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Covid-19 Updates

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Worship Services at 10 a.m. in-person,
masks optional.

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

Worship on yorkville.org website after 12 p.m.

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Building Manager

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Chancel Choir Director

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Organist

Pianist

Childcare Attendants

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Christian Education: Youth

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Church Family: Fellowship

Service: Missions

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Worship & Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Youth Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

The Happenings

November 2022





Elizabeth's Expressions

Hello Church Family!

After brainstorming, we decided on a name for my monthly column in the newsletter: Elizabeth's Expressions. I am learning that this church family's depth of faith, caring, and dedication is boundless. YCUCC is ready for what is next in the church's life, and now the work begins as we continue to get to know each other.

During the past few weeks, I have focused our worship around the idea of shared stories, sacred stories, and how we are connected and surrounded by God's love. Reflecting on story-sharing and scripture has led me to think about how we use prayer in our everyday lives. Prayer and meditative prayer are important ways to live fuller lives. Contemplative prayer lowers blood pressure, clarifies our minds, and heals our souls. In addition, prayer can be grounding and reorienting during times of struggle.

I have reflected on personal and corporate prayer and its importance in the church's life and our faith practices. A church member gave me a sign for my office many years ago, and now it sits in my new office. It reads, "A Family that Stays Together Prays Together." We are beginning our journey in prayer together, and I want to share a prayer from "**Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals**." The book was written by members of the New Monastic Movement in Philadelphia. The prayers are meant to be read together with friends, family, or community.

Below you will find a prayer adapted from this book. I hope that you will find time the next time you are with family or friends to take a moment and share this prayer.

Peace in God's Love,
Pastor Elizabeth

Prayer Adapted for a day in November from Common Prayer, to be shared. You can take turns reading parts and then read some together.

Psalms 68:32-34

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*

**O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel
and whose power is in the skies

Take a moment to share joys and concerns with each other and then pray together.

Thank you, Lord, for the endless ways you reveal yourself to us. We are so quick to separate heaven from earth, but you shine forth in all things created by your hand. Teach us that to delight in the beauty of the earth is another way of praising you.

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you;
May he guide you through the wilderness: protect you through the storm;
May he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has shown you;
May he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.**

From the Desk of the Chair

"Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever
With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise
Forever, God is faithful, Forever, God is strong,
Forever, God is with us, Forever
From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will carry on, His love endures forever..."



<https://video.link/w/plR7d> Click this link to hear the song performed by Chris Tomlin

These words, inspired by Psalms 107:1, are sung by contemporary Christian artist Chris Tomlin, and we sing them together in our own YCUCC worship service under the leadership of Tina Andersen at the piano. This strong, bold and uplifting message begs us to live in GRATITUDE knowing that God's love endures. What does that mean? It means that God is with us through all the changes, all the ups and downs. You and I can depend on God's steadfast love as things change in our homes, in our families, and in our work. God remains steadfast here at YCUCC as we welcome in Pastor Elizabeth Hartung and settle into ministry work together, as we move forward with our visioning plan, as we reach out to our community by supporting a refugee family, various missions, and those in need in all kinds of ways.

In the month of November, may we practice intentional gratitude for God's steadfast and unfailing love. Gratitude!

Deanna Bazan
Chairperson, SLT



Recycling tip: Household batteries



The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency recommends **disposing of alkaline batteries (A, AA, AAA, C, D) with regular household trash**. Alkaline batteries contain no hazardous waste and little recyclable materials.

(Please do not bring these to the Green Team's kiosk at church.)



Building and Grounds

The building and grounds crew have been busy! They started off the month with picking up the attics in the building and in the garage. They also added more hooks in the sacristy for banner storage. As we got closer to the rummage sale, the crew helped with setup, tear down, pricing, moving heavy furniture and posting signs around town.

Some projects to look forward to are adding more storage in the garage, painting and fixing up classrooms, replacing a ceiling light fixture in the south hallway and continuing work in the yard.

The building and grounds crew would like to thank everyone who came to the All Church Work Day on October 22nd. It was a huge success! We were able to clean up and trim a lot of the bushes and trees near the parkway, and continue working on repairing the yard from the solar panel installation.

