



Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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

The Happenings

April

2023





Elizabeth's Expressions

Dear Church Family,

April brings spring showers, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. Grace and peace are offered to us after the clouds pass, and the stones have been rolled away. We are God's Easter people. The people called to care for and nurture our souls, creation, and neighbor. The church is at its best when we are God's Easter people at work.

We are a busy church, and the spring will bring opportunities to gather and grow together as a family of faith dedicated to sharing and spreading God's love.

Therefore, I want to share a new church and intergenerational opportunity with you. On August 27, 2023, YCUCC will have its first annual church retreat. A retreat is a time filled with one of my favorite alliterations; Fun, Faith, Fellowship, and Food.

The retreat team was hoping to do this in the spring, and there is so much excitement and interest in this activity we are moving it to August 27, 2023. The retreat team's goal is to get folks together in fellowship and faith (we won't forget the food!) to build community and connection grounded in our shared belief in our church family. On Sunday, August 27, we will have a shortened casual worship followed by fun activities, including a cookout. The retreat team will ask for help planning some of these activities—more information to come from the team. I want to thank Anne Engelhardt, Rachel Rebsom, Kathy Farren, Deanna Bazan, and Robin Campos for serving on this team. Please place Sunday, August 27, on your calendar and help it remind us of how we are God's Easter people after the stones have been rolled away.

Saint Anselm wrote a prayer to Christ, and as I read, it reminds me of our journey from Holy Week to the joy and the promise of grace and peace offered in the resurrection. I have included it in our newsletter and hope you enjoy it as I did.

Peace,
Pastor Elizabeth



Andreas Felger, *Credo VII: Crucified*

My Lord and my Creator,
you bear with me and nourish
me—
be my helper.
I sigh for you; I covet you:
I am like an orphan deprived of the
presence
of a very kind father,
who, weeping and wailing,
does not cease to cling to the dear
face
with his whole heart.
So, as much as I can,
though not as much as I ought,
I am mindful of your passion,
your buffeting, your scourging,
your cross,
your wounds,

how you were slain for me,
how prepared for burial and buried;
and also I remember your glorious
Resurrection,
and wonderful Ascension.
All this I hold with unwavering faith,
and weep over the hardship of exile,
hoping in the sole consolation of
your coming,
ardently longing for the glorious
contemplation
of your face.

Saint Anselm, "Prayer to Christ,"
from *Second Letter to the Countess
Mathilda*, trans. Benedicta Ward.



From the Desk of the Chair

Spring is here, and just as our landscape changes outside, so it changes inside. We are so grateful for the 6 years we had to share with Barb Thurlby as our Christian Education Director. Her servant heart, joyful smile and willingness to go above and beyond has been a blessing to this family of faith. She has gracefully served with multiple pastors and staff persons, not to mention working through the pandemic. Barb has forever touched the lives of many of us, regardless of age. We will miss her. Know that she has made the way clear for us to continue the good work she has done, and the leadership of this church is looking for a full time CE Director to carry us forward.

Another landscape change is the potential for a city park right here at YCUCC. Our south lot, just under an acre, is the right size for the City of Yorkville to install a tot park and pavilion. The Green Team has been talking with the City for nearly 2 years about this idea to reach a potential agreement. I encourage you all to attend the upcoming informational meetings regarding this opportunity and review the Frequently Asked Questions sheet. Our congregation will be asked to vote on this at our Congregational Meeting on Sunday May 21. Listen, learn, and let your voice be heard!

Are you looking over the church calendar? Reading the Happenings? Watching the announcement slides before the worship service begins? Following YCUCC on Facebook or Instagram? Chatting with each other during coffee fellowship? Is there a better way for us to be communicating with one another about the many opportunities for fellowship and growth? We are an active body of Christ, not only within our building but in the community as well, and all are welcome in the many ways we serve and care together.

Yours in Service,
Deanna Bazan
Chairperson, SLT



A FAREWELL.....

