



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,
masks optional.

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

Worship on YorkvilleOrg website after 12 p.m.

Staff

Minister

Building Manager

Christian Education Director

Administrative Assistant

Chancel Choir Director

Children's Choir Director

Organist

Pianist

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Operations: Bldg. & Grds

Operations: Finance

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Christian Education: Youth

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Worship: Preparation

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Church Family: Fellowship

Service: Missions

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Gere' Ryerson

The Happenings

May

2022





TIM's TALES

Marvelous May

May will feature action packed Sundays (and a special Monday).

May 1—Seven Young People will confirm their faith and following worship the Green Team will offer a splendid environmental workshop and lunch.

May 2—The solar panel installation will begin on the south side of the building.

May 8—We celebrate Mother's Day!

May 15—Teacher and Graduate Recognition and a special Pancake Fundraiser for Wyatt Jones.

May 22—Music Sunday, Wyatt Jones baptism, and the ever exciting Annual Meeting.

Plan to join YCUCC for all these splendid events and check out the calendar for more happenings at the church.

Passover Seder Dinner Appreciation

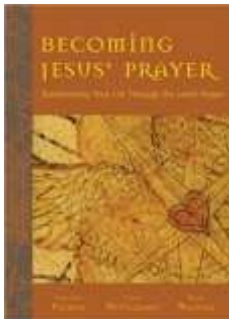
Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Messiah in the Passover program on April 14 so successful. Kirill Swiderski of Chosen People Ministries demonstrated how the Passover Seder dinner traditions tie in to our Christian faith. It was a very interesting presentation, followed by a wonderful meal.

Upper Crust Catering made the roast chicken. Many church members provided the rest of the dinner and also helped with set up and clean up. My thanks to Goldie Behrens, Michael Obenauer, Sandy Lindblom, Carol Seibel Falato, Connie Pierrepont, Norman Portnoy, Anne Engelhardt, Lori Redmon, Lou Ann Hoffman, Diane Stablein, Ron Anderson, Lea Ann Skogsberg, Laurie Houle, Rev. Tim Rhodes, Tony Houle, Andy Hamblin, Jeff Farren, and two members of our Confirmation class, Aidan Mendell and Tom Dyer, for all of your help.

Kathy Farren



Find New Meaning in a Familiar Prayer



Join the Spiritual Development Group for a fresh look at the Lord's Prayer—words so familiar, yet often muttered without thinking. During the summer we will explore the book "Becoming Jesus' Prayer: Transforming Your Life Through the Lord's Prayer." Each session will feature a compelling story, spiritual reflection and discussion of this moving prayer.

The book is an easy read, and you need not attend every session. The dates are May 3, 17, June 7, 21, July 5, 19, and Aug 2. Get the video conference link by contacting the church office or Michael Obenauer.



From the Desk of the Chair

For those that have been in attendance at church lately, I hope you can feel the buzz and excitement of being together, worshipping together and working together. We do good together.

I've used the metaphor of an "amplifier" before to describe how we do more together. Our individual contributions are combined into a coordinated effort to do the work of God. We are more than the sum of our parts. We do more together.

I've been thinking about rainbows recently, mostly because my daughter Charlotte painted a really good one (see inset picture), but also because of rain, spring, freshness and our church. It got me thinking about prisms and how our church is like a prism. We represent the variety that is God's creation. We take God out into the world, each of us a bit differently, like a prism takes white light and fans it out over the world in all of its' colors. A rainbow represents the infinite composition of the one source of light. Some of it visible, much of it invisible. We do not sufficiently represent the original light unless we are all together. "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!'" -

1 Corinthians 12:21. We are all needed.

We do good together. We do more together. We are all needed.

Cheap segue... we are all needed at the annual meeting following worship service on Sunday, May 22nd.

Peace,
Aaron Shatters
SLT Chairperson



Annual Meeting – May 22, 2022

Please join us for the 2022 Annual Meeting!

