



Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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<u>Chairperson</u>	Deanna Bazan
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Worship & Sunday School: 10:00 am
Voyageurs: 9:00 am

The Happenings

January

2023

Happy
New Year
2023



Elizabeth's Expressions

Dear Church Family,

The new liturgical year and the New Year are upon us. Many of us will make New Year's resolutions and consider what this new year will bring. Unfortunately, the past few years have been full of stops and starts, with a pandemic turned endemic. In addition, many of our loved ones and church family members have gone home to God.

The end of Advent has turned cold, windy, and rainy. This can make us tired and weary. Jesus' birth will shine this Christmas brightly, reminding us of the hope that we can be agents of change in our lives, church, family, and community.

YCUCC's light shines brightly in people's lives through how we welcome, serve and care for each other and the community. Matthew 5:14-16 reminds us that God's light will not be hidden like a city on a hill.

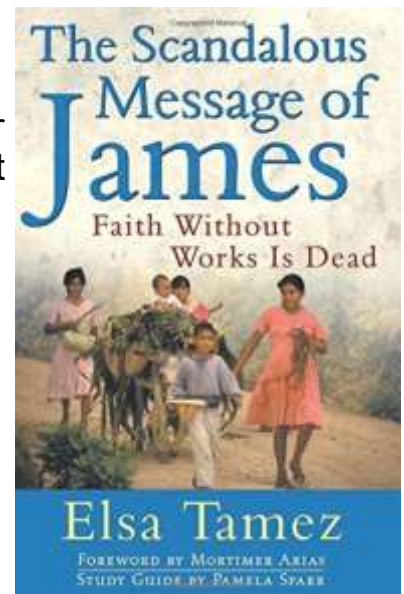
"You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven."

The year ahead will bring opportunities for us to let God's light shine as YCUCC **welcomes, serves, and cares** for God together. I look forward to serving God with you as we welcome, serve and care together.

Starting January 11th, 5-6 pm, I will be hosting a Bible study for five weeks on the book James. I will be using Elsa Tamez's book, **The Scandalous Message of James**, as our guide. There isn't a need to purchase the book. We will meet in the meeting room, and you do not need to sign up or feel like you need to attend each week. The book of James offers us words of encouragement and hope. We will think about how we can be the "doers of the Word." I hope you can join us.

Peace in God's Love,

Pastor Elizabeth





From the Desk of the Chair

Happy New Year! It seems like we were just saying that a few months ago, and already 2023 has arrived with all the promise of a new start, of goals to accomplish, of achievements within reach. Indeed, time flies.

At YCUCC, we have some fantastic pilots who work hard to lead this family of faith year to year. We call them Shepherds and they serve on the Shepherds' Leadership Team (SLT). These leaders are elected by members of this congregation, and they meet monthly to guide the activities of the church and make decisions to support the purpose, vision, mission, core values and core beliefs. The Shepherds' Leadership Team is comprised of 12 elected "Shepherds" who protect, guide, and watch over a person or group of people within his/her ministries, this according to our YCUCC bylaws. Additionally, a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Recording Secretary serve on the SLT alongside the Pastor.

**The bad news is time
flies. The good news is
you're the pilot.**

MICHAEL ALTSHULER

Over the next few months, you will be meeting each of our Shepherds here in the Happenings to find out who they are and what ministries they guide. My hope is that in this new year, you may find a group that interests you, a place where you might like to get involved. YCUCC is a place of action, and we strive to be all our vision states: God's community of unconditional love, made real for everyone, everywhere. To find out more, be sure to attend SLT's informational gathering on January 8 during Soup Sunday.

Deanna Bazan
Chairperson, SLT

Pastoral Relations Committee

The United Church of Christ encourages local churches to establish a Pastoral Relations Committee to support and maintain an open relationship between the settled pastor and members of the congregation. It is a group who helps the pastor and congregation share ideas and hopes. This group lets the pastor know what congregants are thinking. It provides a framework for dealing with conflict constructively. Pastor Elizabeth has settled in at YCUCC, and the Pastoral Relations Committee has been established. This group includes Aaron Shatters, Sandy DeRidder, Doug Trumble and Hannah Bazan. While this group has agreed to serve in this capacity, it is the responsibility of the membership to share thoughts, questions, concerns, and encouragements to maintain healthy relationships and continued growth moving forward in our vision and mission. As a congregation, Pastor Elizabeth always welcomes you to come and talk. Additionally, know that you can talk to any of these members, and you will be heard as well. Thanks to Aaron, Sandy, Doug and Hannah for serving on the Pastoral Relations Committee.