The crew still continues to meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am. If you are able, please consider joining us.

Robin Campos
Building Manager
bldmgr@yorkville-ucc.org

Cold Weather Tire Tips

Do you know:

- * Correct tire pressure helps maintain good traction, support, and control of your vehicle.
- * Your vehicle's tire pressure decreases one to two pounds per square inch (PSI) for every ten degrees the outside temperature decreases.
- * For every one PSI missing from your tire you lose .4% of gas mileage and your tires will wear 10% faster.
- * Check the side of your driver's side door (**door jam**) or the owner's manual **for the correct PSI**.
- * **Never go by what is listed on the tires sidewall.** This is the maximum PSI for the tire, not what your vehicle recommends.
- * There is often a difference in the recommended tire pressure between the front and rear tires.





Prayer Chain

There's a community of warriors here to pray for your fears, joys troubles or needs. Let our warriors pray with you. Call the church office at (630) 553-7308 or text (630) 730-9377.

If you're interested in becoming a prayer warrior, please contact Carrie DeFuss at (630) 730-9377 for more information.

SAVE this WEB LINK for Kendall County GREEN PAGES -

<https://www.yorkville.il.us/DocumentCenter/View/68/Kendall-County-Green-Pages-PDF?bidId=>

Click on the link above to find answers: "what to do with _____"



Thanks for helping with meals at Daybreak Shelter

By Kathy Farren

A number of church members helped provide food for lunch at Daybreak Shelter in Joliet in September. Since Kendall County PADS shut down because of COVID, our church has been part of a ministry serving lunch once a month to the homeless at the homeless shelter in Joliet. Cross Lutheran Church members alternate months providing the food.

We are looking for a few more YCC members to donate and cook lunch for Daybreak residents on the third Friday in November.

Each monthly meal includes a main dish with meat and side dishes like vegetables, pasta or potatoes, 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 45 homeless people each day. However, cooking can be split so no one has to donate the entire main dish for all 45 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.



Online Streaming Update!

If you join us via online streaming on Sunday mornings, you may now be greeted by our new online-ambassador, Ruth Morello!



Just as in person worship builds relationships, the goal of the online ambassador/greeter is to build relationships with those online as well. The ambassador will welcome those joining the stream. They can post notifications of upcoming events in the life of the church. If someone watching raises a question about YCUCC, the online greeter can address it in real-time. If there are prayer requests, or even private requests, the ambassador can encourage the person to check the website for a way to submit the request. This is just a few of the ways the ambassador can share information about YCUCC and embrace and welcome our online community. Thank you, Ruth, for agreeing to take on this new opportunity!

Lori Redmon

Worship Serving Shepherd

MISSION MINISTRY NOVEMBER 2022

The NIN – Neighbors In Need, 5 for 5 Offering, that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States is on-going for the month of October. You can give anytime during the month designating for NIN on-line, mail in or bring to church and place in offering plate. Thank you all who support this offering.

**Special
Olympics**



Our Soup Sunday on October 23rd will go to the Special Olympics. No dollar figure available as of this printing.

Our A.I.D. Christmas Tree may have changes this year. Look for them in the future.

In December, our 5 for 5 offering will be to give to “The Christmas Fund”. More info to come in the December Happenings.

Green Team Award

Green Team of the Year – Faith in Place, Northwest Suburbs

Congratulations YCUCC GREEN TEAM on winning the TEAM OF THE YEAR award for the northwest suburbs!

The Green Team received this recognition on Sunday September 11, 2022, during the Faith in Place Summit, for their ongoing work in stewardship and environmental practices. Most recently, the Green Team worked with the church to install 30 solar panels. You can see the award on the counter of the church office.



Kill-a-What? Kill-A-Watt!

What uses more energy, your coffee maker, or your air fryer? Your floor lamp or your box fan? A Kill-A-Watt is an electricity usage monitor that measures the energy used by devices. Simply plug the kill-a-watt monitor into the wall outlet and then plug your appliance into the monitor. Instantly it will tell you how much energy is being consumed. This lets you know which appliances are costing the most so you can modify their use as needed to reduce your energy bill at home.