By Barb Thurlby, Christian Education Director

To be writing my very last newsletter article is surreal and a rush of varied emotions are pouring through me. I have been blessed beyond measure to serve as your Christian Education Director these past six years. It has been an incredible journey full of blessings, laughter, tears, exhaustion and hope! Each year seemed to top the prior and each new family brought more energy for what would come next for this amazing family of folks called Yorkville Congregational United

Church of Christ. I am forever grateful for the encouragement and support from each of you. I have gained immense knowledge and am humbled at your generosity and giving nature. To say 'thank you' simply does not seem to cover the gratitude I feel as I move on to my next God-called adventure. Know, that I will miss you and will think of you often.

I always encourage my children to 'leave it better than you found it'. I hope I leave you, my church friends, with love, encouragement and hope for a better and brighter world. Together we can be the change. I wish you peace and goodwill as you continue to serve one another and the surrounding communities.

Peace,
Barb

SLT MEET AND GREET: Tim Andrus and Kathy Wickens

Tim Andrus, Finance Shepherd

Hello! My name is Tim and I currently serve as the Finance Shepherd. Tracy and I have been married since 2001. Our sons, Bradley, and Christopher were both confirmed at YCUCC. The boys are currently in college and Tracy's daughter, Nicole, currently lives in Monticello, IL with our grandson, Logan. We joined YCUCC in the summer of 2014 after visiting several other area churches. Tracy was raised in the Catholic church, and I was raised at the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove. I stopped attending church when I went away to college.



Back in 2015, the Pastor commented that if anyone was interested, the Finance Shepherd position was opening up. You know that little voice in the back your head that says, "you need to check into this?" Well, I did and 7 years later, I'm still doing it. It has opened my eyes and mind to what is involved to operate a church. It has allowed me to give back to the church and through the church, back to the community. At times, it can be a little stressful (let's talk budget) and at other times, you see the wonder of fellowship and community support. Taking care of neighbors near and far, war victims, hurricane victims, the homeless, the greater whole of the church, and so many more has outweighed the little discomfort I feel when stressing about the budget.

I am supported by the Finance Committee – Deanna Bazan, Pam Campos, Carrie DeFuss, Natalie Culberson, Jeff and Kathy Farren, Pastor Elizabeth, and Tony Houle. We are better as a whole than an individual. If you are interested in supporting the church and the finance ministry, feel free to reach out to any of the SLT members and they can point you in the right direction.

Kathy Wickens, Altar Guild



To know about someone you need to know about their background. So here we go. My father built the family home on Orange Street in 1949. My 95 year old sweet mom and sister still reside there. My parents raised five children. Myself being the oldest. Our large family still gets together on a regular basis. We started attending the old Congregational Church when I was in grade school. I was baptized and confirmed in this church. Our church has helped me through difficult times.

I went to high school with many of our church family members, Mary Ann Doetschman, Diane Dillow, Sue Kimes, Pat Norr and Jo Pierce. I was even Mrs. Carol Falato's children's babysitter. After graduating from Yorkville High School, I completed an Associate Degree at Waubensee. I then transferred my credits to Illinois State University graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree. I saw cheap concerts, Warren Beatty on campus, and heard lectures by several people. My favorite was Dr. Ralph Abernathy co founder of the Southern Baptist Christian Leadership Conference, Dr. Martin Luther King was the first president. Another highlight of my college life was bumping shoulders in the hall with the famous basketball player Doug Collins. He said "excuse me". That was one of the highlights of college.

After graduation I worked at The Association for Individual Development for 9 years. I was as a caseworker, respite caseworker and residential caseworker. I also had a part job teaching English as A Second At Elgin Community College. Then In 1989 AID sent me to a Conference in Schaumburg . "The Developmentally Disabled in the Criminal Justice System." I knew nothing about this subject. That day changed my life. I remember that day because I lost my car in the huge parking lot and security had to drive me around. In February 1989 I became an Adult Probation Officer in Kane County. I was there for 30 years, I loved that job.

