



## Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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### **Staff**

<u>Minister</u>	Rev. Elizabeth Hartung
<u>Christian Ed. Director</u>	
<u>Church Administrator</u>	Robin Campos
<u>Chancel Choir Director</u>	Doug Trumble
<u>Children's Choir Director</u>	Sondra Shatters
<u>Organist</u>	Tina Andersen
<u>Pianist</u>	Lori Runkle
<u>Childcare Attendants</u>	Robin Campos Dakota Shatters
<u>Custodians</u>	Tim & Laurie Strong
<u>Sexton</u>	Louise DeFuss

### **Shepherds**

<u>Chairperson</u>	Deanna Bazan
<u>Vice Chairperson</u>	Carrie DeFuss
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Aaron Shatters
<u>Operations: Personnel</u>	Pam Campos
<u>Operations: Bldg. &amp; Grds</u>	Tony Houle
<u>Operations: Finance</u>	Tim Andrus
<u>Information Services</u>	Diane Stablein
<u>Christian Education: Adult</u>	Aimee List
<u>Christian Education: Youth</u>	Stacy Skinner
<u>Worship: Serving</u>	Lori Redmon
<u>Worship: Preparation</u>	Kathy Wickens
<u>Church Family: Caring</u>	Lou Ann Hoffman
<u>Church Family: Fellowship</u>	Laurie Houle
<u>Service: Missions</u>	June Davis
<u>Outreach/Welcoming</u>	Kathy Farren

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

# The Happenings

## May 2023





## Elizabeth's Expressions

Dear Church Family,  
May is a busy time of year for many of us as we transition from spring to summer. As we navigate this busy season, I want to remind you of the hope and promise that comes with God's new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17, we are reminded that **"in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!"** This verse reminds us that with faith in God, we can experience new beginnings and transformation in our lives.

As we continue to celebrate the season between Easter and Pentecost, let us reflect on the importance of having faith in the resurrection and the power of the Holy Spirit. During this time, we can also take a moment to remember the disciples' waiting period for the arrival of the Holy Spirit and how they continued to have faith even in uncertain times.

I have used three words at the start of worship, WELCOME, CARE, and SERVE. Our church family works hard to welcome, care for, and serve all of God's people. We are creating a community where everyone feels valued and loved, regardless of their background or circumstances. We have reached out to those in need and offered a helping hand, whether through acts of service or providing emotional support. We strive to be a church that exemplifies the love and compassion of Jesus, where everyone is welcomed with open arms and cared for in times of need. By prioritizing these values, we continue to build a truly inclusive community where all of God's people can find a home and a family.

Congratulations to all of our graduates! We are so proud of your hard work and dedication to your studies, and we are excited to see where your next journey takes you. As you enter this new stage of your life, please know that you have the love and support of your church family behind you. We believe in your potential and are excited to see all that you will accomplish in the future. May God bless you on this next journey, and may you continue to grow in wisdom, faith, and grace. Once again, congratulations on your well-deserved achievements!

Peace in God's Love,  
Pastor Elizabeth

## A Note About Confirmation

If you have a student interested in Confirmation for the fall of 2023, we invite them to join us. Confirmation is when we affirm the promises made at our baptism and publicly declare our faith in Jesus Christ. Through Confirmation, students have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of their faith, grow in their relationship with God, and become full members of the church. It is a time of learning, reflection, and growth as students prepare to take this important step in their faith journey. We would love for your rising 7th-12th graders to join us and experience the blessings of Confirmation.

Please contact Pastor Elizabeth at [yorkvillepastor@yorkvilleucc.com](mailto:yorkvillepastor@yorkvilleucc.com) if you want to sign up your student.





## From the Desk of the Chair

I was feeling overwhelmed last week and knew I needed to catch my breath and free my mind, no matter how big the pile on my desk appeared to be. I wandered into the woods taking a deep breath. Ironically, the natural wonder that most captured my attention was the Spring Beauty, one of the first woodland wildflowers of the season, and one of the smallest. I found myself focused intently on that flower. I recognized its two tiny leaves that have been up for a month or better, just waiting for the right time to prod those blossoms into bloom. The thin stem was supporting quite a bouquet of blossoms. Peering intently, I focused on the bright pink stripes that lead the way down the petals right into the center, those stripes that direct the pollinators to the pollen. How is it, I wondered, that these tiny flowers come up every year, without fail, through our crazy Illinois spring weather? They are found by the pollinators, they are celebrated by the woodland wildflower enthusiasts, and I doubt they ever worry about a single thing. I thought about the birds of air and the flowers of the field, and if God cares for all of them, then certainly God will look after me as well, right? (Matthew 6:26-30)



