



Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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Worship & Sunday School: 10:00 am
Voyageurs: 9:00 am

The Happenings

December

2022





Elizabeth's Expressions

Hello Church Family,

Advent is upon us, beginning with the Hanging of the Greens on November 27th. I look forward to participating in this important YCUCC tradition. Christmas is full of family and church traditions that help guide and ground us during this season of seeking and celebrating.

I remember making advent wreaths as a family, lighting each candle at the dinner table as a child, and then with my own children when they were younger. It gave us time as a family to ponder what was ahead: Christmas.

We have used a family advent calendar with stuffed shapes that go on a Christmas tree. This marks the time for us to know when Christmas is upon us. I discovered an Advent book, All Creation Waits, by Gayle Boss. Each day an essay and woodcarving remind us how creation responds to darkness and light. The book begins with this quote:

"Every single creature is full of God and is a book about God. Every creature is a word of God. If I spend enough time with the tiniest creature, even a caterpillar, I would never have to prepare a sermon. So full of God is every creature" —Meister Eckhart

Advent reminds us that as we wait, we do God's work, the work of the church. The work of building a beloved community for all God's Creation.

Advent ends with Christmas and the celebration of Jesus's birth, the Prince of Peace. The birth reminds us that we are all created in God's image, and it is up to us to use God's transformational love to create God's beloved community on Earth.

I look forward to this advent as we wait and watch together for Jesus' birth.

Peace in God's Love

Pastor Elizabeth



The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

-Howard Thurman

Bread for the Preacher, Dec. 2009



From the Desk of the Chair

Can you feel it? That feeling of excitement and expectation? When we walk through our front door we are greeted by the narthex and sanctuary decorated for Christmas in all its splendor. We see the Operation Santa table growing rapidly with gifts for children. There's the AID tree for giving.

Consider joining the Spiritual Development Group as they meet together online to share the Advent Devotional. Take advantage of our annual Cookie Walk... no one beats the YCUCC baking team! New this year is the Christmas Tea (thanks, Barb) for all the ladies of the church with beautifully decorated tables and an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Certainly, you will be present either in person or online for the Children's Christmas Pageant, an annual tradition thanks to Sondra, Peg, Lori and their team. Our amazing Chancel Choir (thanks, Doug and Tina) will sing with us and for us to unify our hearts during the Christmas Eve service, a time to listen, to reflect, to simply breathe deeply in the midst of the bustle of Christmas.

Yes, Advent has begun, and the excitement grows all around us as we embrace the coming of the Christ Child. It is my prayer for this church family that we share together in preparation. I encourage you to seek out what you need to fill your soul, to lift your spirit, and to feed your anticipation as we celebrate Christmas together again. Blessings to each and every one of you this Christmas!

Deanna Bazan
Chairperson, SLT



Send us your Christmas cards!

Send the church your old or new Christmas cards so we can decorate the office for the holidays.

409 Center Pkwy
Yorkville, IL 60560





God's Work
Our Hands

Building and Grounds

Well, the snow has finally arrived... The leaves have fallen and the days are becoming shorter, but that does not stop the Building and Grounds Crew. Even in the cold weather, the crew has been outside maintaining parking lot lights and the flood light in front of the church sign.

In addition to outside maintenance, the crew has been busy inside the church. In the beginning of November, the crew painted the confirmation room, they added additional locks to the nursery and the library, they discarded old paint that was being stored in the attic, and they replaced the flickering ceiling light on the south side of the building.

In regards to locks and keys, the lock that was added to the library door will only be locked when we have special events. The library will be unlocked for church services and any other weekday events. With that being said, if you have a key to the church that you no longer need, please return it to church office. If your role at the church requires to you have any type of key, please stop by the church office or complete the online key form here, <https://forms.gle/U7Uqs1iSjVNjTXgN8> to receive a key.

Next time you are in the church, look for all of the beautiful Christmas decorations! The crew and the altar guild have spent many hours getting the church ready for our annual Hanging of the Greens service.

The Building and Grounds crew continue to meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am. All are welcome to join us!

Meet the New(ish) Church Administrator!