Now I live in Plano with my two parakeets and two spoiled pugs Suzy and Bo. They are 11 and my babies. I have been recently been accepted as a Daughter of the American Revolution. I am a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. I volunteer selling lemonade for Open Door at the Sandwich Fair. I appreciate my church family, Pastor Elizabeth, and church mentor Goldie Behrens.



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.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for you prayers during the time of my sister Jenny Feltes Bishman's illness and passing. Your prayers and cards were such a comfort to me and my family.

Bless you all!

Love, Laurie Strong



The next J.O.Y. Circle meeting is scheduled for noon on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023** in Fellowship Hall.

I hope to see you there!

Peg Trumble | J.O.Y. Circle
Chair

SAVE THE DATE:
APRIL 16, APRIL 30,
and MAY 7

**City Park Information
Sessions**

Prepare for the congregational
vote on May 21st.



Why Insects Matter

We are approaching that time of year when we will be told, over and over, that the only good bug is a dead bug. But consider this quote from the Great Courses catalog offering "Why Insects Matter" taught by Professor Scott Solomon of Rice University: "...many biologists have pointed out if Homo sapiens simply disappeared one day, the loss would not be terribly disruptive to the rest of life on Earth. But if the insects disappeared, life on this planet would descend into chaos."

All of God's creatures have a very important role to play. Professor Solomon calls insects "Earth's most essential species". As we are called to be good stewards of the planet, it follows that protecting insects is part of our responsibility and calling. So, what can we do to help insects? And what about those insects that have been wreaking havoc around here, like the Japanese beetle and the Emerald Ash borer?? The Southeast Wisconsin Master Gardeners have a flyer that gives us some ideas. Our local Master Gardeners can surely offer some help too.

- Stop using pesticides, herbicides and fungicides as much as possible. They harm insects and their habitats.
- Grow pollen and nectar plants from early spring to late fall...3 different flowering plants at all times, natives preferred.
- Support nesting and overwintering insects with a little messy area with bare ground, leaf and stem piles.
- Learn about specific insects and the best non chemical ways to treat them...best for you, the bugs, and the planet!

There will be more information at the Green Team's Garden Party to be held Monday, April 17 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm at the church.



Used Motor Oil?

Don't know what to do with it?

Save this date!

Saturday, June 17th
Location is TBD (in May)



Take a Walk with us!

Saturday, April 8 9:00 a.m.

Hoover Forest Preserve

11285 W. Fox Road, Yorkville

Park in the first parking lot, just after the entrance and BEFORE the RR tracks. Walk will be about 1.5 miles, mostly paved and flat. Destination will be the overlook of the Fox River. We are anticipating seeing **early spring flowers**. Our wild-flower hunt will be guided by a nature expert from our church! (Add some extra trails to find more treasures if you'd like to do a little more.) Bring a friend!

No agendas, no sticky notes, no voting. Just a walk celebrating new life in the forest with our Creator and getting to know each other!



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God” - 1 John 4:7 (NRSV)

We would like to thank everyone who donated items or money toward our collection. We could not have done this without everyone.



Upcoming dates to remember:

World Refugee Sunday – June 25th

International Lunch & Fall Collection – October 1st

Updated Sunday morning announcement procedures and policies

Announcements to be included in the newsletter, bulletins, pre-service slides and as part of Sunday worship service should be sent to the Church Administrator in the office via email or a written note. You can contact the Church Administrator, Robin Campos, at 630/553-7308 or by email at adminasst@yorkvilleucc.org.

Information regarding ongoing events, (for example Adult Sunday School, Bible Studies, Wednesday night dinners) will be included in the pre-service slides without a time limitation. Announcements to be read during service can be made the 2 weeks prior to an event. If an announcement needs to be read in service more than the 2 weeks leading up to an event, please contact Lori Redmon.

For special announcements made during the service by members of the congregation we request that these announcements are kept brief to respect everyone's time and the length of service. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Lori Redmon.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

‘PRAYER’

The world’s greatest wireless connection.