My walk in the woods provided some clarity. At YCUCC, we are preparing for our Annual Meeting on May 21. We will be voting on our budget, our new and returning Shepherds, and our city park proposal. The Personnel ministry is beginning the search for a new Christian Education Director. The mission trip and VBS are right around the corner, and we've got a beautiful building and grounds to maintain. Every ministry is actively engaged in the work of our church. If God has his eye on the birds and the flowers, then surely God has an eye on us as well. I remember to take a deep breath (me of little faith), knowing that we are part of God's creation and that He will guide and care for us as well. Thanks be to God!

Yours in Service,  
Deanna Bazan  
Chairperson, SLT



## What has Building and Grounds been up to?

On Saturday, April 22nd the building and grounds crew hosted an all church spring clean up. During spring clean up a crew of 6 people braved the snow and rain to refresh the mulch on the property. They moved over 100 bags of mulch! This is your friendly reminder that we can find ourselves at Menards weekly and would love Menards gift cards to help complete our projects.

While it wasn't snowing this past month, the crew took advantage of the warm weather to walk around outside to see what exterior work needs to be done. Look forward to information about painting the garage and the south side of the building. Another project that is hoped to be completed soon is more storage and shelving in the garage.

Speaking of storage, the North attic had a lot of attention drawn to it this month. Flowers and Christmas decorations were moved around to clear up the walk way. **If you are looking for a decoration that was moved to a high shelf, please ask B&G for assistance.** Items should not be placed on any of the pink VBS boards or navy blue Christmas Pageant boards (these are very expensive). They block the walkway and the boards will bend and warp.

Finally, we had our annual roof inspection. The roof is still in excellent condition. We do have minor hail damage, but it is not enough to be repaired. A more in depth report will be included in next month's newsletter.





## SLT MEET AND GREET: Laurie and Tony Houle



### Laurie Houle-Fellowship

Tony and I have been married for 46 wonderful years. We have three children, Nikki, T.J., and Alex, and six grandchildren, Jaxton, Cooper, Sawyer, Talon, Roxie and Zoey. I just retired after 15 years working as an office manager for Dr. Liza Saviano, a podiatrist in Oswego. I grew up in Yorkville and have been with out church for the last six years.

I organize our church fellowship activities; after church services in our Fellowship Hall, I work with church members to ensure that coffee and other drinks are provided along with snacks. We have celebrated Passover Seder Dinners in April, I decorate and organize Fat Tuesday which is celebrated on the Sunday before Easter. I organize our church picnic in September, Thanksgiving dinner in November, and the chili cook-off January. I also organize welcoming parties and farewell celebrations. We even organized a birthday party for a church member who was turning 100 years old! I am always seeking assistance from church members. Please sign up to bring treats for our weekly Sunday Fellowship Coffee Hours and PLEASE sign up to be on the Fellowship Committee as I am a committee of one!

### Tony Houle– Building and Grounds

Every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. our Building and Grounds team meets to discuss and act on issues concerning the church building and surrounding property. Since we meet (and work) in the mornings, on week days, our members tend to be retired. Brian Bazan, Andy Hamblin, Jeff Kline, and Bob McGee are dedicated to the Church and its operations.

Robin Campos keeps our group organized and provides essential communication, not only for our group, but communicates important information to our congregation. Robin keeps us on task by providing a weekly agenda. She contacts vendors and contractors to obtain bids for projected work as well as for emergency work.

If any building work is needed (roof repair, painting, electrical, plumbing, etc.) or work outside (grass cutting, snow removal) is necessary, our Building and Grounds team must either do the actual work or establish contracts with vendors to complete necessary tasks. Our building is over 30 years old and, just like your house, almost everything wears out. We have to replace materials as they wear out or hire contractors to complete necessary work.