Hi everyone! In case you are new to the church and we haven't met yet, my name is Robin Campos. I have been attending YCUCC for roughly 15 years. There was a short period of time where I was not around because I was away at Elmhurst University perusing a degree in music education. Now I'm back and you might see me in the church office or on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings running around with the kids of our church as a childcare attendant. When I am not at church, I am often found teaching the clarinet and bass clarinet students at Sandwich High School and working with the Sandwich High School Marching Band.

So, you might be asking yourself, "why is she putting all of this in the newsletter"?

With the guidance of the SLT and the Personnel Committee, I will temporarily be continuing my role as the "Church Administrator" with no end date in the foreseeable future. This role is a combination of the Building Manager, Administrative Assistant and now assisting the Christian Education Director when needed.

I want to thank everyone for their patience and kind comments about all that I do here at YCUCC. I will always accept feedback and questions.

You may contact me via email at adminasst@yorkvilleucc.org or by calling the church office at 630/553-7308.

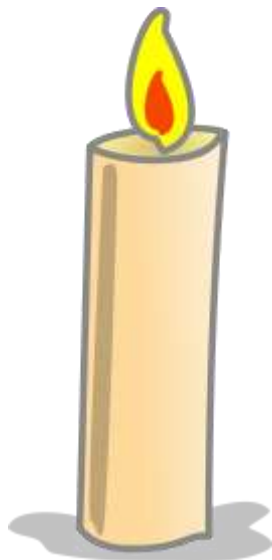


Prayer Chain

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.

Join us for Remembrance Sunday January 8th at 10:00am



In the embrace of God's eternal grace, Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ will gather in person and online to celebrate the lives of those who died in 2022. The members of YCUCC who died will be named and commemorated during the service. The service will feature prayers, a homily and uplifting music.

If you are participating remotely, please have a candle at home to light during the service to commemorate the life of people you loved.



OPERATION SANTA



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

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

Please bring your unwrapped items to the church by December 11th!
It is not necessary to tag the gifts.

A table will be set up and available to start receiving your gifts by November 20th!

If you are not able to shop, I will do the shopping for you!

Thank you for your support!

~Regina Moe

Wyatt Jones is turning ONE on 12/05!

Help celebrate his 1st birthday by showering him with cards.



Mail cards to:
Wyatt Jones
405 Sanders Ct.
Yorkville, IL 60560



Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, November 13, 2022 we welcomed 8 new members to our congregation. Our new members are, Ashley Beane, JoAnn Beane, Pastor Elizabeth Hartung, Alex Houle, Bob McGee, Rachel Rebsom, Ryan Rebsom and Maureen Tully. If you see any of these folks walking around the church, make sure you stop them and welcome them to the church!

WELCOME



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.



Join us for Christmas Eve!

Worship will begin at 7:00pm. Streaming will be available.

There will **NOT** be worship on Christmas Day. A pre-recorded service will be posted on Facebook and YouTube for those who wish to watch.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

The Stewardship Pledge-Givings Campaign "From Bread and Cup to Earth and Giving" was dedicated on Sunday, November 20th. Results are not tallied as of this printing. It is not yet too late if you have not turned yours in. Put it in an envelope marked for Pledge-Givings Campaign and place in the offering plate.

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



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.



A decorative border of various Christmas cookies surrounds the central text box. The cookies include star shapes, gingerbread men, and other festive designs in green, white, and brown icing.

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409 CENTER PARKWAY, YORKVILLE
(630) 553-7308

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

Saturday, December 3rd
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

1 pound box \$10.00

2 pound box \$18.00

Drive-thru purchase same day or
pre-order form available at the church.

Cash or check only.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE PRE-ORDER FORM

Qty Total

1 pound box \$10.00 _____

2 pound box \$18.00 _____

Order Total _____

Name Phone #

Cash or check only.

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)



Thank You



The Love Your Neighbor Ministry would like to thank the congregation for making the baby collection a success!

Please look forward to our Sunday Ethnic Lunch in the new year to kick off another collection! Happy Holidays!

YCUCC ALPHA YOUTH GROUP ATTENDS LOCK IN

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

The YCUCC Alpha youth group attended a lock in at the church on Friday and Saturday, November 4th, and 5th, 2022. Students arrived at 5:30 p.m. on Friday night and left Saturday at 8:30 a.m.



