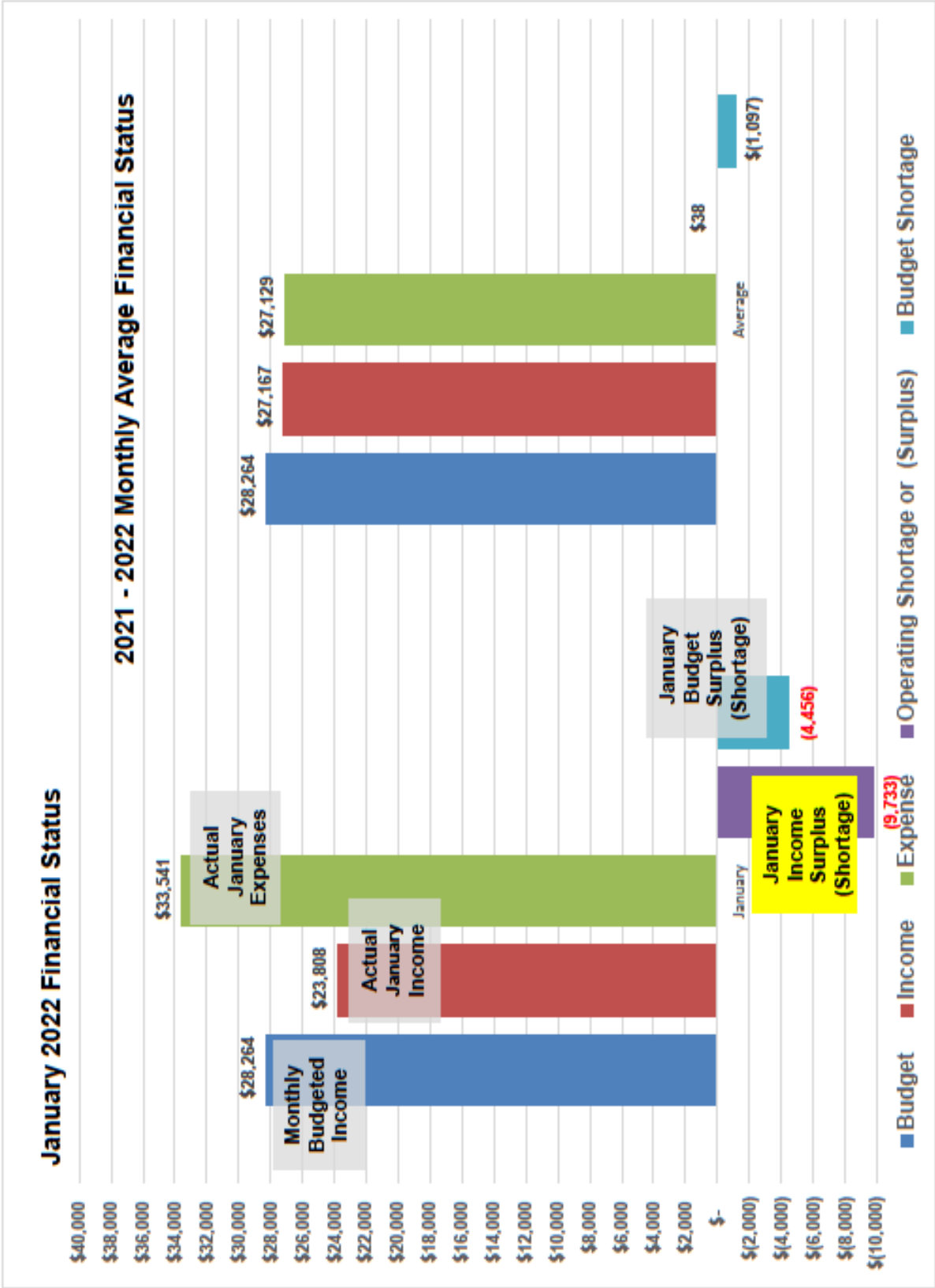
Deb Mendell Prochaska Family	Fur Babies: Hagon Family - Kano Redmon Family - Cody Odie	The people who work on the front lines of the virus - doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, nursing home workers, first responders.
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### **Homebound/Assisted Living:**

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

### **GRIEFSHARE:**

If you or someone you know is struggling with grief, the 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!!

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