In my former life as a high school science teacher, I was the science chair at Wheaton Warrenville South High School. I was National Board Certified as a biology teacher, and worked for the Illinois State Board of Education in an effort to have other science teachers in northern Illinois obtain National Board Certification. Also, I taught Genetics and Biotechnology to high school students in the summer at Northwestern University. I am most proud of our children: Nikki teaches science at Washington Middle School in Naperville, T.J. is the foreman for Parks and Recreation for the City of Yorkville, and Alex served in the U.S. Army for 16 years, obtaining a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

Building and Grounds is always seeking assistance. Much of our work is mundane (i.e., we move a lot of tables and chairs) and we provide assistance to other church groups (Joy Circle and their Rummage Sale, Worship Committee, Fellowship, and Christian Education). It's most gratifying to work with our congregation in an effort to keep church operations running smoothly and especially satisfying to network with altruistic church members dedicated to maintaining a high quality house of worship.





## 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.

## Annual Meeting – Sunday May 21, 2023

YCUCC will hold our annual meeting on Sunday May 21 in the sanctuary immediately following worship. Agenda items will include approval of meeting minutes, approval of the budget and the SLT Shepherds, and approval of the City Park proposal. Every household will receive a letter announcing this meeting and providing the documents on which we will vote. Your presence at this meeting is important because a legitimate vote requires the majority of our attending members to be there. Please reach out to any SLT member with questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for supporting this congregation.



## You are invited to order a Green Team T-Shirt!

Shirts are available in crew necks and V-neck. Shirt cost is \$20 and can be paid in cash or check (written to Anne Engelhardt, who will place the order.) Order form and payment DUE by MAY 15, and shirts will be delivered to you at church two weeks later. Order forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



## Help YCUCC Shine on the 4th of July!

The weather may not feel like it, but it really won't be long until the Fourth of July.

Yorkville's Independence Day celebration provides our church with three opportunities to be more visible to the community.

We will be having an entry in the parade, manning the bounce houses in the Town Square Park after the parade, and then letting people gather in the church parking lot to watch the fireworks at dusk.

Volunteers will be needed to walk in the parade which steps off at 9 a.m. and lasts about an hour. Including the time to line up before 9 a.m., this is about a 2 hour commitment. People will also be needed to help with the bounce houses. The City of Yorkville is providing the bounce houses and getting them inflated and ready. Our job will be to stand at the entrance and exit points to make sure there aren't too many kids in at one time and that kids are safely leaving the bounce houses. We will have cards with information about YCUCC activities- like Vacation Bible School- to hand out to parents. Activities in the park start as the parade ends and conclude by 12:30 or 1 p.m. at the latest.

Finally, our location close to where the fireworks will be set off gives us an opportunity to meet with even more community residents in our own parking lot. Last year, the gaga ball pit was set up for kids to use before the fireworks and the church distributed free snow cones. Again, this is no more than about a two hour commitment.

Each of these activities would allow you to attend your own family picnics, cookouts or pool parties, and still have time to help the church early in the day or in the evening.

When July 4 gets closer, there will be sign-up sheets for volunteers. Keep us in mind and plan to help spread the word about YCUCC sometime on July 4.



## New Communion Ware Set!

Have you seen our new communion ware set? It is a ceramic set made by Gavin Finefield of Finefield pottery, who is also an ordained minister. You may be asking, "Why do we need a new set?"

"What's wrong with our traditional silver set that maintains our church history?" Recently, our silver set needed a repair to the handle at the top of the pitcher. The craftsman doing the repair discovered that the set is lead-lined with silver plating. That is not an issue. The problem arises because the finishes on the pitcher and the cups have been compromised, which may lead to leakage of the lead. The Worship and Spiritual Growth ministry was then faced with a decision of having to have

the set replated or go with a new set. The decision was made to go with the new set, which has been donated by Carol Falato as a gift to the church. It is a beautiful set, and we look forward to using it for many years to come. Our original set can still be viewed and appreciated in the cabinet outside the office, alongside many of our other original worship accessories. If you have any questions, you can ask any of the following members of the Worship & Spiritual Growth team: Coral Clevenger, Kathy Wickens, Carol Falato, Lori Redmon, Pastor Elizabeth.





## YCUCC Christian Education Update

Submitted by Stacy Skinner, Youth Education Shepherd



Over the past month Christian Education at YCUCC has looked a little different. Jenna Anderson and Helaina Koplin who were pre-school teachers and childcare attendant are high school seniors and have moved on to college prep-we thank them for their service. We are so grateful for Lindsay Martinez and Alison Strandell who have been co-preschool teachers and now have become the lead teaching team in preschool education.