What exactly happens at a youth lock in? Lots and lots of fun and laughter! Twelve kids and four chaperones attended the Marvel movie theme event. Students began the evening with a service project at the church. Several students reset the sanctuary by making sure pews were filled with the correct information and were in order. Others helped prepare a taco dinner for all to enjoy. The rest of the evening, until around 3:30 a.m. was full of games, movies, and snacks. They found that their church looks much different in the darkness of nighttime.

The teambuilding event was important to help this group of students prepare for mission service on their upcoming mission trip scheduled for June. As the director, I am very encouraged by this energetic group of students and believe they will represent our church in a positive manner as they go serve others.

Such an event is simply not possible without the help and support of brave leaders that will give up a Friday night, all night, after working all week to engage and mentor very excitable students. Thank you, Robin Campos, Hannah Bazan and Jordan Keister, for being my Marvel superheroes!

All in all, the event was a huge success. The only question from students was, "When is the next one?"

YCUCC YOUTH PLAN MISSION TRIP IN 2023

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

It has been five years since the last mission trip of YCUCC. The Alpha youth group is preparing to attend a mission trip with the organization Youthworks in June of 2023. The dates of the mission trip are Sunday, June 11 – Friday, June 16, 2023.

YCUCC Alpha youth will work alongside Youthworks and serve the greater urban area of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Though people may not think of Milwaukee as an area of need, it is. Youthworks has partnered with various groups in the Milwaukee area to serve those in need since 1999.

Our group will partner with local organizations to meet ongoing needs in the community. Students may serve all or part of the week at a food shelf, clothing distribution center, soup kitchen, children's program, or elder care facilities.

The cost per student (and chaperone) is \$400.00; the monies will be due in segments over the next few months. We are hoping students will cover half of their cost and earn the rest through fundraising. So, there is a lot of work to do, and these young people are up to the challenge.



Would you consider helping sponsor a student or expenses of the trip? If so, please contact Barb Thurlby, CE Director at ced@yorkvilleucc.org or call the church. Kindly watch for student fundraisers coming soon.

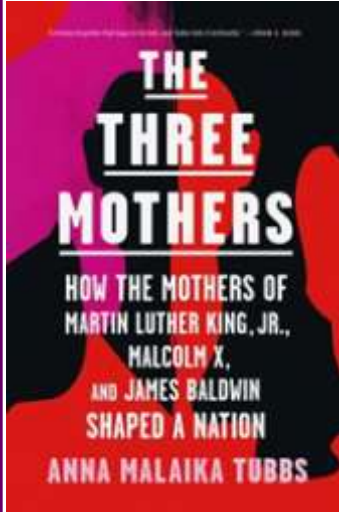
"Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God." -Micah 6:8

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.

Library

Most of the books have been reshelfed! There is still some reorganization work I need to do, but please stop by and check out our selection of Christmas books and devotionals. They are displayed on the top of the lower shelves. As always just write the book you are taking in the notebook on the library table with your name, phone number, and the date!

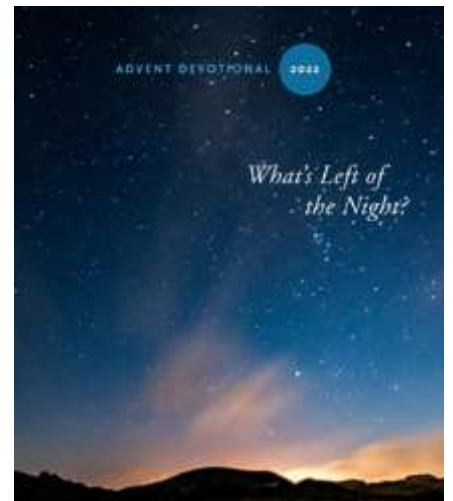


Book Discussion

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. Please join us as we discuss how the mothers of these three influential leaders of African-American justice influenced their sons. Discussions will be February 7 and 21.