This year's annual meeting format is back to normal and will take place following worship on Sunday, May 22, 2022. Prior to the meeting, the agenda, last year's minutes, the newly proposed incoming leadership team membership, the past budget report, and the newly proposed budget will be made available. During the meeting, we will review the reports and proposals, discuss them, and take motions to approve the proposals. Once the proposals have been so moved, votes for approval will be taken using numbered ballots.

It is important that you are engaged in the decisions that guide our church forward. The legitimacy of the vote outcome is also dependent upon the majority of the congregation being represented, meaning, we need enough of you to vote, otherwise it doesn't count.

We need your participation.

Peace,
Aaron Shatters
SLT Chairperson



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUND RAISER FOR WYATT JONES

May 15th following Worship and Sunday School in
Fellowship Hall

Come hungry for some hot-off-the-griddle pancakes. Bring the family bring friends, bring Grandma for some good eating and help this little guy with some of his medical expenses. Wyatt was born with Osteogenesis, commonly known as brittle bone disease. He has already broken some bones and spent time in the NICU. There will be physical therapy, infusions, developmental delays and surgeries. Wyatt's family needs our church family support. Please plan to attend the fund raiser on May 15th.



Wyatt's Story



The following is a post on Facebook from Lorrie, Wyatt Jones' grand-mother shared by Art Prochaska, Wyatt's grandfather (February 7th).

I'd like to say I'm grateful... but the word grateful doesn't seem to be a good enough word to describe my feelings. Months ago, this little guy was diagnosed before he was born with Osteogenic Imperfecta aka: Brittle Bone Disease...He is a true little warrior ...he has already had multiple fractures and breaks before he took his first breath...he fractured his arm in the hospital...nobody could explain. His parents ...my son Mike and beautiful daughter-in-law Alissa have stressed for several months...he just turned 2 months old. They are without a doubt God's chosen people to love this little boy. Wyatt has many obstacles to overcome... surgeries...infusions...therapy...development delays...but there is one thing for certain... despite his disabilities...he is an amazing spark in this crazy world. And it makes me feel that there is not a better family to love and cheer him on...many family members have been there for support, and it is so appreciated...and his smile...well, it melts my heart. Wyatt's church family wants to support his family by sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast**. The men from the Building and Grounds committee will be in the kitchen flipping pancakes and the confirmation kids have offered to help serve. Come hungry and stay for pancakes **May 15th** immediately after Sunday School and Worship. Wyatt will be receiving therapy and infusions at Shriners Children's Hospital.



Building and Grounds

Building and Grounds
Mary Ellen Anderson
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Bldmgr@yorkvilleucc.org

Busy Hands at YCUCC!

Trying to plan projects to be completed outside in the spring is almost impossible with our crazy weather. The men plan to paint the south exterior side of the church, most likely after the solar panels are installed. They plan to set up the Gaga Ball Court and the Volleyball Court. Barb also has them working on a special Vacation Bible School project that the kids will enjoy.

We are getting quotes for some electrical work that needs to be done. We are seeking quotes for replacing the ceiling fans in the sanctuary and in fellowship hall. It was recommended to do both rooms with ceiling fans at the same time to save money on rental fees since both rooms will require a lift to complete the projects.

We plan to work on cleaning up and adding some plants to the Labyrinth Garden sometime in May. Watch for more information on this important clean up date.

The Building and Grounds members are hosting a pancake fund raiser for Art Prochaska's grandson Wyatt Jones on May 15th after worship. **We need to borrow three griddles.** If you have a griddle that we could borrow, please let me know.

Please check the calendar for information on up-coming events on our web page or on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Spring brings lots of activities at our church that you will not want to miss!

Mary Ellen Anderson, Building Manager



Christ caring for people through people

Are you dealing with?

- frustrations, challenges
- loneliness
- illness...self or loved one
- loss of job
- personal issues
- separation or divorce
- loss of a loved one
- family challenges

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

Contact church office, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman

Confirmation Spotlight

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director



Reagan Ramirez

Reagan Ramirez is the daughter of Sandy and Mike Ramirez. Reagan attends Yorkville Middle school. She, along with her mom Sandy and sister Avery started attending Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ last year. Reagan is the sweet, quiet member of this year's confirmation class! Though she is quiet, if you get Reagan chatting, she is an interesting girl. We asked her a few questions and here are her responses.