CHALLENGE: Our Green Team has three Kill-A-Watt monitors, and our goal for October is to get all three of them loaned out to members of our congregation. YES, there are PRIZES for the first three homes to accept our challenge. Simply contact the office to reserve your unit. Our hope is to have the units in as many homes as possible this month. Are you up for a challenge? Reserve your unit now!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



MINISTRY

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)



Baby Shower



The Love Your Neighbor Ministry has an exciting new collection this fall/winter for a refugee family. We've been asked not to make the name of the family public but I can give you some small details. The family of 4 arrived in the US in the fall of 2021 and was recently relocated from a military camp about 3 months ago. They have a 6 year old son and a 3 year daughter and are expecting a new edition to the family in November. We are collecting for their this new arrival. It is overwhelming to adjust to a new country, culture and social norms of the country and getting baby items can be intimidating. Here in the US we have safety standards for items that are not even a consideration in other part of the world. That said, knowing what to get can be daunting and stressful. The items in the collection are basic but it will help the family start this journey with a new baby. Please look for our display in the narthex for items you can donate. Please note all items should be new out of respect for the family.



YCUCC'S 2022 FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE = \$9,682.78

Thank you, YCUCC Church Family, Building & Grounds, and J.O.Y. Circle, for volunteering your time, energy, donations, and baked goods toward the successful 2022 Fall Rummage & Bake Sale.

A special thank you is extended to Tony Houle/Building & Grounds Team, Sandy Lindblom - Bake Sale Chair, and Rummage Sale Chairs Kathy Farren, Mary McCracken, Pam Hamblin, Regina Moe (Collectibles & Jewelry), Sue Kimes, Diane Dillow, and J.O.Y. Treasurer – Nancy Modery. Thank you, Robin Campos, for creating the Facebook Boost and assisting Kathy Farren with Advertising/Publicity.

Proceeds from the Bake Sale (\$1,388.00, a record-breaker) benefit the Christian Ed Program, while Collectibles/Jewelry (\$1,506.00) and Rummage Sale profits (\$6,788.78) benefit both YCUCC church programs and the following charitable organizations: A.I.D., Feed My Starving Children, Mutual Ground, Chapel on the Green, Kendall County Community Food Pantry, Open Door, Suicide Prevention, and Wayside Cross. Disbursements were **determined at J.O.Y. Circle's** October 18th meeting.

R&B Sales from 2022 provided the funds to purchase the GE freezer previously announced, plus **two, new office chairs (pastor/administrative assistant), and a sofa for the pastor's office.**

Check out the pictures above the sofa – 2022 Fall Rummage Sale special deals!!!



Pastor Elizabeth Hartung



New sofa



Robin Campos



Peg Trumble – J.O.Y. Circle & R&B Sale Chairperson

J.O.Y. CIRCLE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

J.O.Y. Circle cordially invites the women of the church to join us for our Christmas Luncheon. Lunch will be served at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club on **Tuesday, December 6, 2022 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Our entrée choices are listed below. The cost of the meal is \$27.00 including tax and service charge; individual checks will be issued. In order to be served in a timely manner, Whitetail asks that we submit a pre-order for our lunch by November 28, 2022. The orders should be turned in to **Mary McCracken by Sunday, November 27, 2022.**

Your name: _____

Your choice:

____ Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin served with Seasonal Vegetables and Herb Roasted Redskin Potatoes

____ Meatloaf with Green Beans Almondine and Mashed Potatoes

____ Baked Cod served with Green Beans Almondine and Wild Rice

____ Pasta Primavera

Served with your choice above will be:

Whitetail Salad, Assorted Cakes

Coffee, Tea, Water

Please contact Mary, 630-553-7051, 630-408-3724 (cell), email marymac68@sbcglobal.net for questions.

As a service to our community, it has been our tradition to donate fast food gift cards (McDonalds, Arby, Wendy's, etc) to the Yorkville Community Food Pantry for their teenage clients. If you wish to give, we recommend cards in \$5.00 increments, and as many as you wish to donate

A Big Thank you to all the workers and bakers who made the bake sale such a success!
Our total was a record breaking \$1,388!