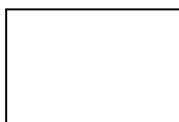


~~ YCUCC'S 2023 SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE ~~

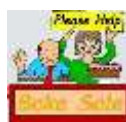
APRIL 28TH & 29TH



SORT



PRICE



BAKE



HELP

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: WEEK OF THE SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Sunday, 04/23 **Set-Up Crew** begins immediately following the Worship Service
Drop off Rummage Sale donations until @ 12:30 p.m.

Monday, 04/24 Drop off Rummage Sale donations: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Volunteers: sorting/organizing

Tuesday, 04/25 Drop off Rummage Sale donations: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Volunteers: sorting/organizing

Wednesday, 04/26 Volunteers continue sorting/organizing: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, 04/27 Volunteers finalize sorting/organizing/pricing: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Bake Sale Donations: Deliver between 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, 04/28 **1st Sale Day:** 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 04/29 **2nd Sale Day:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; \$3-a-Bag Sale | ½ price day

Tear-Down Crew begins promptly at **NOON**

Box/Bag up remaining items for a 1:00 p.m. pickup for
Wayside Cross.

Bag remaining clothing & shoes to donate to KCCFP.

~~ **Reminder** ~~

Items **not** accepted for donation:

Extra Large Furniture - i.e. '**Oversized**' sofas/sectionals, desks, entertainment centers,
(We reserve the right to decline an item that is overly large),
Electronics, Infant Car and/or Booster Seats, Mattresses, Cribs

VOLUNTEER SING-UP SHEETS WILL BE POSTED APRIL 2ND IN THE NARTHEX

~ ~ THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ~ ~

Peg Trumble - J.O.Y. Circle/Rummage Sale Chair
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Sandy Lindblom - Bake Sale Chair
slind55378@aol.com 630-553-6214 (H)



MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

Soup Sunday on March 12, 2023, proceeds of \$423.00 was designated for VBS – Vacation Bible School (which takes place in July).

Our 5 for 5 Offering, OGHS – One Great Hour of Sharing was collected on March 26th. No dollar total currently.

Our next Soup Sunday will be Sunday, April 16, 2023, with proceeds going towards the Youth Mission Trip in June. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Saturday, May 13,
10:00 a.m.**

**Field Trip to explore and picnic at
Morton Arboretum**

ALL are invited to come enjoy the spring blooms and blossoms, walking trails, picnicking and fellowship. Watch for more details and sign-ups in April.

Organized by the Green Team.



The Annual Easter Breakfast will be served from 8:45am – 9:30am prior to the Easter Worship Service. Come and enjoy egg breakfast casserole, coffee cakes, applesauce, juice, milk and coffee. The breakfast will be served by a hard-working group of youth and adults, and the proceeds will go to VBS. Thank you in advance to those of you who take home foil pans and bring them back with food to serve.

Your donations are much appreciated!



Spring Bake Sale!

April 28th and 29th

Please bring your baked items to the church on Thursday, April 27th between 9 am and 6 pm.

Sign up sheet will be available. Profits will go to Christian Education.

Suggested items:

- Pies
- Fudge
- Brownies
- Cupcakes



Thanks for you continued support!

Any questions contact Sandy Lindblom: slind55378@aol.com or 630-553-6214

YOUTH SPONSORED 'POTATO BAR'

By Barb Thurlby

Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ youth sponsored their first 'potato bar' on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Proceeds, minus expenses, will benefit the summer youth mission trip.

Sixty people enjoyed the delicious baked potatoes accompanied with an array of tasty toppings including delectable chili made by Robin Campos.

Thank you to those that joined and supported the event. A special thank you to our serving team Laurie Strong, Rhonda Ladson, Jerry Ladson and Robin Campos.



Garden Party

Monday, April 17, 2023
7:00- 8:15 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Come LOOK, LISTEN, & LEARN!

Come & be amazed by gardeners in our own church family!

Two half-hour Sessions -

your choice for each session

1. NATIVE (PERENNIAL) PLANTS OR VEGETABLE GARDEN 101

2. POLLINATORS OR RAIN BARRELS AND COMPOSTING

Hands-on activities for children 3 years and older!