Building and Grounds

Robin Campos, Church Administrator

Happy New year! The building and grounds crew was pretty busy these last couple of weeks. The biggest project they tackled was moving file cabinets and bookshelves around the rooms in the office. You may notice the next time you are in the meeting room that the bookshelves are no longer in there. They have been moved to the work room where the file cabinets used to be. The file cabinets have been moved to the finance and membership office. If you need to get into this office, please find a member of one of those groups or myself. The plan for rearranging is to hopefully have the work room open for all to use and access.

Do you ever drive past the church at night? Have you noticed that the cross is lit up again? The crew replaced the old lights by the sign and the cross with hardwired LED lights so they are always on at night. The solar lights that were previously out there have been moved to the back to illuminate the tree purchased in memory of Mary Ellen Anderson.

Another outdoor project was replacing two shingles from the roof. Advanced Roofing was here several times this past month to inspect and repair a couple of shingles that had blown off of the roof. Luckily during this time, we did not receive a lot of rain.

A big project the crew has planned for the winter is painting the long hallway. If you would like to help paint let myself or Tony Houle know. If you would like to help fund this project, please visit the giving tree.

Building and Grounds continues to meet every Tuesday at 9 am. All are welcome to join us.

SLT MEET AND GREET

Deanna Bazan, Chairperson

Hello! My name is Deanna and I currently serve as the SLT Chairperson. I joined this congregation in 1997 when I married my husband Brian, a lifelong member, and now we have raised our two children here, Hannah and Matthew. I was born and raised on a farm in Genoa and grew up Methodist. Teaching is my passion, and after 11 years in the classroom, I laced up my hiking boots and now have the privilege of working at the Kendall County Outdoor Education Center where I teach outside and work with kids from Yorkville, Plano, and Sandwich school districts.

I love YCUCC because there are so many ways to put my faith into practice. Christian Ed has been a natural connection for me, and I have taught confirmation classes for several years. I love working with Barb Thurlby, especially during Vacation Bible School. I also love to learn, so I joined the Spiritual Growth and Development Group led by Pastor Michael, and I attend the book study groups led by Aimee List. The Green Team is a joyful group of people who share a passion for caring for God's creation, and Brian and I enjoy being a part of that ministry as well. We are always grateful for the many ways YCUCC serves the greater community, and we take part in the many mission opportunities here.

It is an honor to serve as the SLT Chairperson for these two years. The leaders of this church are so very passionate about all they do, and they truly are the hands and feet of Christ. I look forward to introducing you to all the members of SLT over the course of the year and encourage you to reach out to them to see how you can make your own connections at YCUCC.





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.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Our yearly Pledge-Givings Campaign entitled "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving", was dedicated on Sunday, November 13th. Tallying is incomplete. Following is a comparison of campaigns from the past few years.

Received 43 pledges in 2021 for 2022 totaling \$196,432.00 averaging \$4,568.00
Received 40 pledges in 2020 for 2021 totaling \$146,428.00 averaging \$3,661.00
Received 45 pledges in 2019 for 2020 totaling \$160,876.00 averaging \$3,575.00
Received 37 pledges in 2018 for 2019 totaling \$139,404.00 averaging \$3,767.00

You can pledge during the year by coming to the office and getting the paperwork from the office administrator, Robin Campos. Some of us give using the automatic-Giving Plan, where your giving is taken out of your specified bank. Changes can be made to your pledge at any time.

A sincere thank you goes out to all who pledged and supported our church.

A STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT THIS MONTH from the book of Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
as you teach and admonish one another
with all wisdom,
and as you sing psalms, hymns
and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Thank you to all the wonderful bakers and volunteers who donated their time for this years cookie walk! We cannot be successful without you!