What are your thoughts on YCC? *The classes are fun and I have met some nice people. I don't know a lot about the church though.*

What are some of your personal favorite things? *I like food. I like my house and I like to spend time in my room. I also like my pets, I have a few. She likes to be with friends and spending time with them and her family.*

And there you have it.... Reagan Ramirez.... the quiet one with the sweet smile!



Thomas (Tommy) Dyer

Tommy Dyer is the son of Renee and Timothy Dyer. He attends Yorkville Middle School and has a fun sense of humor. He is the youngest in his family and has three older brothers. Tommy and his mom, Renee, began attending Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ last year. We asked him a few questions and here are his responses.

What are your thoughts on YCC? *The church is good; the Pastor is way better than the last church's pastor! I have liked some of the youth activities.*

What are some of your personal favorite things? *I like to sleep! I also like my dog Bandit; which is a lab/pit mix. And I like being with my friends. My favorite subject is math and I really like robotics! I have that engineering type brain!*

And there you have it.... Tommy Dyer.... the engineering thinker with a sense of humor!



Confirmation Spotlight (cont.)

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director



Aidan Mendell Encinas is the son of Deb Mendell and Dave Encinas. He attends Yorkville Middle School. Aidan is a funny, gentle and helpful student. He has been involved in scouting for seven years. Aidan is definitely a leader and often volunteers to help out with church programming. He and his mom, Deb, began attending Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ last year. He is part of the youth choir and the puppet ministry. We asked him a few questions and here are his responses.

What are your thoughts on YCC? *This is an amazing church! Everyone is so welcoming, so very nice and kind. I enjoy our class, the people here and the fun programs.*

What are some of your personal favorite things? *I like spending time with my pets, which includes a cat and a couple bearded dragons. I like spending time with my friends too, well, and my parents too! I like helping people a lot and getting involved in school things.*

And there you have it.... Aidan Mendell Encinas.... the friendly gentle guy always willing to help out!



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY SUNDAY, MAY 1ST 10:00 A.M.

Please join us as we confirm the
2022 confirmation class of
Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ.

God of Grace, I want to confirm my faith today as just a small token of my love for You. I must be careful to love You my God for You are holy. I will fear You and serve You with all faithfulness, and in being a confirmation candidate, I purposely throw away any gods or anything that I hold in my heart above You. I will serve You, Lord, wholeheartedly, for the rest of my days, Amen.

Joshua 23:11,14



It's Monumental!

**Vacation Bible School is
Coming to YCUCC in July!**



Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ will host our annual Vacation Bible School in July. The program will run from Sunday, July 10 through Thursday, July 14, 2022. Program begins with a child friendly dinner served at 5:15 p.m. and program closing at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per child. Children aged 3 years through 6th grade will enjoy their dinner followed by classes including music, bible story time, imagination station and rec games. The theme for 2022 will be “Monumental” with students celebrating God’s greatness. Students will not want to miss this exciting summer experience! Registration available now at www.yorkvilleuucc.org, under Events.



Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

April 22, 2022

Dear Members of Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ,

As members of the Search Committee, we want to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed in us and the prayers that have helped sustain our work. We have concluded our process of reviewing profiles and interviewing candidates, and we have reached a unanimous decision. We are pleased to recommend to you our final candidate for settled full-time Pastor of YCUCC to be considered by the congregation at a special meeting on **Sunday May 15, 2022**, immediately following worship.

We are grateful to our conference minister, Reverend Stephanie Perdew, who worked closely with us in the Search and Call process. Here is a brief review of steps that led us to this point of confidence in the Spirit's leading:

YCUCC members and friends engaged in both the Heritage sessions and Visioning sessions held in early 2021 to generate insights and ideas about where we have been and where we want to go. These ideas were incorporated into our Search Profile for candidates to read to learn about YCUCC.