The search committee for the Christian Education Director team has been formed, we kindly ask for input from the congregation as to what qualifications we would like to see in our new CE Director as well as programing suggestions. Please see Deanna Bazan to share your thoughts.

As the school year quickly comes to end we have many exciting events planned for our youth at YCUCC. While the search is underway for the new CE Director we will be asking parents and friends to sign up to teach Kids Summer School starting June 4th- please see the bulletin board for the sign up sheet. All of us on the CE Team have been looking forward to VBS (July 16th-20th) we are in need of a few volunteers to help with staffing the stations as well as group leaders. Please see Robin or Stacy if your able to help.

## MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

Another Great Soup Sunday on April 16, 2023 with proceeds of \$534.00 designated for YCUCC Youth Mission trip in June. The Missions Ministry "Thanks Everyone" for their Stewardship in helping make this happen. May God Bless You All.

Our 5 for 5 Offering, OGHS – One Great Hour of Sharing collected on March 26<sup>th</sup> netted \$900.00. Again, Thanks a Bunch to All.

There will be NO more soup Sundays till October in the fall. Our next 5 for 5 Offering "Strengthen the Church" will be collected on Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

Isaiah 12:22



**Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**VBS REGISTRATION FORM – 2023**  
**Sunday, July 16 – Thursday, July 20, 2022**  
(One Per Child)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members participating in VBS: \_\_\_\_\_



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

Does YCUCC have permission to publish your child/children's photographs or videos in the church or community newspapers, website, or social media? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

(YCUCC to complete below)

Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for the week per child: \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check





## **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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 the Morton Arboretum with the Green Team and Walking Ministry. Plan to explore the glorious grounds, bring a picnic lunch, and celebrate the beauty of nature and the joy of fellowship. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. There is a fast and hard deadline of Sunday, May 7th.

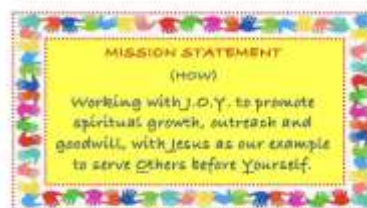
Tickets:

Seniors (65+): \$10

Adults (18-64): \$11

Children (2-17): \$8

Children under 2: Free



**J.O.Y. Circle will meet at noon on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.**

### **AGENDA**

Proceed distribution to church programs and charitable organizations from the 2023 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale will be determined.

~ ~ Looking ahead to 2023-2024 ~ ~

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Updates from the 2023 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale will appear in June's The Happenings Newsletter! A huge thank you is extended to everyone who helped with the 2023 Spring Rummage and Bake Sale. You are greatly appreciated!!

Peg Trumble | J.O.Y. Circle Chair

# City Park Plan FAQs

## **Will the church be selling the property to the City?**

- No, the property will be deeded to the City for the purpose of a park. There is no cost to the church, and there will be no monetary exchange.

## **What benefits will YCUCC receive in this exchange?**

- The park will include a 26' x 40' pavilion.
- The park will include a playground for tots.
- YCUCC will have the south parking area paved with about 13 spaces facing the building.
- A concrete pad will be installed under our garbage and recycling bins next to the garage.
- A concrete pad will be installed on the north side of the church for our paper recycling bins.
- The park will have a portable restroom unit with a privacy enclosure.
- YCUCC mowing will be reduced, therefore reducing our cost for lawn care.
- Soft benefits include more visibility in the community with a park on site. Young families who visit the park may be drawn to our congregation.

## **Will YCUCC be able to use the pavilion?**

- Yes. The City will grant 10 reservation dates each calendar year to YCUCC with no charge. The church can use the pavilion for VBS, church picnics, and other church events.
- The park and pavilion are open to the community and to our congregation without reservation any day of the year.
- The pavilion will hold 100 people and will come with picnic tables.
- The location of the pavilion, near the garage, will make it easy to add tables and/ or chairs for special events, services, programs.
- Our Building and Grounds team struggles to meet the demands of outdoor events with setting up tables and chairs. The pavilion makes all of this much easier.

## **Will solar panels be installed on the pavilion to meet church energy needs?**

- The pavilion will NOT have solar panels installed. We are looking into solar panels for the garage. There were too many potential conflicts with different owners of land, pavilion, solar panels, and produced electricity.