On behalf of the Yorkville Junior Women's Club and the Kendall County Community Food Pantry, Thank You!

This was the best ever Christmas collection, even better than last year! Our hearts were overwhelmed with gratitude by your kindness.



Join us for Information Sunday!

January 8th during Soup Sunday



SLT will provide a brief update on YCUCC activities and goals while folks are enjoying a hot bowl of soup following worship.

YCUCC LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA 2022

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

The YCUCC Ladies Christmas Tea 2022 was held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Forty-four guests attended the sweet event that featured three courses of tea with a delightful array of finger foods.

Table settings were the perfect way to welcome the holiday season. Table hosts Laurie Houle, Julie Kline, Nancy Kolowski, Goldie Behrens, Deanna Bazan and Barb Thurlby shared beautiful table decorations and holiday place settings to welcome each guest.

Special music was provided by musical duet Robin Campos and Dakota Shatters; along with family entertainers Sondra Shatters and daughters Charlotte and Isabelle Shatters. Our special music was finished off with a lovely rendition of Away in the Manger beautifully performed by Rachel Sebbby.

SLT Chair Deanna Bazan shared tidbits of tea information as she introduced three different types of tea. Once the tea was introduced tables of guests enjoy tea and conversation along with tasty treats.

A special holiday thank-you to the fabulous team of ladies that worked hard to create the special event. We look forward to next year!



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 HOLIDAY REFLECTION

by Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

The Christmas season is a busy, joyous, and reflective time of year for me. I count it a blessing to have the opportunity to minister to the wonderful YCUCC families. I have such a fondness for the amazing children of our church! They are eager, happy, creative, and open to new things on a weekly basis. They come each week with a smile and willingness to connect with other students and teachers. What an amazing job I have!

Our church does many things very well. And one of those things, is loving and nurturing children in their faith. The church should be a safe place for students to come and connect with others and learn about God's love; and that is exactly what YCUCC does!

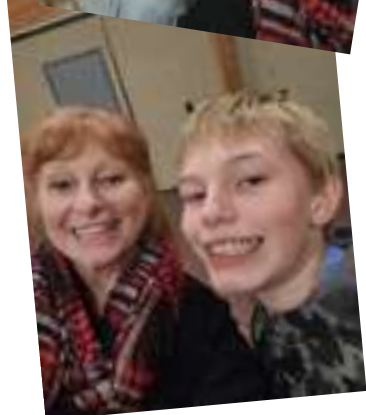
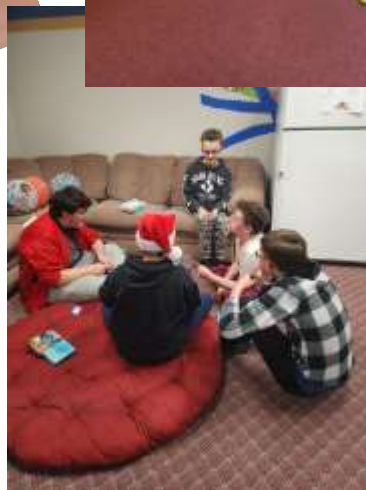
As we enter a new year, I am excited and humbled. I pray for each of our families, each of our teachers and church leaders. And to the unfaltering supportive congregation I remain grateful. I look forward to 2023 and the blessings God will bring and the new relationships He will build and encourage.

I leave you this prayer from Xavier University:

New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family, and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger, and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way.

Blessings,
Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director



MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

The Mission Ministry at Y.C.U.C.C. was busy during the month of December. Thanks to all the congregation for your generous giving with the A.I.D. Christmas Tree Monetary Gifts. Our goal was to raise \$1,000.00, which we met and exceeded with a final total of \$1,305.00. Again, Thank You ONE and ALL. The President and CEO of the Association for Individual Development (A.I.D.) will be joining us on Sunday, January 29th, 2023, during worship.

Budgeted Mission Ministry items sent in the second quarter of the year were:

October 2022 – Special Olympics \$200.00

November 2022 – Wounded Warriors – Yorkville American Legion - \$100.00 (to be combined with Soup Sunday, on January 8th, 2023, with one check to be sent.)