We started out with 6 tables of goodies plus extras in 2 pews. On Saturday, we were down to one table and that was gone by 10:30 AM. All proceeds go to Christian Education. \$200 of that will go to the blanket project. It was truly an awesome experience.



Thank you for your generosity!
Sandy Lindblom and Barb Thurlby



Green Team meets on SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30 pm

The Green Team is addressing items on the recently developed Environmental Projects Vision Plan, a 4-year plan of action focused on stewardship and education. You are welcome to attend “hybrid” meetings - second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the church. Or you may jump on the computer to join us virtually - just give us your name and email address. Help us shape the vision into reality.



LADIES, SAVE THE DATE!

LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA
Saturday, December 3, 2022
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ladies are needed to host a table for the Tea, contact Barb Thurlby for more details.

Voyageurs of Faith 712: A New Sunday School Class

By Deanna Bazan

There's a new class offered this year, and it has recently been named "Voyageurs of Faith 712", a name chosen by its participants. This class is for students in grades 7-12 and meets every Sunday morning at 9:00am. These students have committed to learn together as they continue their faith journeys. What do we know about ourselves and others? How do we live out our faith day to day? How can we be inspirational to others who may be questioning their faith? How can we serve? How can our faith not only survive but thrive with all that we are up against in junior high and high school? How can we support each other as peers? Questions like these drive weekly discussions and activities using team building, earth science, music and more.

The class is open to all 7th – 12th grade students.

Please reach out Deanna Bazan for more information.



J.O.Y. Circle will not meet in the month of November.

We look forward to you joining us at the December 6th Christmas Luncheon!

Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, Yorkville, IL

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Peg Trumble, J.O.Y. Circle Chair

Friendly People Needed!

The Outreach and Welcoming Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve as greeters before worship each Sunday from 9:30 to 10 am. Many thanks to those who have been serving as greeters!

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

SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.



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.

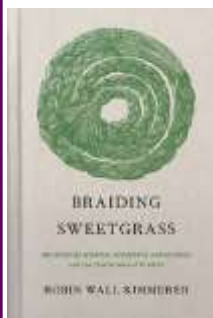


Follow this link to discover 10 ways to learn about Native American Heritage:
<https://artsandculture.google.com/story/10-ways-to-celebrate-native-american-heritage-month/GAUhe-CUIT6IPQ?hl=en>

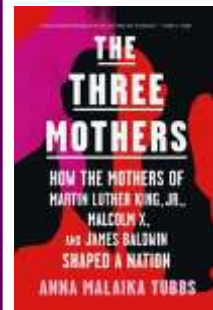
Library

The library is still closed. Peg Trumble and Building and Grounds have worked hard to purchase and put up the new bookcases. We have just a bit more work to be done before I can begin reshelving the books. I will work to get the books back on shelves and the library open as soon as I can. As always, please do not use the library as a storage room. My vision of the room as a quiet, contemplative space to sit, have a private conversation with someone, or look for a book doesn't work if it is packed with boxes of stuff.

Book Discussion



We finished our discussion of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The book combines both her scientific knowledge with that of her Native knowledge and environmental passion. The book is full of stories of her life and heritage that teach us about Native culture and how we can better interact with nature and our world. Reading this book has opened my eyes to how connected humans and plants are and how we need to find ways to be grateful to nature for providing for us.