Plants/seedlings/seeds for you - FREE

PLEASE SIGN UP on Bulletin Board in 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.

April is Autism Awareness month. Take some time this month to learn more about Autism.

Here are 10 books about Autism. Pick one up to read this month!

1. *Fall Down 7 Times Get Up 8* by Naoki Higashida
2. *Neurotribes* by Steve Silberman
3. *Love That Boy* by Ron Fournier
4. *The Reason I Jump* by Naoki Higashida
5. *In a Different Key* by John Donvan and Caren Zucker
6. *The Spark* by Kristine Barnett
7. *Look Me in the Eye* by John Elder Robison
8. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
9. *Flying at Night* by Rebecca L. Brown
10. *Harmony* by Carolyn Parkhurst



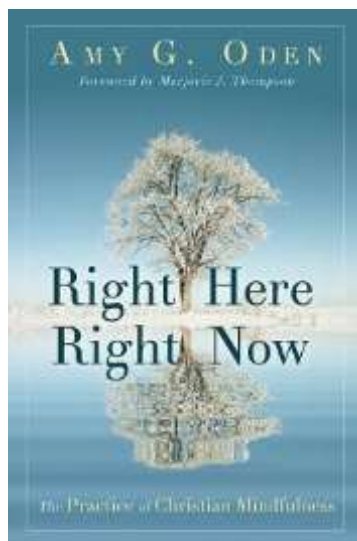
Bible Study with Pastor Elizabeth

Pastor Elizabeth is leading a bible study weekly on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. The group meets in the low-ceiling area and are currently studying Genesis. Feel free to join at any time!

Spiritual Development Group (SDG)

The SDG meets on Google Meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. It is led by Michael Obenauer. The group welcomes new participants at any time. Contact Diane Stablein (infoshep@yorkville-ucc.org) for the link to join the discussion.

SDG is currently reading *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor. The final discussion will be on April 4th when we will discuss chapters 9 - 12. We have found the book to be full of ideas and practical ways to grow your spirituality in your ordinary day to day life.



Starting April 18th, we will be reading and discussing the book, *Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness* by Amy G. Oden.

Dr. Oden holds a PhD from Southern Methodist University. She is the Professor of early church history and spirituality at St. Paul School of Theology in Oklahoma City.

"Mindfulness is all the rage. Amy Oden's book does a wonderful job of lifting up the Christian roots of mindfulness, teaching the practices, and describing the role and value of mindfulness in our current world."
—Daniel Wolpert, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Minnesota Institute of Contemplation and Healing

BLANKET MISSION 2023

By Barb Thurlby

In March 2023, twenty-two tied fleece blankets were delivered to Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Illinois through our annual blanket mission. The blankets will benefit children staying in the Women's and Children's wing of the hospital.

Hospital staff were delighted at the large donation of colorful, warm blankets for patients. Thank you, Pam and Andy Hamblin, for taking the lead on this important mission to help sick children and thank you to our church family for working together to tie a large donation! YCUCC continues to help those in need!



APRIL 16 - APRIL 30 - MAY 7: City Park Informational Sessions

The YCUCC Green Team has been talking with the City of Yorkville about putting a park on the south corner of our property, and the City has offered a proposal for our congregation to consider and vote on at the Congregational meeting on May 21.

The Green Team and SLT will be hosting 3 informational sessions regarding this opportunity after church on **April 16, April 30 and May 7**. Members of these teams will be available to discuss the topic and field your questions.

The park will be designed for tots given the small acreage. It will include a pavilion with electricity, an enclosed restroom, and would include many benefits for YCUCC. The City will pave our south parking area with about 20 spaces. They will install a concrete pad for our garbage and recycling bins on the south side of our garage. They will install another concrete pad on the north side of our building along the parking lot for our paper recycling bins. YCUCC will get 10 days per calendar year to reserve the pavilion free of charge. The land will be deeded to the City for this purpose, and the church will incur no cost and no liability for the park.