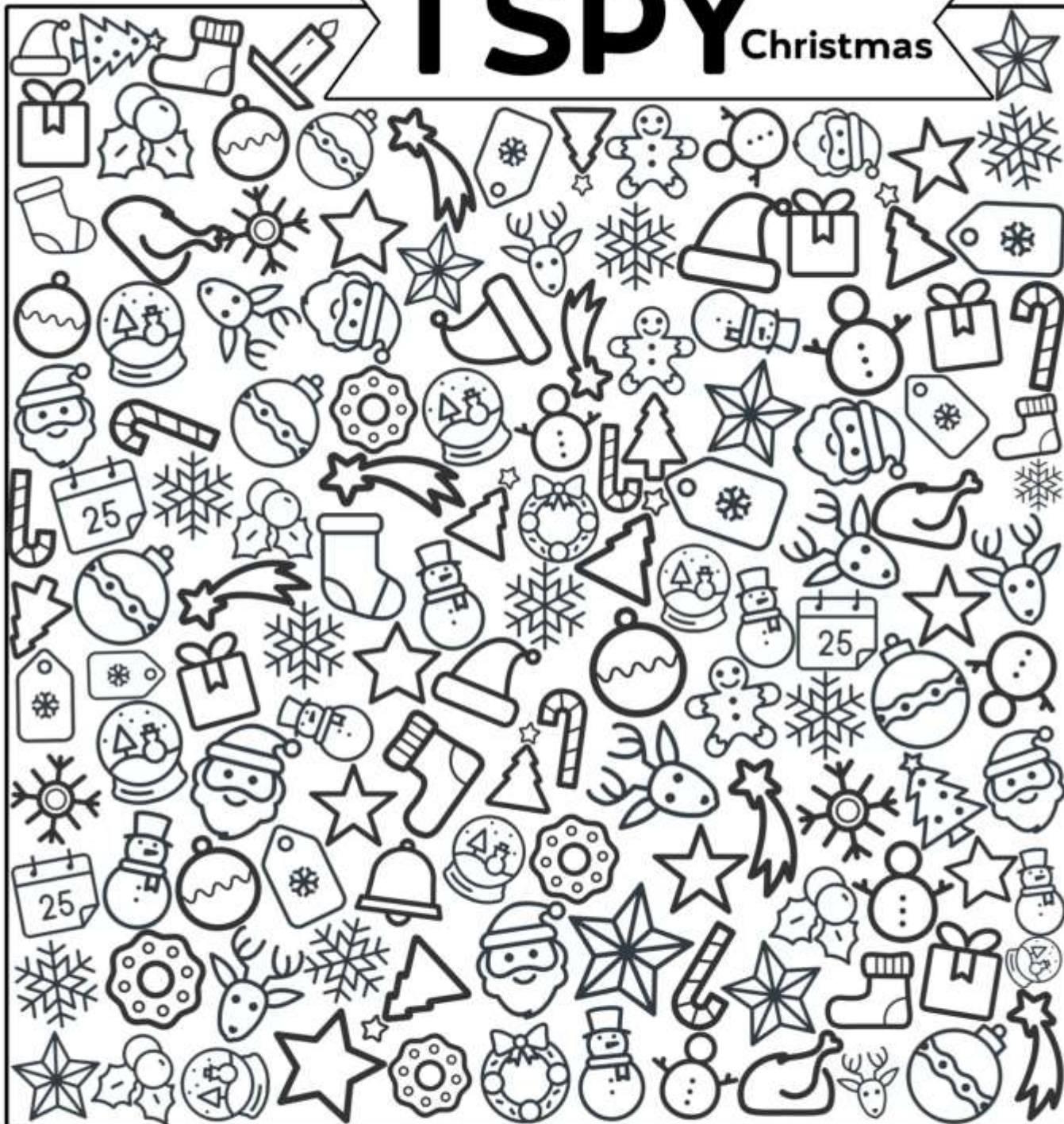
Spiritual Development Group

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, December 13th and 27th. Speak with Michael Obenauer, Aimee List, or Diane Stablein if you have questions.



Aimee List
Adult Education Shephard
ajlsan1@hotmail.com

I SPY Christmas



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MISSIONS MINISTRY

The A.I.D. TREE

This year Y.C.U.C.C. will not buy individual gifts as we have in the past. We will instead have a fund raiser with the goal of \$1,000.00 to donate to A.I.D. (Association for Individual Development) for their Christmas gifts. A Christmas tree is up in the Narthex with tags showing \$\$ amounts. Please take one or more tags giving what you can towards this project. Write a check to our church for the dollar amount. Mark the check for A.I.D. and place in the offering plate. December 11th is the deadline for our collection. All the recipients are appreciative of our church's generosity. A BIG THANK YOU all for caring and helping to make this happen.