The next book to be discussed will be *The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation* by Anna Malaika Tubbs
Feb 7 and 21

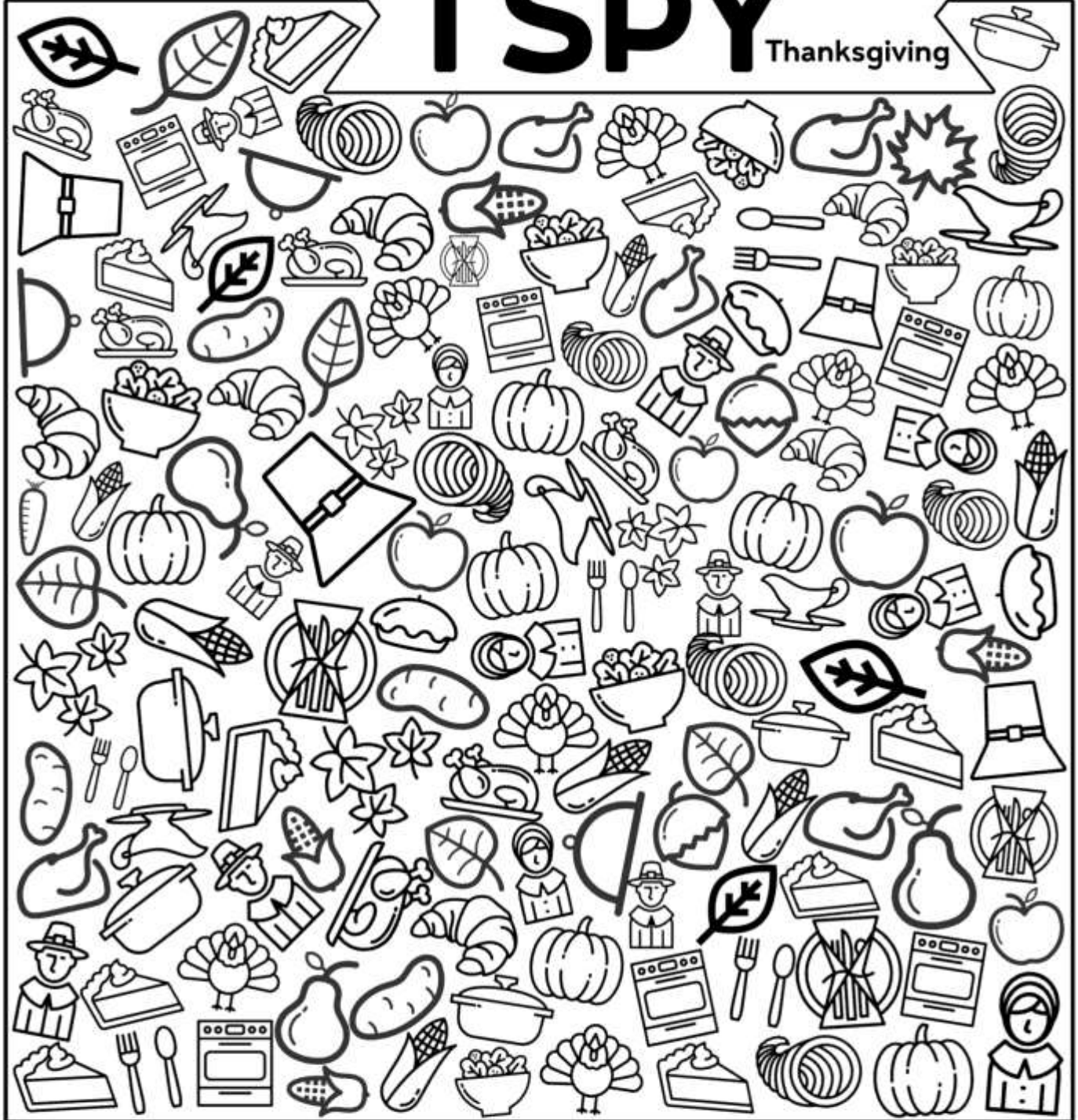
Feedback Wanted

I would love to hear what kind of Adult Education programs you are interested in. If you have an idea for a class please send me an email.

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Thanksgiving



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YCUCC ATTENDS BIZ BOO

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

YCUCC attended the Yorkville Chamber Biz Boo event on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Hundreds of children from the area visited multiple stations throughout the city, where local businesses shared treats, games and goodies. The event is sponsored by the Yorkville Chamber of Commerce and is an excellent way for businesses and families to enjoy fall activities and community comradery. Thank you to our church family for the donations of candy for this special fall event.