November 2022 – Wayside Cross in Aurora for Men - \$250.00

The 5 for 5 Offering 'The Christmas Fund' taken up on December 18th is on-going at the time of this printing. Will have a total next month. Retired ministers and lay people truly appreciate our gifts.

Our next Soup Sunday will be on Sunday, January 8th with proceeds going to Wounded Warriors – Yorkville American Legion. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Soups are needed, as well as desserts, and helping hands are always appreciated. Thanking you in advance - please consider signing up to help.



A Prayer for the New Year

Excerpt from John W. Vest's *Prayer of Intercession for the New Year*

Holy God,
at this dawn of a new year,
the dawn of a new decade,
we are gathered together to worship and
listen—
listen for your voice calling us to something
new.

In the wake of Advent, Christmas, and the
turn of the new year,
some of us are still hopeful and full of
expectation;
some of us are weary and worn;
some of us are overwhelmed and anxious.
But as sure as the sun rises,
a new year is upon us,
full of possibilities, full of promise.

You are a God of newness and change,
and you call us to be continually
transformed.

In this season of resolve,
help us to be mindful and intentional about
our priorities.
Help us to look to Jesus as our way;
help us to rely on the Spirit to follow, in our
faith and in our doubt.
Inspire us with a vision of the world as it
could be,
a world closer to your intentions and
desires,
a world of abundance and plenty,
a world of peace and security,
a world of cooperation and prosperity,
a world of health and well-being,
a world of love and justice.

Blessings at Year's End

By Howard Thurman

I remember with gratitude the fruits of the labors of others, which I have shared as a part of the normal experience of daily living.

I remember the beautiful things that I have seen, heard, and felt - some as a result of seeking on my part, and many that came unheralded into my path, warming my heart and rejoicing my spirit.

I remember the moments of distress that proved to be groundless and those that taught me profoundly about the evilness of evil and the goodness of good.

I remember the new people I have met, from whom I have caught glimpses of the meaning of my own life and true character of human dignity.

I remember the dreams that haunted me during the year, keeping me mindful of goals and hopes which I did not realize but from which I drew inspiration to sustain my life and keep steady my purposes.

I remember the awareness of the spirit of God that sought me out in my aloneness and gave to me a sense of assurance that undercut my despair and confirmed my life with new courage and abiding hope.



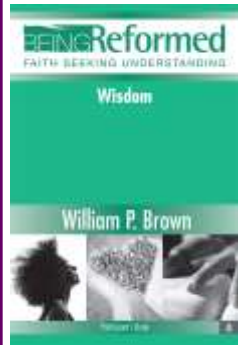
Snowy mountain sunset is a photograph by Colin Goldsmith-Hodder

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 Morning Adult Sunday School

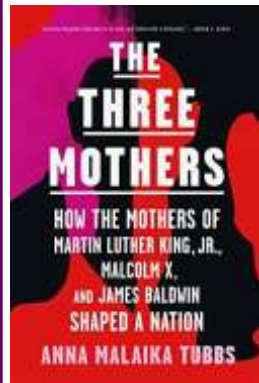
Start the New Year off with a commitment to your faith by planning to attend Adult Sunday School. Starting Sunday, January 8, I will have copies of *The Thoughtful Christian's "Compassion as a Spiritual Discipline-Indifference is the enemy"* available to pick-up, on the counter, in the office. This is a short 5 page essay about Compassion that we will discuss during our first class of the new year, **Sunday January 15th at 9:00 a.m.** Read the essay and come ready to discuss this important issue!



We will begin a six-week study of *Being Reformed, "Wisdom"* January 22nd. I will have copies of the next week's lesson available, on the counter, in the office each week. Feel free to drop in on a discussion as your schedule allows, you don't have to commit to all the lessons.

"Wisdom" takes us through "texts in the Old and New Testaments, as well as the Apocrypha. What can we learn from wisdom texts about God, about ourselves, and about our responsibilities for the care of the world?"