## **What will be included in the Pavilion?**

- Yes - electrical outlets, enclosed and locked
- No plumbing; no water
- 4 moveable picnic tables from the City

## **When the City's Parks and Rec Department designs the park, will they be willing to get input from members of the Green Team and SLT? Yes.**

## **What liabilities will the church incur for this project?**

- None. The City will be liable for park usage and will conduct monthly and annual required inspections.
- The City will maintain the park (mowing, cleaning, repairs, etc.).

## **When will this project get started and be finished?**

- The project is expected to be installed this summer and ready for use by fall.

## **Will the church have an attorney to review the contract with the City of Yorkville? Yes.**

## **There are three residential properties adjacent or near the proposed park. Have these neighbors been given information about the proposed park?**

- Yes. Two employees of City of Yorkville's Department of Parks and Recreation and a member for the YCUCC's Green Team visited these three residencies and gave them informational handouts.

## **Who will own the south parking lot? Who has liability for injuries in the south parking lot?**

- YCUCC currently owns and will continue to own the south parking lot.
- YCUCC has liability for both the south parking lot and for the east parking lot
- Park users will likely use our south parking lot.

## **Who will be responsible for maintenance, repairs, and snow plowing for the south parking lot?**

- YCUCC owns the parking lot and will be responsible for maintenance, repairs and snow plowing

## **What potential problems may occur in a Yorkville City park?**

- Vandalism. City parks do experience many different types of vandalism; however, we do not expect YCC to be affected.
- Injuries/Crimes. Public use parks have no liability. They are accepted as "use at your own risk" areas. The church would never have any liability in any case.



*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

## SAVE THE DATE: MAY 7

### City Park Information Sessions

Prepare for the congregational vote on May 21st.



### Can you help provide lunch for Daybreak Shelter on May 19?

It will be YCUCC's turn to provide lunch for Daybreak Homeless Shelter again on Friday, May 19.

The menu will be sloppy jo, coleslaw, chips and dessert. We need donations of four 3-pound batches of sloppy jo, a total of 72 hamburger buns, three 2.75 pound tubs of coleslaw (Jewel's Signature brand is 2.75 pounds but any brand is OK), three big bags of barbecue potato chips, three big bags of regular potato chips, and three desserts. If you can help provide any of these items, call or email Kathy Farren, 630-803-0514, [ednpub@earthlink.net](mailto:ednpub@earthlink.net).



### A Light exists in Spring

*Emily Dickinson*

A Light exists in Spring  
Not present on the Year  
At any other period —  
When March is scarcely here

It waits upon the Lawn,  
It shows the furthest Tree  
Upon the furthest Slope you know  
It almost speaks to you.

A quality of loss  
Affecting our Content  
As Trade had suddenly encroached  
Upon a Sacrament.

A Color stands abroad  
On Solitary Fields  
That Science cannot overtake  
But Human Nature feels.

Then as Horizons step  
Or Noons report away  
Without the Formula of sound  
It passes and we stay —

## YCUCC Youth Hosts Easter Breakfast

On Sunday April 16th the youth group, with the help from Deanna Bazan, Pam Campos, and Lori Redmon, put on the well loved Easter Breakfast. The youth came in the morning before to set up and dress tables for Sunday morning. The Easter Breakfast is only possible because of our generous donors and bakers. We had 12 egg casseroles, 4 coffee cakes, and 4 beverage donors. Thank you to everyone who came to support our education program, specifically Vacation Bible School. We earned \$240.00 in donations for VBS this July.



## Upcoming CE Events

Youth Lock-in: May 5th-6th

Teacher Recognition: May 7th



Muffins with Mom's: May 14th

Graduation Sunday: May 14th

Last Wednesday Night Programing: May 17th

Summer Kids Church: Starts June 4th

Youth Group Mission Trip: June 11-16th



Donuts with Dad's: June 18th



Vacation Bible School: July 16-20th



Family Night at the Kane County Cougars: August 4th



# 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.

## 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](mailto:infoshep@yorkville-ucc.org)) for the link to join the discussion.

SDG is continuing their reading and discussion of, *Right Here, Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness* by Amy G. Oden.

Reading Assignments and Dates we will be discussing them are:

May 2--Chapter 2

May 16--Chapter 3

May 30--Chapter 4

## Library News

Look for these new titles in the library!

***The Four Winds*** by Kristin Hannah: From the Texas plains to the California coast, this Depression-era tale follows a family striving for a better life.