The Season of Advent is rapidly approaching, which means Christmas is not far. Multiple copies of The United Church of Christ Still Speaking Writers Group 2022 Advent Devotional have been ordered and will soon be available in the Church Office. Plans are for offering the Advent Devotional as a gift one copy for each active family in YCCUCC. This is made possible through the gift of a generous giver, who wishes to remain anonymous.

The 2022 edition of the Advent Devotional is entitled, "What's Left of the Night." There are daily devotionals for each day of Advent and the days after Christmas until Epiphany. The text of each devotional is creatively and clearly written. Beautiful artwork and photography is featured throughout the booklet.

The devotionals are suitable for personal and family use. People who are regular users of the Advent Devotional Booklet always look forward to the next year's edition, and say these devotionals add meaning and depth to their Advent Walk.

Watch for "What's Left of The Night" at YCCUCC soon!



“i thank You God for most this amazing” by E. E. Cummings

Posted on April 27, 2016 by Victoria Emily Jones



E. E. Cummings (American, 1894–1962), *Chocorua Landscape*. Watercolor, 12 × 18 in.

i thank You God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun’s birthday;this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings:and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

*This poem was originally published in Xaipe¹ (New York: Oxford University Press, 1950),
reissued in 2004 by Liveright, an imprint of W.W. Norton & Company. Reprinted here by
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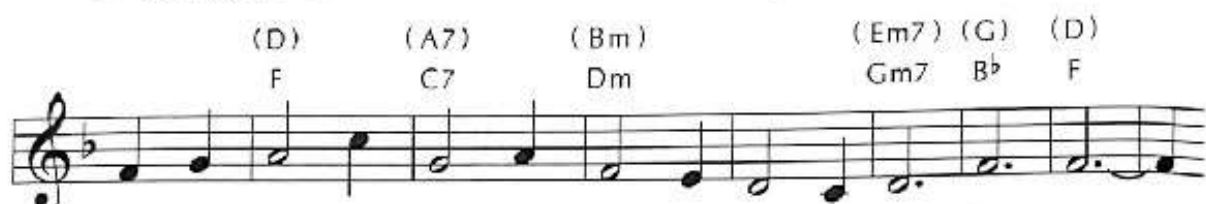
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726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un-seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Attention all kids of the church!

Christmas Pageant rehearsals will begin Sunday, October 30th right after church and will continue to meet every Wednesday and Sunday until the Pageant on December 11th.



When was the last time you stopped by the “Giving Tree”?

Next time you are in the building, stop by the tree. If you see something you would like to purchase, pull the tag, purchase the item and drop it in the office.

There are small items and larger items. If you are able, please consider supporting the “giving tree”.



STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY NOVEMBER 2022

November is the time of year for our Pledge-Givings Campaign. This year it is entitled "From Bread and Cup to Earth and Giving", with In-Gathering dedication of pledges on Sunday, November 13th. The Stewardship Ministry really wants to impress upon the congregation the dire need of increasing our pledges to offset the deficit that our church is facing. Letters have been sent in the mail. Also included will be Time and Talent sheets. If you do not receive one, please stop by the church office to pick one up, or call the church at (630) 553-7308 for one to be mailed.



Spiritual Development Group Plans

The Spiritual Development Group (SDG) will be finishing up its study of "After Jesus Before Christianity" on Tuesday evenings October 25 and November 8.

On October 25, we will discuss Part III, "Real Variety, Fictional Unity," pp. 199 - 266. On November 8, we will discuss Part IV, "Falling Into Writing," pp. 267 - 318.

We meet virtually on Google Group from 7 - 9 pm.

On November 22, the Spiritual Development Group will begin a new section of its community life by reading and discussing together the 2022 UCC Still Speaking Writers Group Advent Devotional, "What's Left of the Night?"

The Advent Devotional Booklet is a wonderful way to journey through the season of Advent together. The Booklet contains a devotional written for each day of Advent. The writing, artwork, and photography are deeply moving and clarifying, helping the reader to find spiritual meaning for the Advent Journey to the Manger. This year's edition contains added devotionals for the days in the holiday season following Christmas Day. Through the generosity of a giver who wishes to remain anonymous, the 2022 Advent Devotional will be available free to SDG participants and other YCCUCC people. All are welcome to participate in the Spiritual Development Group.