These are just a few of the many details surrounding this project, and we are excited to help you learn more. Please consider attending one of the informational sessions. You can also reach out to Anne Engelhardt (anneenglehardt@sbcglobal.net) or Deanna Bazan (bdbazan@comcast.net) for more information.



YCUCC SERVES DAYBREAK

Our trip to Daybreak homeless shelter in March had tremendous support from YCUCC members. Many thanks to all who provided food for the meal- Pam Campos, Carrie DeFuss, Jean Heffernan, Pastor Elizabeth Hartung, Mary McCracken, Barb Thurlby, Diane Dillow, Lori Redmon, Tim Andrus, Linda Melhouse, Anne Engelhardt and Goldie Behrens. Daybreak guests truly appreciate home cooked food.

Thanks, too, to the serving crew- Sandy Lindblom, Brian Bazan, Salli Walden and Gavin Redmon. We couldn't do this ministry without their help.

Our church will be providing the lunch again on April 21. If you haven't helped before, please consider doing so then. The meals we serve are pretty simple- you don't have to be a master chef! The menu is divided up so no one person has to provide all of any one dish. For example, four people sent meatloaf in March.

Again, thanks to all who have helped us support Daybreak.

Kathy Farren





Because He lives, we CAN face tomorrow.
A Stephen Minister will care, listen and encourage you.



Contact church office, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman



Do this in remembrance of me.

At home communion will be available during Holy Week Palm Sunday to Easter April 2-9. Pastor Elizabeth and YCUCC Care Team will offer communion to those who desire to partake at home or in a care facility.
Please contact the church office by Friday, March 31.

**Marching in the July 4th Parade? Working the rummage sale?
Volunteering somewhere?**

Show your spirit with YCUCC Spirit Wear!

Available in T-shirts (long and short sleeve),
V-neck, Sweatshirts and Hoodies

Most available in Cardinal Red or Heather Gray

Now available online!

<https://www.customink.com/g/xnn0-00cq-psee>

Order by April 11th

For assistance with online ordering see Pam Campos after service on 3/19, 3/26 and 4/2

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Quarterly Report for Pastoral Care Ministry

Quarter: 1 Year: 2023
Reports for dates: 01/01/23 through 03/31/23

Worship Attendance	Adults	Children	Online	Special Service	Weekly Total	Monthly Total
01/01/2023	39	5	3		47	
01/08/2023	85	30	4	Remembrance Sunday	115	
01/15/2023	98	20	1		119	
01/22/2023	89	28	2		119	
01/22/2023	89	12	1	Pastor Installation	102	
01/29/2023	102	30	4		136	
Total for January						638
02/05/2023	104	29	2		135	
02/12/2023	103	27	5		135	
02/19/2023	96	29	6		131	
02/22/2023	49	9		Ash Wednesday	58	
02/26/2023	87	20	4		110	
Total for February						569
03/05/2023	76	30	6		112	
03/12/2023	90	29	6		125	
03/19/2023	97	30	10		137	
03/26/2023	107	27	6		140	
Total for March						514
Quarterly Total						1721

Additions (0)

1. Confirmation
2. Confession of Faith
3. Letter of Transfer In

Losses: (5)

Death 2/26/2023-June Leifheit--3/03/2023-Jeffrey L. Corneils
Letter of Transfer out 1/31/2023 – Kris, Eva & Luke Schoenfielder
3 Other Removals

Baptisms: (0)

1. Child 0-12:

Adult 13 and over:

Weddings: (0)