5 for 5 THE CHRISTMAS FUND Offering

For the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund



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

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

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

Mark your donation 5 for 5 Christmas Fund and place in the offering plate, on-line designate 5 for 5 Christmas Fund, or mail it in designating for the 5 for 5 Christmas Fund. Please be sure to designate "5 for 5 Christmas Fund". Dedication Sunday is planned for Sunday, December 18th.

How you can have a GREEN, GREEN Christmas

Shop Local: Support local merchants and retailers by shopping for gifts locally. If you are not sure what to get, purchase gift certificates from area shops and restaurants. By staying local you will also use less gas during your Christmas shopping.

Wrapping Presents: Over the holidays over 227,000 miles of wrapping paper gets thrown away - enough to circle the world 9 times. Nearly all of the wrapping paper you find in stores is not recyclable because of the shiny coatings, foils, and colors on it. Get creative wrapping your presents.

- ✦ Wrap presents with old maps or the comic sections of a newspaper.
- ✦ Another idea is to use a scarf, dish towel, or other useful cloth items that are a gift in and of itself.

What to do with your cut tree after Christmas:

- Cut the tree into smaller chunks and gather them into a pile in your yard or garden. Let the pile sit until the pine needles have fallen off and the branches are dry and brittle. Then, use these brown materials as a carbon source for your compost bin. By saving the pine needles and branches from your dead Christmas tree, you can add brown and green materials to your compost bin all season long.
- Chip the wood. Wood chips are one of the best choices to fill in garden paths, smother weeds, and mulch your flower beds. A thick layer of wood chips is far more effective for killing weeds than a sheet of plastic. Wood chips block sunlight while still allowing water and air to circulate through, so the soil food web stays intact.
- Put out the branches to provide shelter for pollinators and wildlife as well as giving perennials and shrubs extra protection from winter weather.
- Redecorate your tree as an outdoor bird feeder. String it with popcorn and cranberry garland or other bird-friendly goodies. Add pine cones filled with peanut butter or homemade suet too!
- Pile tree boughs around tree trunks to discourage critters from eating the bark.
- Your Christmas tree is a great fuel for an outdoor fire pit. Use the twigs as kindling, and cut the trunk into logs for burning.
- **In the City of Yorkville, Christmas trees will be collected free of charge during the first 2 weeks of January.** Trees do not require a sticker, but do need to be free of all ornamentation, tinsel, garland, and lights. Put the old / dead tree on the curb to be picked up with your trash.

Green Team meets on the second Monday of the month, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.. Next meeting will be January 9, 2023, to begin planning for 2023. You are invited to join us.

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00a-2:00p Cookie Walk 3:00-5:00p Ladies Christmas Tea in Fellowship Hall	2 1:00pm Cookie Walk Set-up	3 10:00a-2:00p Cookie Walk 3:00-5:00p Ladies Christmas Tea in Fellowship Hall
4 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Voyageurs 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 5:00pm Pageant Rehearsal	5 9:30-12:00p Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	6 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance	7 9:30-12:00p Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Pageant Rehearsal 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	8 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	9	10 9:00am Pageant Dress Rehearsal
11 Christmas Pageant-No Sunday School 9:00 am Voyageurs 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am FH-Private Party	12 6:30pm Green Team Mtg in Fellowship Hall	13 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance 10:00 am Pastoral Care 12:00pm JOY Circle Luncheon 7:00pm Spiritual Development Online Group	14 9:30-12:00p Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Pastoral Care MTG Rm 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	15	16 <div>NEWSLETTER CALENDAR DUE DATE</div>	17 FH — Private Party
18 9:00 am Voyageurs 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship Christmas Fund 5/5 10:00 Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Fellowship	19	20 9:00 am Building and Grounds—maintenance	21 9:30-12:00p Breathe Life Tai Chi 9:00 am Newsletter Mailing 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	22	23	24 <div>Christmas Eve</div> 7:00pm Worship
25 <div>CHRISTMAS</div> 10:00 am Pre-Recorded Worship NO Sunday School	26	27 7:00pm Spiritual Development Online Group	28 9:30-12:00p Breathe Life Tai Chi? No Evening Programs or Dinner	29	30	31
<div>Church Office Closed</div>						