***Sing, Unburied Sing*** by Jessamin Ward: The story is a journey through Mississippi's past and present that is both an intimate portrait of a family and an epic tale of hope and struggle.

***Kaikeyi*** by Vaishnavi Patil: Why should boys have all the fun? In this epic tale that pulls heartstrings, Kaikeyi fights for her place in history.

***Olga Dies Dreaming*** by Xochitl Gonzalez: Two siblings vie for the American dream until Hurricane Maria drags their estranged mother back into their lives.

***Sisters in Arms*** by Kaia Alderson: A novel based on the true story of the first black women to serve overseas in WWII.

Aimee List

Adult Education Shepherd



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:00 am B&G MTG	3 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	4	5 <div>Youth Event</div>	6
7 Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship Sunday School Teacher Recognition	8 6:30pm Green Team in FH	9 9:00 am B&G MTG . 10:00 am Pastoral Care 7:00 pm Visioning Team Meeting	10 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Pastoral Care Conf. Rm 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	11 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	12	13
14 <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:40 am Muffins with Mom 10:00 am Worship Sunday School Graduate Sunday	15 7:00pm Outreach Mtg	16 9:00 am B&G MTG 12:00 pm JOY Circle	17 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:45-7:45 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	18	19 <div>NEWSLETTER CALENDAR DUE DATE</div>	20
21 Music Sunday 10:00 am Worship NO Sunday School 11:00am Annual Meeting	22	23 9:00 am B&G MTG	24 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 9:00 am Newsletter Mailing 11:00 am Staff Meeting	25	26	27
28 Pentecost 10:00 am Worship NO Sunday School 5 for 5 Mission-- Strengthen the Church	29 Memorial Day <div>Church Office Closed</div>	30 9:00 am B&G MTG	31 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 11:00 am Staff Meeting TBD Youth Group			



### **Those Grieving:**

The DeFuss Family

### **Those in Cancer Treatment:**

Terri Patterson	Coulson Taylor
Pat Dietz	Pearl Undesser
Tom Lindblom	

### **Health Concerns:**

Lynn Belcher	Wyatt Jones
Deb Bezroukoff	Sue Kimes
Earl Bushnell	Lee Kinkade
Anne Byrd	Jonathan Lamp
Wayne Cruise	Mazie Marshall
Dave Encinas	Dale Prochaska
Virginia Goss	Finley Walker