The SDG virtual meeting dates through the end of 2022 are Tuesday evenings, November 8, 22, December 13 and 27.

The 2022 Advent Devotional Booklets have been ordered and will be ready for pickup in the Church Office when they arrive.

Speak with Michael Obenauer or Aimee List, or Diane Stablein if you have questions.



November 2022

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			9:30-12:00p Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	7:00 pm CE Mtg on Zoom		
6 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am New Member Class	7	8 ELECTION DAY 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance 10 am Pastoral Care	9 9:30-12:00p Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Pastoral Care in MTG R 6:00 pm Youth Choir 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 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship Ingathering Pledge Sunday	14 6:30p Green Team Mtg in Fellowship Hall	15 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance 12:00pm JOY Circle Meeting	16 9:30-12:00p Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	17	18 <div>NEWSLETTER DUE DATE</div>	19
20 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School and Adoption Day 11:00am Thanksgiving Meal LYN Collection Ends	21	22 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance	23 9:30-12:00p Breathe Life Tai Chi 9:00 am Newsletter Mailing 11:00 am Staff Meeting No Spaghetti Dinner	24 <div>Office Closed Thanksgiving Day</div>	25 <div>Office Closed</div>	26
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Those Grieving:

Brooks Family
Farren Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Gail Holab	Coulson Taylor
Randy Ladson	Pearl Undesser
Terri Patterson	

Health Concerns:

Lynn Belcher	Brian Homerding	Tyler Mall	Michelle Terri
Deb Bezroukoff	Diane Hupe	Mazie Marshall	Finley Walker
Anne Byrd	Wyatt Jones	Joanne O'Brien	Lynne White
Wayne Cruise	Jonathan Lamp	Connie Pierrepont	Helen Wiles
Dave Encinas	Kim Leszczynski	Dale Prochaska	
Virginia Goss	Regina Moe	Artie Prochaska	

General Concerns:

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

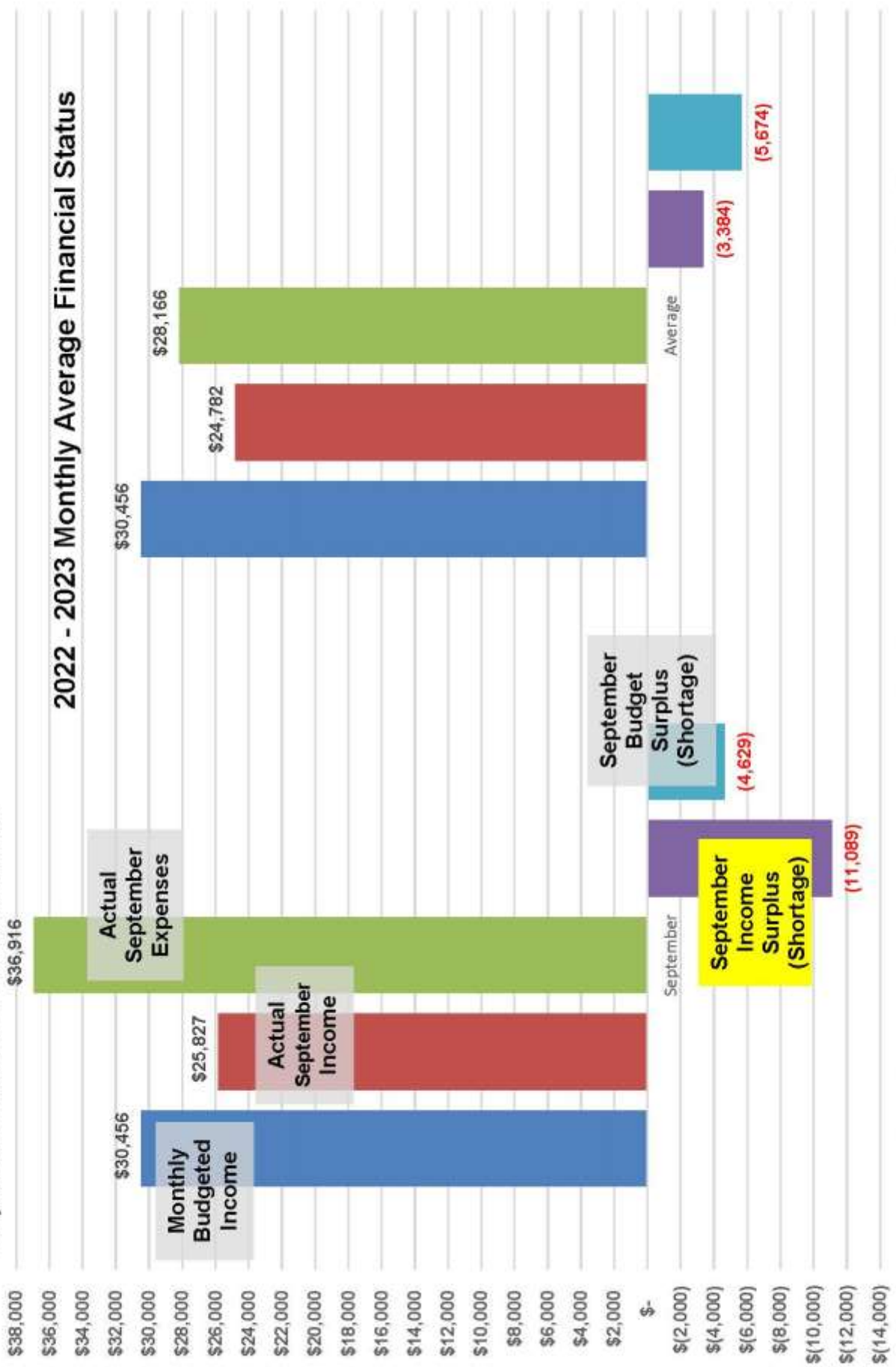
Homebound/Assisted Living:

Myrah Baldwin, Earl Bushnell, Delores Cruise, Pat Dietz, 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.

September 2022 Financial Status



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



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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

November Birthdays

Krista Wilson	03	Jim Davis	29
Nick Skinner	05	Wayne Norr	29
Joann Morr	06	Keri Phillipp	29
Julia Runkle	06		
Ilana Grube	07		
Trent Hufstetler	07		
Jennifer Keith	07		
John Pratt	08		
Amanda Seibel	08		
Audrey Fitzgerald	10		
Jonathan Lamp	12		
Laurie Houle	14		
Linda Melhouse	15		
Gabe Keith	16		
Courtney Skinner	16		
Christopher Johnson	19		
Terry Keith	19		
Lynne White	19		
Christopher Johnson	21		
Tess Tsusaki	21		
Ron Anderson	24		
Deb Bezroukoff	27		
Grant Guenzler	28		

November Anniversaries

11/09 Kris & Eva Schoenfelder	26 Years
11/10 Jake & Kylie Brewick	4 Years
11/11 Steve & Julie Gawne	27 Years
11/18 Rev. Elizabeth Hartung and Bob McGee	6 Years

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27 GREEN

Hag 1:15b-2:9 and Ps 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps 98

Job 19:23-27a and Ps 17:1-9

2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Hold on to Faith

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 28 GREEN

Isa 65:17-25 and Isa 12

Mal 4:1-2a and Ps 98

2 Thess 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Infinite Possibilities

Reign of Christ

GREEN or WHITE

Jer 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79

Jer 23:1-6 and Ps 46

Col 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Ask Boldly, Live Justly

First Sunday of Advent

VIOLET or BLUE

Isa 2:1-5

Ps 122

Rom 13:11-14

Matt 24:36-44

Called to Gift

Altar Guild

Kathy Wickens



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists
11/6/2022	Ronan Heffernan	Fred Gaebler
11/13/2022	Annabelle Reeder	Fred Gaebler
11/20/2022	Sadie Pottinger	Pam Campos
11/27/2022	Molly Davis	Pam Campos

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

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