Those Grieving:

Kimes Family
Farren Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Randy Ladson	Coulson Taylor
Terri Patterson	Pearl Undesser
Pat Dietz	

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	Margarite Wickens
Dave Encinas	Kim Leszczynski	Dale Prochaska	Helen Wiles
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.

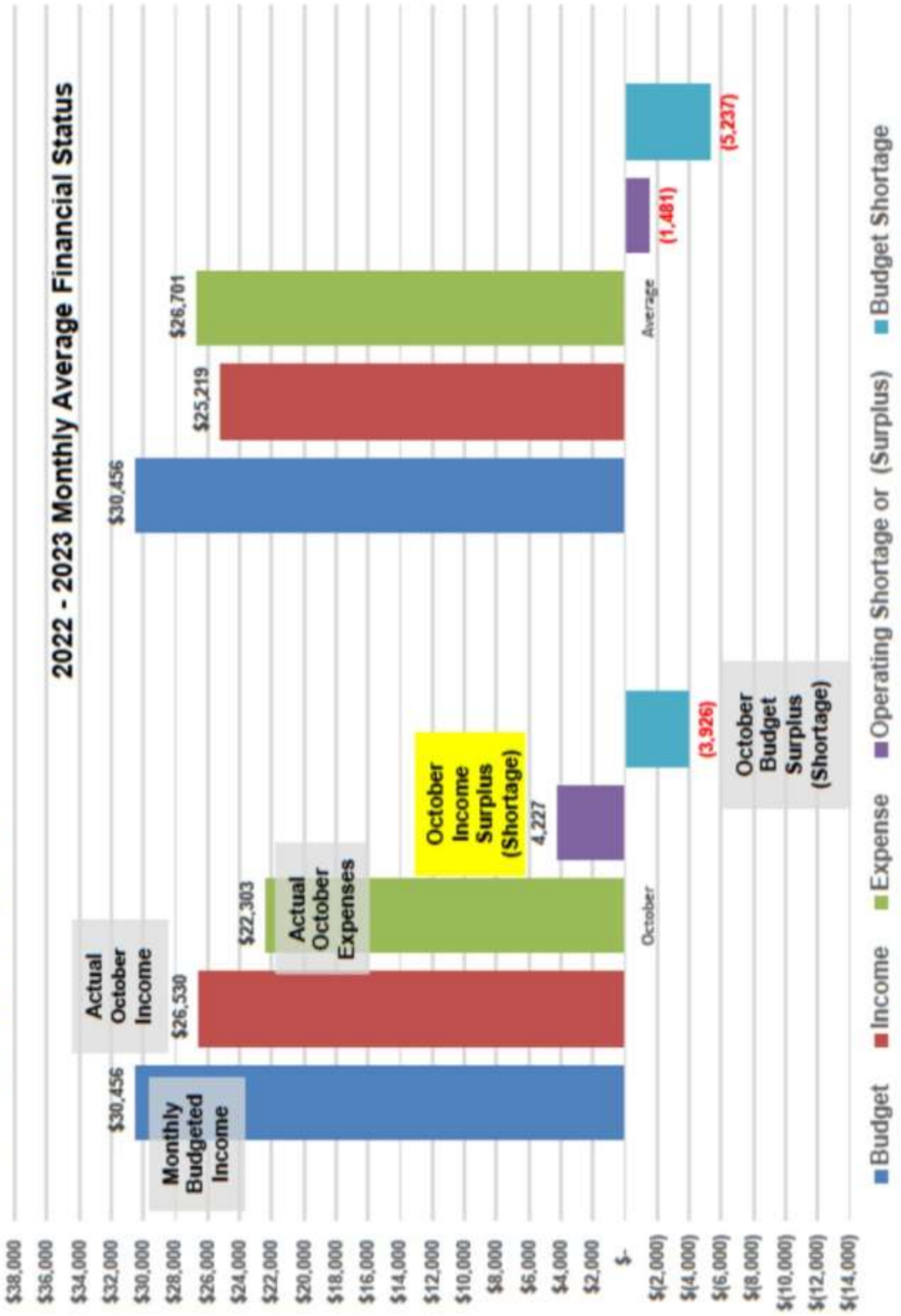
Homebound/Assisted Living:

Myrah Baldwin, Earl Bushnell, Wayne and Delores Cruise, Pat Dietz, Lyman McKeever, 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.