Funerals: (2) 03/03/2023-June Leifheit- 3-11-2023-Jeffrey L. Corneils

Respectfully Submitted: Goldie Behrens & Diane Dillow

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9-11 am Youth Group Team Building at Hoover
2 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Voyageurs 9:00 am Adult Education 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt	3 	4 ELECTION DAY 6am-7pm VOTING 9:00 am B&G MTG 7:00pm Altar in This World Discussion	5 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm 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	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 pm Service	7 GOOD FRIDAY 12-3 pm Prayers at the Cross 6:00 pm Candlelight Service	8
9 EASTER 8:45 am Easter Breakfast 10:00 am Worship NO Sunday School	10 6:30p Green Team Mtg in Fellowship Hall	11 9:00 am B&G MTG 10:00 am Pastoral Care 7:00 pm Visioning Team Meeting	12 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm Bible Study 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 6:00 pm Pastoral Care Conf. Rm 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group	13 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	14	15
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23 Earth Sunday 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:15 am New Members Class	24	25 9:00 am B&G MTG	26 9:00 am Newsletter Mailing 11:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice NO KIDS PROGRAMING or CHILDCARE	27	28 9:00 am-7:30 pm Rummage Sale	29 9:00 am-12:00 Rummage Sale
Rummage Set-Up and Sale						
30 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School New Members						



Those Grieving:

The Corneils Family
The DeFuss Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Terri Patterson	Coulson Taylor
Pat Dietz	Pearl Undesser
Tom Lindblom	

Health Concerns:

Lynn Belcher	Sue Kimes	Michelle Terri
Deb Bezroukoff	Lee Kinkade	Finley Walker
Anne Byrd	Jonathan Lamp	
Wayne Cruise	Mazie Marshall	
Dave Encinas	Joanne O'Brien	
Virginia Goss	Connie Pierrepont	
Wyatt Jones	Dale Prochaska	

General Concerns:

Deb Mendell	Fur Babies:
Prochaska Family	Kelly Fischer - Maggie & Riley

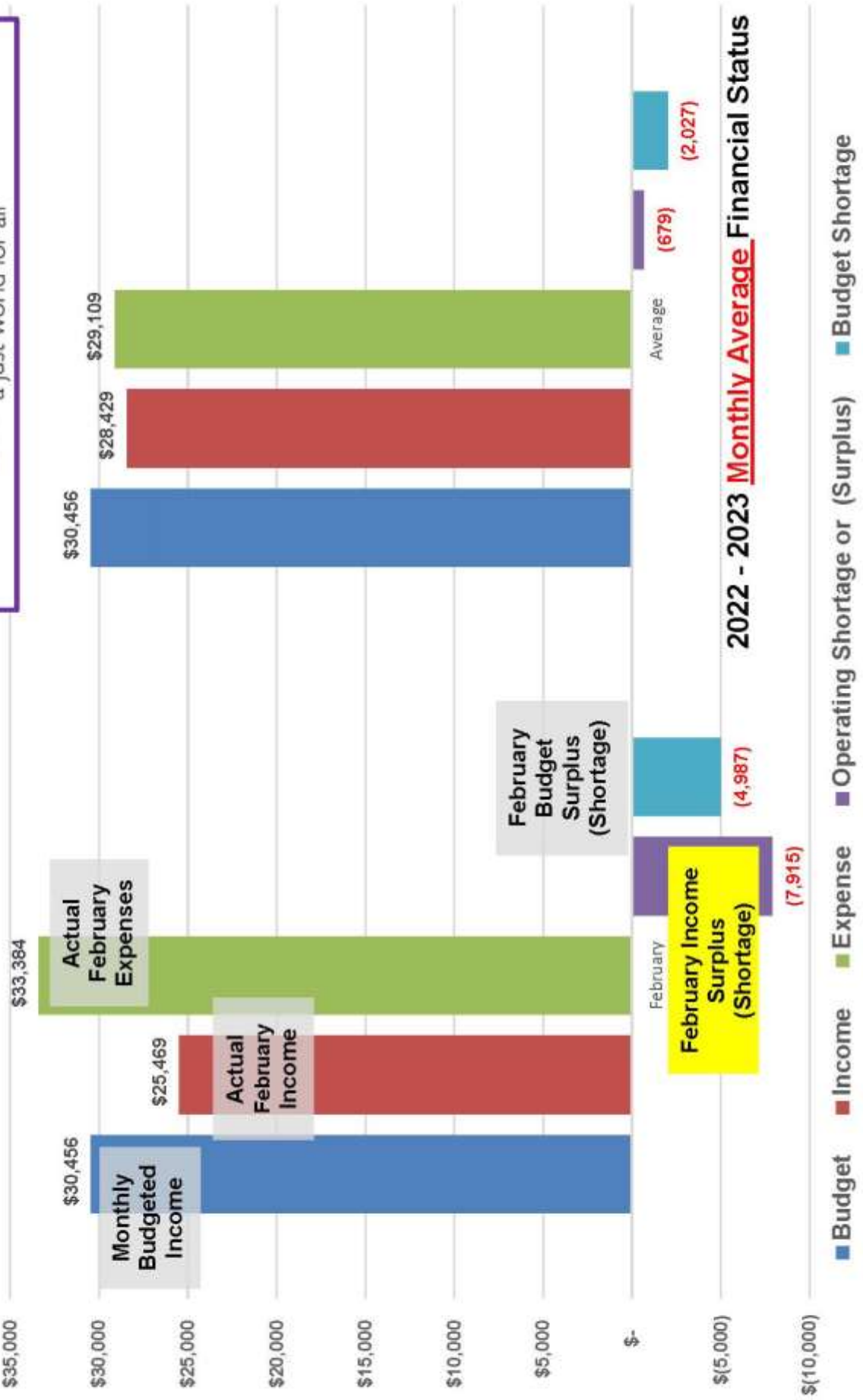
Homebound/Assisted Living:

Myrah Baldwin, Earl Bushnell, Wayne & Delores Cruise, Pat Dietz, Dave Encinas
Ruth Prince, Fred Wayne, Virginia Goss, Lee Kinkade

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.

February 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!**



The nursery is open!

*Our caregivers are fully vaccinated and masked, if needed.
The nursery is available for children 0 to 2 years old.*

April Birthdays

Jill Mickelson	02	Elodia Heffernan	19
Jim Stitt	02	Mariela Olvera	19
Leslie Hart	03	Artie Prochaska	19
Bob McGee	03	Adam Morello	20
Andrew Goss	05	Samantha Keith	21
Hudson Martinez	05	Craig Pottinger	21
Kirk Brown	06	Brant Corwin	22
Elisabeth Mallon	08	Melissa Drew	23
Owen Shatters	08	Julie Gawne	24
Colton Kolowski	09	Audrey Salyer	24
Collin Snow	10	Dee Brown	25
David Snow	10	Fred Wayne	26
Jacob Snow	10	Mackenzie Brewick	27
Raegan McLeod	11	Beth Goss	27
Jacob Reeder	12	Sarah Pottinger	27
Dan Melhouse	12	Robin Campos	29
Chase Pranga	13	Jo Pierce	29
Rev. Tim Rhodes	13		
Martin Drew	15		
Donna Fatten	16		
Matt Skinner	16		
Stacy Skinner	17		
Carole Munson	18		
Tim Strong	18		
Sara Gelsomino	19		

Sixth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Ps 118:1-2, 19-29

Matt 21:1-11

Palm Sunday

Easter

WHITE

Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6

Ps 118:1-2, 14-24

Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matt 28:1-10

Second Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Ps 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Holy Language

Third Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Breaking Bread

April Anniversaries

06 Tony & Pam Campos	32 Years
12 John & Ruth Morello	37 Years
15 Ron & Deb Bezroukoff	28 Years
26 Tim & Laurie Strong	37 Years

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Powerful Witness



Altar Guild

Kathy Wickens



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
4/2/2023	Annabelle Reeder	Pam Campos	Everyday Passion
4/9/2023	Sadie Pottinger	Pam Campos	The Unbelievable
4/16/2023	Molly Davis	Sandy deRidder	The Spirit of Water
4/23/2023	Luke DeFuss	Sandy deRidder	Faith and Truth
4/30/2023	Owen Shatters	Sandy deRidder	Gather Together

Our Mission Statement

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

Our Vision Statement

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

Open & Affirming Covenant

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

Watch our church services on the internet!!

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3. Scroll down to select the appropriate sermon date.
4. Click the arrow to view the sermon video.

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