Our position was listed in UCC Ministry Opportunities and on numerous seminary websites. We received a total of 11 profiles to review and from those conducted interviews. We completed our due diligence by thoroughly checking references and maintaining contact with our conference minister for guidance.

We hosted our candidate for an in-person interview and a tour of our church and community, all the while seeking to discern God's will for all parties involved.

After prayerful consideration, our candidate has enthusiastically responded to our invitation for a candidating weekend to meet our church family and lead us in worship.

Confidentiality has been essential to the entire process, and we are grateful to the congregation for continued support during the search. It is important to honor the integrity of our discernment and respect the candidate's current ministry setting; therefore, the candidate's name will not be shared until the candidating weekend. You will have an opportunity to meet the candidate on Saturday May 14 at an informal social event held at church. We encourage all members to attend on Sunday May 15 when the candidate leads our worship service; members will be asked to vote on approval of this candidate at the special congregational meeting immediately following that service.

We are blessed with a wonderful church community. With hard work and God's guidance, we will be blessed with a wonderful pastor to guide our ministry together in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's name,

The YCUCC Search Committee

Ron Anderson, Deanna Bazan, Hannah Bazan, Pam Campos, Louise DeFuss, Kathy Farren and Doug Trumble

2022 Graduates



You did it!
Congratulations



Christopher Andrus

Chris will graduate from Oswego High School. He will attend Eastern Illinois University. Chris will major in music; audio and recording technology and vocal performance. He is the son of proud parents Tim and Tracy Andrus.



Aidan Patrick Donahue

Aidan will graduate from Yorkville High School and plans to pursue his Associates degree for Applied Science in Culinary Arts through Waubensee Community College's partnership with College of DuPage, then transfer to a four year program. Proud parents celebrating his success are Melissa Donahue and Ken Olvera.



Madelyn (Maddie) Marie Gawne

Maddie graduated from Yorkville High School in January 2022. She is the daughter of proud parents Julie and Steve Gawne and granddaughter of Goldie Behrens and the late Al Behrens.

Maddie is attending American Academy of Esthetics, Lisle, IL.



Bridget Lee McCracken

Bridget is graduating from Illinois State University with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, with a minor in Children Studies.

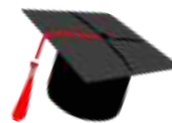
She will be continuing her studies at ISU pursuing a degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

Bridget is the daughter of Jeff and Suzanne McCracken and the granddaughter of Harold and Mary McCracken.



James Jeffrey Davis

James will graduate from Illinois State University with a double-degree in finance accounting and accounting systems. He is the son of proud parents Jeffery and Joy Davis and equally proud grandparents Jim and June Davis. James will pursue a career in the accounting field.



Trevor List

Trevor is graduating from Yorkville High School. He plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall and major in Computer Science. Trevor is a percussionist and has played with the Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra, Sinfonia and Philharmonic orchestras and percussion ensemble for four years. He has been a four year member of the Yorkville Marching Foxes, serving as front ensemble section leader his senior year. He played Jazz band for three years and is a member of the Tri-M music honor society. Trevor has been attending Yorkville Congregational Church since he was 4 years old and has been singing in choir since Kindergarten.



Eric Redmon

Eric will complete his masters degree in Computational Mathematical and Statistical Sciences from Marquette University on May 22, 2022. He plans to continue studies in a PHD program in Marquette University. Eric is the son of proud parents Gavin and Lori Redmon.



Sailor David Lee Snow

David graduated from Great Lakes Navy Base, IL PIR 2/11/22. He graduated A-School, Naval Air Station Meridian, MS 3/28/22. David is heading to his first duty station at Naval Air Station, Whidbey, Oak Harbor, WA. Proud parents are Christine and Terry Keith, and Steve Snow.



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ENVIRONMENTAL VISION WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 11:15 am - 1:15pm FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHAT? ENVIRONMENTAL VISION WORKSHOP.

WHEN? On Sunday, May 1, 11:15 - 1:15 p.m.