October 2022 Financial Status



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



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

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Exciting news! YCUCC
participates in Amazon Smile!
This means that Amazon will donate
0.5% of your purchases through

<https://smile.amazon.com>
to YCUCC if you select

"Yorkville Congregational
United Church of Christ"
as your preferred charity.

Use the following link to select
your preferred charity:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2639077>.

From that point forward, qualifying purchases
can be made through smile.amazon.com

Reminder!

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

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Nursery is Open!

***Vaccinated
& Masked Caregivers***

Air Purification Installed

December Birthdays

Marcus Schulz	01	Amy Strausberger	23
Bob Clack	02	Parker Trumble	25
Terri Frisk	03	Gail Gaebler	30
Ronan Heffernan	04	Jeff Kline	31
Wyatt Jones	05		
Jaxxton Goloba	09		
Josh Kolowski	09		
Aidan Mendell	09		
Nancy Modery	09		
Giovanni Olvera	10		
Sue Kimes	11		
Amy Ems	12		
Melissa Olvera	12		
Suzie Pratt	12		
Gavin Redmon	13		
Barbara Davis	17		
Anne Stout	17		
James Anderson	19		
JoAnn Beane	19		
Joey Jerabek	22		

Second Sunday of Advent

VOILET or BLUE

Isa 11:1-10

Ps 72:1-7, 18-19

Rom 15:4-13

Matt 3:1-12

Vision of Peace

Third Sunday of Advent

VIOLET, BLUE or ROSE

Isa 35:11-10

Ps 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55

James 5:7-10

Matt 11:2-11

Heartbeat of Justice

Fourth Sunday of Advent

VIOLET or BLUE

Isa 7:10-16

Ps 80:1-7, 17-19

Rom 1:1-7

Matt 1:18-25

God With Us

Christmas Eve

WHITE

Isa 9:2-7

Ps 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Christmas Day

WHITE

Isa 52:7-10

Ps 98

Heb 1:1-4, (5-12)

John 1:1-14

New Year's Eve

WHITE

Eccl 3:1-13

Ps 8

Rev 21:1-6a

Matt 25:31-46

December Anniversaries

12/15 Erik & Mike Mallon	11 Years
12/18 Gerry & Leslie Inukai	45 Years

Altar Guild

Kathy Wickens



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists
12/4/2022	Luke DeFuss	June Davis
12/11/2022	Owen Shatters	Christmas Pageant
12/18/2022	Aiden Mendell	June Davis
12/25/2022	Pre-Recorded Service	Pre-Recorded Service

Our Mission Statement

*To live as Jesus lived: Love without Judgement, Welcome without Exception,
Serve with Compassion, Teach by Example.*

Our Vision Statement

God's community of unconditional love, made real for everyone, everywhere.

Open & Affirming Covenant

YCUCC is an open and affirming congregation that seeks to meet each child of God—persons from the full diversity of creation including gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and intellectual ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure—where they are on life's journey as together we seek to transform all our lives through Christ's Gospel.

Watch our church services on the internet!!

Facebook: [Click here](#) OR

1. Go to our YCUCC Facebook page.
2. Click on the videos tab on the left side of the home page.
3. Scroll down to select the appropriate sermon date.
4. Click the arrow to view the sermon video.

Website: [Click here](#) OR

1. Go to our YorkvilleUCC.org home page.
2. Click on the Worship/Media Tab.
3. Scroll down to select the appropriate sermon date.
4. Click the arrow to view the sermon video.

YouTube.com: [Click here](#) OR

1. Go to the search bar.
2. Type in "Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ".
3. Click on the channel.
4. Select the appropriate sermon date.
5. Click the arrow to view the sermon video.

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