Book Discussion



Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. we will discuss "The Three Mothers, How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin shaped a nation" by Anna Malaika Tubbs. This excellent book "celebrates Black motherhood by telling the story of the three women who raised and shaped some of America's most pivotal heroes: Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin."

E-mail Aimee List ajlsan1@hotmail.com to join the discussion.

Spiritual Development Group

The Spiritual Development Group (SDG) will meet Tuesdays January 10 and 24 online at 7:00 p.m.

- January 10 we will complete our Discussion of the Advent/Epiphany Devotional "What's Left of the Night?"
- We will begin a new study Jan 24th. Look for more information about the new study soon!

Contact Diane Stablein wahjade@gmail.com or Aimee List ajlsan1@hotmail.com for more information.

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NEWS FROM THE GREEN TEAM

Solar awning update and savings report

The **30 solar panels** that were installed as an awning on the church's south wall have been fully operational since late June. Their combined electricity production for the months of July through November amounted to 7,800 kWh, or about 28% of the church's electricity needs. The solar production reduced our ComEd bills by just **over 700 dollars for the 5 month period**. About \$610 of that savings was directly due to eliminating the cost of buying 7,800 kWh of solar-produced electricity. The balance of the savings was due to lower state and municipal taxes as well as a net metering credit.



A **net metering credit** is obtained whenever the panels generate more electricity than the church consumes. In October weather conditions were favorable enough to generate a net metering credit of a little over \$24. We still had a bill for October, which amounted to \$220.48, but it would have been \$24 higher if we did not have net metering in place. The net metering credit offset about 10 days worth of electricity usage.

Wouldn't it be great if all months were like October! Even churches cannot control the weather, but they can control how much electricity they use. One way the Green Team is looking at reducing our electricity and gas usage is by considering the use of **smart thermostats** to maximize the efficiency of our cooling and heating systems. Stay tuned for a future article on smart thermostats!

The **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT** of our solar panels is already starting to add up. The 7,800 kWh of solar power we have generated so far would require the burning of about 8,700 pounds of coal which would put about 13 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The negative impact of all that greenhouse gas is not distributed equally around the planet, but tends to affect the disadvantaged to a much greater degree than it affects people like us. While we should feel good about the progress we have made, there is a lot more we can do to reduce the carbon footprint of both our church and ourselves.

GREEN SCENE - WINTER TIPS

1. Welcome the sun. Opening curtains and blinds during the day allows natural sunlight to add heat in your home without spending a dime.
2. Cover windows at night. Close your curtains and blinds since windows lack insulation and can allow 25% of your heat to escape at night.
3. Use LED lights. LED light bulbs use about 75% less electricity than traditional bulbs. They also last 25 times longer than their incandescent counterparts.
4. Close unused vents and doors in unused rooms to prevent energy wastage.
5. Lower the temperature in your house. Lowering the temperature by just a few degrees can lower your energy bill. Fun Fact: a lower temperature at night releases melatonin, a sleep hormone, which can help you sleep better.

YCUCC CHILDREN'S PAGEANT 2022

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

The sweet sounds of Christmas were enjoyed as our YCUCC children and youth presented our annual Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 11, 2022 during our 10:00 a.m. service.

The program entitled *On Our Way to Bethlehem* and written by Roger Emerson and John Jacobson told the wonderful story of Christ's birth in Bethlehem. Sondra Shatters, assisted by Peg Trumble and accompanied by Lori Runkle, directed the music and acting talents of the delightful pageant.

Students participating in the pageant included Aidan Mendell, Luke DeFuss, Evan Griffin, Owen Shatters, Avery Anderson, Isabelle Shatters, Renley Rebsom, Rhylén Rebsom, Charlotte Shatters, Lincoln Skinner, Chelsea Skinner, Penelope Skinner, Hudson Martinez, Brynn Martinez, Elizabeth Madden, Jacob DeFuss, and Benjamin DeFuss. Thank you, Ms. Shatters, Ms. Trumble and Ms. Runkle, for your commitment, time and direction. Thank you, students and parent helpers, it was a delightful program.





Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Adult SS-Conf Rm 10:00 am Worship-Hymn Sing NO Sunday School	2	3 9:00 am B&G MTG	4 Breathe Life Tai Chi 11 am Staff Meeting No Spaghetti Dinner	5	6	7 Jim Shalek Memorial in Libertyville
8 Remembrance Sunday 9:00 am Adult SS-Conf Rm 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School Information Sunday 11:00 am Soup Sunday	9 6:30pm Green Team Mtg in Fellowship Hall	10 9:00 am B&G MTG 7:00pm Spiritual Development Online Group	11 Breathe Life Tai Chi 11 am Staff Meeting 5:00-6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 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	12 6:00 pm Finance Com- mittee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	13	14 Private Party-FH
15 9:00 am Voyageurs 9:00 am Adult Education 9:30 am "Called to Care" com- mittee mtg 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:30 am Worship Team Mtg	16	17 9:00 am B&G MTG 10:00 am Pastoral Care 12:00 pm JOY Circle 7:00 pm Pastoral Relations Committee Mtg	18 Breathe Life Tai Chi 11 am Staff Meeting 5:00-6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	19	20 <div>NEWSLETTER CALENDAR DUE DATE</div>	21
22 9:00 am Voyageurs 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 3:00 pm Pastor Elizabeth Installation	23	24 9:00 am B&G MTG 7:00pm Spiritual Development Online Group	25 Breathe Life Tai Chi 11 am Staff Meeting 5:00-6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 9:00 am Voyageurs 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship Sunday School Chili Cook Off and Game Night	30	31 9:00 am B&G MTG				



Those Grieving:

Kimes Family
Farren Family
Shalek Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Terri Patterson	Coulson Taylor
Pat Dietz	Pearl Undesser

Health Concerns:

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

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.

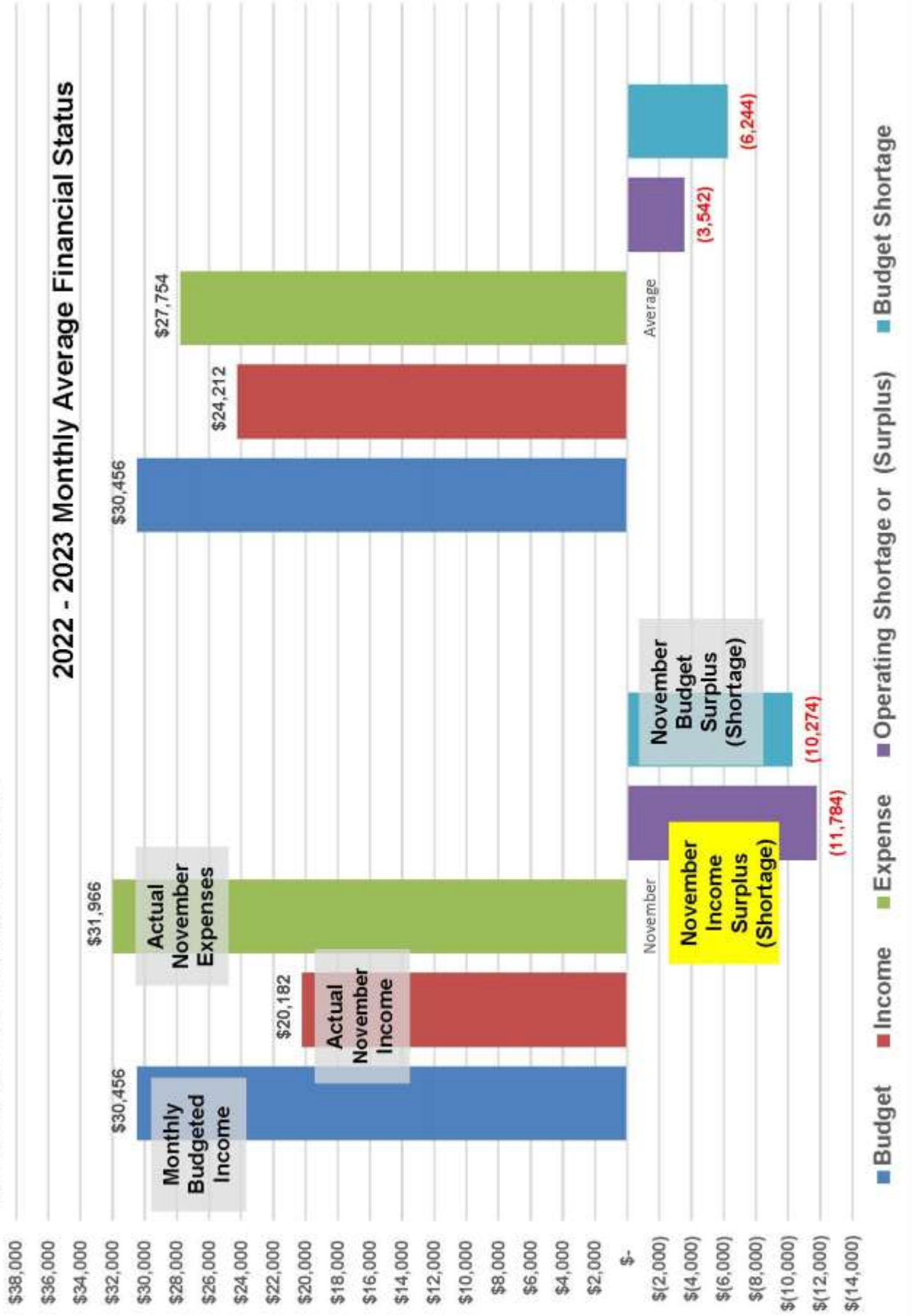
Homebound/Assisted Living:

Myrah Baldwin, Earl Bushnell, Wayne and Delores Cruise, Pat Dietz, Dave Encinas
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.

November 2022 Financial Status



**WE THANK THE MANY THAT
HELP RECYCLE ALUMINUM
CANS AND DONATE UNCRUNSHED CANS
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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You shop. Amazon gives.

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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

January Birthdays

Annabella Goldman	01	Luke DeFuss	20
Megan Frisk	03	Peg Knell	20
Matt Strausberger	03	Nick Campos	21
Justin Heffernan	05	Carter Mallon	28
Tom Lindblom	05	Kelly Fischer	29
Jenna Yabsley	06		
Sandy deRidder	08		
Nancy Kolowski	10		
Alex Mulligan	11		
Atticus Goloba	12		
Bryan Grube	12		
Louise DeFuss	13		
Ruth Morello	14		
Mia Skinner	14		
Duane Walden	15		
Ron Bezroukoff	17		
Kevin Vaclavik	18		
Molly Davis	19		
Pam Hamblin	19		
Joe Wayne	19		

January Anniversaries

01/02 Jeff & Julie Kline	45 Years
01/25 Scott & Leslie Hart	26 Years

Altar Guild

Kathy Wickens



New Year's Day

First Sunday after Christmas Day

WHITE

Isa 63:7-9

Ps 148

Heb 2:10-18

Matt 2:13-23

Cosmic Praise

Epiphany

WHITE

Isa 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-7, 10-14

Eph 3:1-12

Matt 2:1-12

The Baptism of Christ

First Sunday after Epiphany WHITE

Isa 42:1-9

Ps 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matt 3:13-17

Possibilities Unfolding

Second Sunday after Epiphany

GREEN

Isa 49:1-7

Ps 40:1-11

1 Cor 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

All That We Are

Third Sunday after Epiphany

GREEN

Isa 9:1-4

Ps 27:1, 4-9

1 Cor 1:10-18

Matt 4:12-23

Called Together

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

GREEN

Mic 6:1-8

Ps 15

1 Cor 1:18-31

Matt 5:1-12

Called Together

Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
1/1/2023	Cayla Pottinger	Sandy deRidder	Hymn Sing
1/8/2023	McKenzie Strausberger	Sandy deRidder	We Serve
1/15/2023	Ronan Heffernan	Salli Walden	We Seek
1/22/2023	Annabelle Reeder	Coral Clevenger	We Belong
1/29/2023	Sadie Pottinger	Coral Clevenger	We are Blessed

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New Year