WHERE? YCUCC Fellowship Hall

WHY? * To share ideas, small and large:

How can we be best stewards of our earth in the home and on the property of our church?

† To find way to use our environmental vision strengthening the life of our church AND relationships with our neighbors and larger community

† * To put our vision into an action plan

WHO ARE INVITED? Anyone and everyone interested in thinking, talking, *deciding how we can be best stewards of our Earth* — to help protect and nourish it within our spheres of worship, education, and fellowship

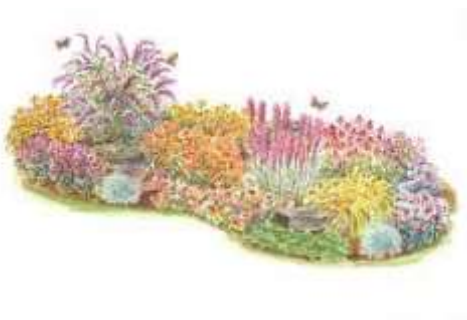
HOSTED BY:? The Green Group of YCUCC (an active ministry since 2006)

WORKSHOP FACILITATOR? Dan Huntsha, our Green Team Coach from Faith in Place

Included with workshop:

HOT LUNCH (provided by Green Group) Child Care provided . Drawing for gifts

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May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Confirmation Sunday 10:00 am Worship Sunday School Communion Sunday 11:15-1:15 Environmental Vision Workshop—childcare provided	2	3 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry meeting at the church	4 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 6:30-8:00 pm Youth Group Party	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day 10:00 am Worship Last day of Sunday School 9:40 am Muffins w/Mom-FH 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship	9	13 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance 10:00 am Pastoral Care 7:00 pm SM Supervision	11 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 6:00-7:00 pm VBS Mtg-Kids Zone 6:00 pm Pastoral Care	12 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	13	14
15 10:00 am Worship Teacher Recognition Graduation Recognition No SS 11:00 am Pancake Fundraiser for Jones Family (Art P.) by B & G	16	17 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance Noon Joy Circle	18 8:15-11 am Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Sonshine Choir 5:15-6:45 pm Spaghetti Din—Last 6:00 pm Youth Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 10:00 am Worship Music Sunday Wyatt Jones baptism No SS Annual Meeting	23	24 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance	25 8:15-11 am Breathe Life Tai Chi 9:00 am Newsletter mailing 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Kids Choir Party 6:00 pm Women of the Bible Bible Study Kid's Zone	26	27	28
29 10:00 am Worship—No SS Morning Movie w/Gavin Coffee Fellowship	30 Memorial Day <div>Church Office Closed</div>	31 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance	<div>NEWSLETTER CALENDAR DUE DATE</div>			

PALM SUNDAY FESTIVITIES CELEBRATED

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

Palm Sunday 2022 at Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ was filled with joyous celebration. Festivities included waving of the palms as students walked through the sanctuary, the blessings of music and ministry, a fun-filled egg hunt with games followed by a delicious Soup Sunday! It was a delightful time of worship and fellowship.







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)

World Refugee Day, June 20th

What is World Refugee Day?

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

As a church we celebrate World Refugee Day on World Refugee Sunday which we can celebrate either the Sunday before or after June 20th.

This year we are celebrating: World Refugee Sunday, June 26th

We love to welcome new people to join us in our ministry. There will be a meeting on June 5th after worship service to re-introduce our group as well as get some ideas for World Refugee Sunday. Please come and join us!

MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

OGHS - One Great Hour of Sharing, 5 for 5 Offering, collected on March 27th came to \$815.00. The next 5 for 5 Offering will be in the month of June.

Our Soup Sunday on April 10th raised \$551.00 for VBS – Vacation Bible School at YCUCC.

The YCUCC Ukraine Fund has grown to over \$16,000.00. A BIG Thank You to everyone. This is on-going and you can give towards this fund at any time. Mail a check to the church marked for Ukraine Fund, give to our church on-line, bring to the church office, deposit check in the black box outside the front doors of church or place in the offering plate box on a Sunday morning.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT MAY 2022

“We all have so much to give, to share, to contribute, wherever we find ourselves to be living.”