### **General Concerns:**

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

### **Homebound/Assisted Living:**

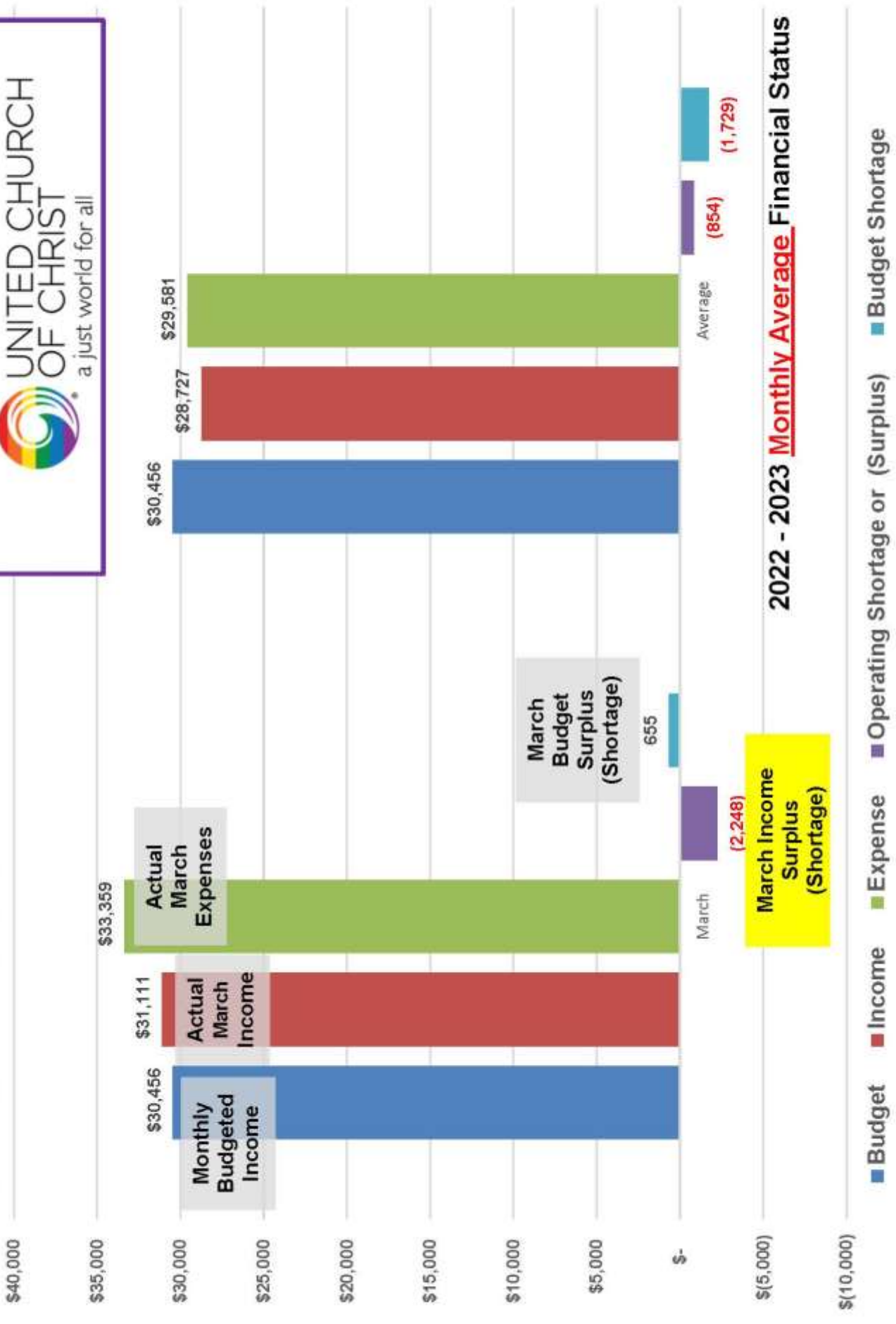
Myrah Baldwin, Earl Bushnell, Wayne & Delores Cruise, Pat Dietz, Dave Encinas  
Ruth Prince, Fred Wayne, Virginia Goss, Lee Kinkade

### **GRIEFSHARE:**

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



### March 2022 Financial Status



2022 - 2023 Monthly Average 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!**



***The nursery is open!***

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

## May Birthdays

Justin Sartori	01	Barbara Hofmann	18
Brian Bazan	03	Rev. Elizabeth Hartung	19
Delores Lies	03	Natalie Culberson	22
Paul Myers	03	Megan Rhodes-Johnson	23
Diane Conover	05	Max Morello	28
Barb Thurlby	05	Bret Reifsteck	28
Ashlynn McLeod	06	Carol Seibel Falato	29
Lynn Goins	07		
Robbie Strandell	07		
Salli Walden	08		
Anne Engelhardt	09		
Jamie McLeod	09		
Gere' Ryerson	09		
Kathy Reeder	10		
Vanessa Strandell	10		
Matt Strong	10		
David Encinas	11		
Emily Gawne	11		
Kaitlin Mulligan	12		
Lea Ann Skogsberg	13		
Zachary Seibel	14		
Reagan Ramirez	15		
Jerry Engelhardt	16		

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Acts 7:55-60

Ps 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

*Enduring Witness*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Acts 17:22-31

Ps 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

*Witness of Love*

Mother's Day

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Acts 1:6-14

Ps 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

*Spirit of Witness*

Mental Health Sunday

## May Anniversaries

02 Terry & Christine Keith	8 Years
05 Wayne & Delores Cruise	74 Years
11 Tyler & Krista Wilson	4 Years
12 Dan & Julie Gette	33 Years
18 Jeff & Diane Dillow	45 Years
25 Keith & Terri Frisk	38 Years
27 Matt & Katie Pansera	5 Years
28 Salli & Duane Walden	18 Years

## Pentecost Sunday

RED

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30

Ps 104:24-34, 25b

1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

*Strengthen the Church Offering*



## Altar Guild

Kathy Wickens



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
5/07/2023	Aidan Mendell	June Davis	Living Stones do the Work
5/14/2023	DJ Melhouse	June Davis	Good Work, Hard Work
5/21/2023	Cayla Pottinger	June Davis	Music Sunday
5/28/2023	Ronan Heffernan	June Davis	Memorial Day

### **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.
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