Mother Teresa, My Life For the Poor

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!*

Greeters Needed!



Greetings from Outreach and Welcoming Ministry

We are looking for support in our ministry, no experience needed

The ideal candidate would possess the following skills:

- Smiles (highly contagious in nature)
- Willingness to introduce yourself to those around you before worship, whom you may not know
- Open Heart that can welcome all who come into our church
- Meet and greet folks at the front door with a warm hello and a smile

The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex,
or you can speak to Gere' Ryerson for additional information.

KENDALL COUNTY PADS UPDATE

Our church was part of Kendall County PADS from the very beginning in 2010. While the program provided immense help to the homeless in Kendall County, the COVID pandemic made it impossible to continue as it had been operating. In March, the PADS Board of Directors made the difficult decision to disband. While the worst of the pandemic may be past, concerns about changes at some PADS sites and about recruiting enough volunteers post-COVID prompted this decision. During the past year and a half, PADS volunteers have instead assisted Daybreak Shelter in Joliet, the shelter serving Kendall County, by providing a meal once a month. Some of us from YCUCC, would like to continue this as a mission of our church. PADS food team members from Cross Lutheran Church can provide a meal every other month. On April 21, the Shepherds Leadership Team gave the go ahead to try to continue this project.

Five YCUCC members have been serving most of the meals at Daybreak and are willing to keep doing this. What we ask from our church members is donations of food. Each monthly meal includes a main dish with meat and side dishes like vegetables, pasta, salad or fruit, and dessert. If you would be willing to provide any of these items- maybe once a year- please email either Kathy Farren, ednpub@earthlink.net, or Sandy Lindblom, slind55378@aol.com. Daybreak serves lunch for up to about 40 homeless people each day. However, cooking can be split- so no one has to donate the main dish for all 40 people, for example.

If you would like to help, but don't cook, you could also donate an Aldi gift card that can be used by someone who does cook.

Even though PADS has ended, the needs of the homeless continue. Please help us by giving Daybreak guests some good, homemade food once a month.



Thank you to everyone that donated candy and goodies for the annual Easter Egg hunt! A special thank you to Jenna Anderson and her team for planning and running the event. Students and families enjoyed the creative and fun activity!

Adult Education

As adult education coordinator, my goal is to provide opportunities for adults to explore their faith, feed their souls, and then reach out and seek understanding of others.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets every other week in the conference room from 9 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings. We are finishing our study of Christian Hope using the *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding* series.

**Note that the weeks vary slightly this month due to the Easter holiday.*

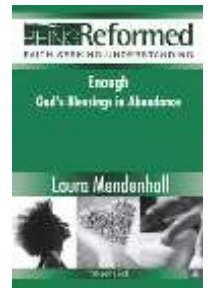


- **April 24**--Session 5--The New Creation--Christian hope has a cosmic dimension: God's promised future of redemption and renewal is not simply good news for human beings but for all of creation.
- **May 1**--Session 6 (The final session in our study)--The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper remind us that our hope for the future is rooted in God's past faithfulness and present sustaining grace.

Next up for Sunday School:

Being Reformed, Faith Seeking Understanding, Enough: God's Blessings in Abundance. Classes begin in June. Contact Aimee List if you are interested in joining us so we can order you a book

Aimee List
Adult Education Shephard
ajlsan1@hotmail.com



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Beginning May 25, 2022

Join us for the study by Sherry Harney

'Twelve Women of The Bible'

The cost of the book is \$11.00



Contact Barb Thurlby at ced@yorkvilleucc.org to sign up.



Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May



APPRECIATION
BEAUTIFUL
BREAKFAST
CANDY
CHARMING
COMFORT
DEVOTED
FLOWERS
FORGIVING
GIFTS

GUIDANCE
HUGS
JEWELRY
JOY
KISSES
LAUGHTER
LOVE
MATERNAL
MOM
MOTHER

NURTURE
PERFUME
PROTECTIVE
SHARE
TELEPHONE
TENDER
THE BEST
WARM
WISE



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!

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participates in Amazon Smile!

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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

May Birthdays

Justin Sartori	01	Gere' Ryerson	09
Kris Schoenfelder	02	Vanessa Strandell	10
Brian Bazan	03	Matt Strong	10
Delores Lies	03	Emily Gawne	11
Paul Myers	03	Kaitlin Mulligan	12
Jim Shalek	03	Lea Ann Skogsberg	13
Diane Conover	05	Morgan Sleezer	13
Brad Schroder	05	Zachary Seibel	14
Barb Thurlby	05	Jerry Engelhardt	16
Ashlynn McLeod	06	Joyce Pratt	19
Kristen Langston	07	Natalie Culberson	22
Robbie Strandell	07	Megan Rhodes Johnson	23
Salli Walden	08	Chandler Cathey	25
Anne Engelhardt	09	Max Morello	28
Jamie McLeod	09	Bret Reifsteck	28

Third Sunday of Easter

WHITE
Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Ps 30
Rev 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-9
[The Way Forward](#)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WHITE
Acts 9:36-41
Ps 23
Rev 7:9-17
Jn 10:22-30
[Life-giving Acts](#)
[Mother's Day](#)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WHITE
Acts 11:1-18
Ps 148
Rev 21:1-6
Jn 13:31-35
[Imagine](#)
[Mental Health Sunday](#)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

WHITE
Acts 16:9-15
Ps 67
Rev 21:10, 22-22.5
Jn 14:23-29 or Jn 5:1-9
[Disciples Together](#)
[Rural Life Sunday](#)

Seventh Sunday of Easter

WHITE
Acts 16:16-34
Ps 97
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Jn 17:20-26

May Anniversaries

5/02	Terry and Christine Keith	7 years
5/05	Wayne and Dolores Cruise	73 years
5/11	Tyler and Krista Wilson	3 years
5/12	Dan and Julie Gette	32 years
5/18	Jeff and Diane Dillow	44 years
5/25	Keith and Terri Frisk	37 years
5/28	Salli and Duane Walden	17 years

Altar Guild

Andy & Pam Hamblin
Kathy Wickens

Thank you and appreciation to
Judy Middleton for the donation
of the lovely flowers for the altar!



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists
5/1/2022	McKenzie Strausberger	Lou Ann Hoffman
5/8/2022	Cayla Pottinger	Pam Campos
5/15/2022	McKenzie Strausberger	Pam Campos
5/22/2022	Ronan Heffernan	Music Sunday—No Liturgist
5/29/2022	Annabelle Reeder	



Those Grieving:

Wayne Family, Martin (Behrens) Family, Goins Family, Tilton Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Mary Ellen Anderson	Coulson Taylor
Barry Kimes	Pearl Undesser
Randy Ladson	

Health Concerns:

Lynn Belcher	Rick Falato	Jonathan Lamp	Dale Prochaska
Deb Bezroukoff	Virginia Goss	Kim Leszczynski	Artie Prochaska
Ann Byrd	Brian Homerding	Tyler Mall	Michelle Terri
Rosey Clark	Diane Hupe	Mazie Marshall	Finley Walker
Jim and June Davis	Inukai Family	Betty Naden	Lynne White
Dave Encinas	Wyatt Jones	Joanne O'Brien	Helen Wiles
		Connie Pierrepont	

General Concerns:

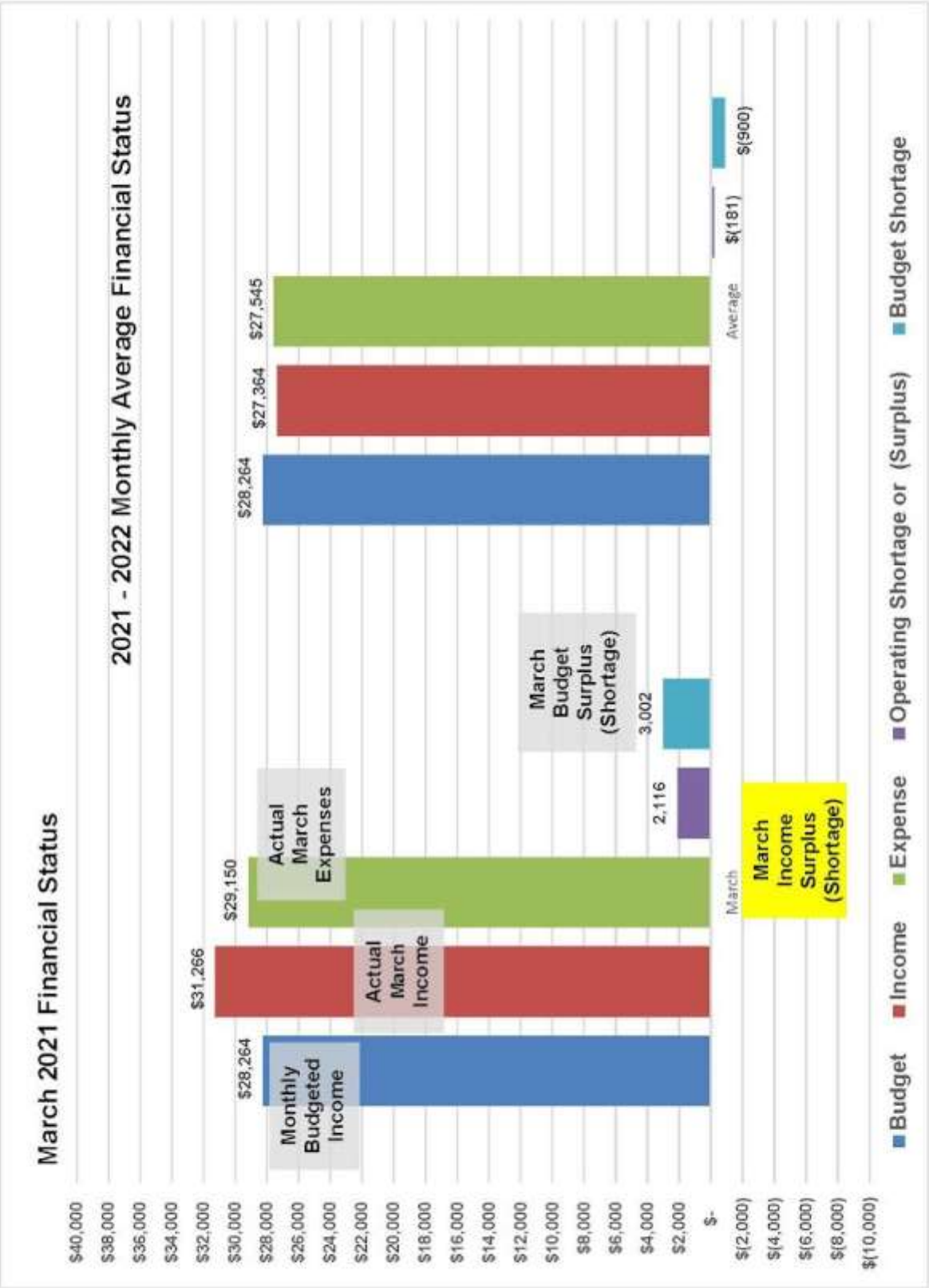
Deb Mendell	Fur Babies:	The people who work on the
Prochaska Family	Hagon Family - Kano	front lines of the virus -
	Redmon Family - Cody Odie	doctors, nurses, healthcare
	Kelly Fisher - Maggie & Riley	workers, nursing home
		workers, first responders.

Homebound/Assisted Living:

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

GRIEFSHARE:

If you or someone you know is struggling with grief, the GRIEFSHARE program might provide support. Contact griefshare.org for a list of programs in our area.



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*To live as Jesus lived: Love without Judgement, Welcome without Exception,
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