



## Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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<u>Altar Guild</u>	Kathy Wickens

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<u>Chairperson</u>	Deanna Bazan
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<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**  
**Voyagers: 9:00 am**

# The Happenings

# June

## 2023





## Pastor's Porch

Porches are places where we can sit and talk as the day passes. Several years ago, as I watched my children play and I would talk to my friends on my porch, I began to realize how to engage in backyard theology. It soon became a regular occurrence for a short time. Nothing is permanent, yet time seems to stand still as we gather on our porches. I hope you all can enjoy the new patio set we got through our rummage sale, and I hope to sit with you and talk as time seems to stand still.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Festival of Homiletics, a national gathering of 1,500 preachers and pastors. My soul is full with the Spirit from worship and listening to professors and preachers speaking their truth and wisdom of God's hope at work in the world. I look forward to sharing this with you in bits and pieces over the next year.

I spent some time engaging the acronym I created a few weeks ago for worship as I listened to the speakers: GOD's WORK, Welcome Open Restore, and Knit.

**W***elcome: God calls us to welcome all of God's children as they enter our church doors and engage others in our daily lives. Radical welcome is radical inclusivity and is a new way of seeing and doing. Radical welcome is moving past the us-es\* and the thems\* and engaging those on the margin. (\*Bishop Yvette Flunder)*

**O***pen: Being open is to pay attention to all that is God in the margins of our world. We open our hearts and minds to unknowing and being ready to be changed by God's transformational love and opening our hearts and minds knowing that God's love will help us unknow what we have learned as harmful and relearn what is good in the eyes of God.*

**R***estore: God offers us a new life in Christ, the new life that is restored when we focus on loving our neighbor and ourselves. God calls for us to restore our communities and ourselves by reconciling with God and our communities and working together towards a new creation with grace, peace, justice, and mercy.*

**K***nit: We are knitted together with God's love. Our communities are better when we build each other up and learn from each other. God calls us to create bridges and open gates to care for each other. The different stitches and colors that make up an afghan are unique and diverse. When one thread is broken, the afghan will be broken until it is knitted back together. God knitted us and created us in God's own image. God knits us together with love.*

I look forward to a summer of doing God's work and spending time on the porch watching time stand still with our church family.

Peace in God's Love,

Pastor Elizabeth



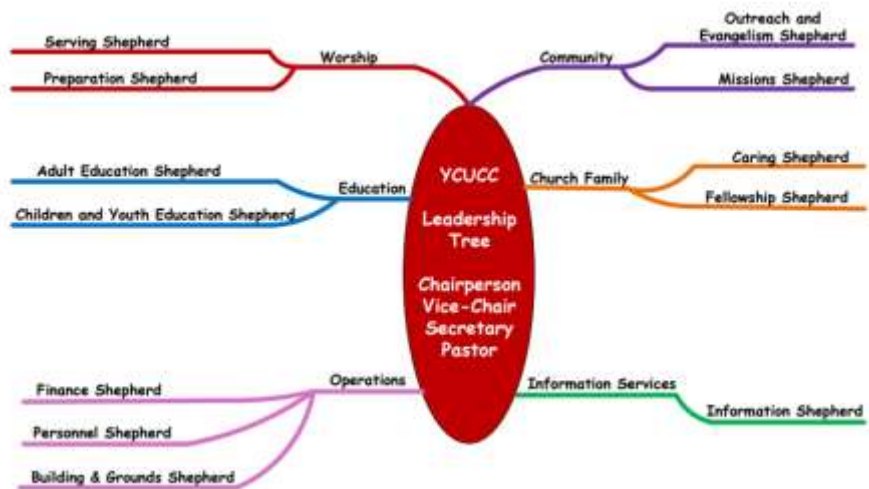
## From the Desk of the Chair

The Book of Acts tells the story of the birth of the Christian church. From that story we learn that there are four purposes of the church: Education, Worship, Fellowship and Community. That is exactly how the Shepherd's Leadership Team came to be. We have 2 shepherds for each of those ministries to guide our work at YCUCC.

Additionally, we have shepherds who provide leadership in supporting church operations: Building and Grounds, Finance, Personnel and Information Services. You can see the "tree" diagram here.

This team of leaders works with their ministries throughout the year and meets the second Thursday of each month as noted on the church calendar. SLT meetings are open to the congregation and all are welcome to attend. Aaron Shatters serves as our Recording Secretary and keeps minutes from each meeting which are included in our meeting packets along with reports from each shepherd. SLT meetings keep our shepherds connected and allow us to make decisions together for the good of the whole. When I am in the room with our Shepherds, I feel the synergy of this dedicated group and am grateful for the different perspectives and dedication of these individuals. The book of Acts didn't mention FUN, but our SLT makes that a part of our work as well. If you are interested in reading through an SLT meeting packet, contact Robin in the office to receive one.

Yours in Service,  
Deanna Bazan  
Chairperson, SLT



## What has Building and Grounds been up to?

In May, the building and grounds crew has had the chance to complete some much needed projects. One project we are all excited about are the new shelves in the garage. This should free up some more floor storage in the garage. The crew got to enjoy the beautiful weather while they built the shelves by hand. In addition to the work in the garage, the crew took advantage of the nice weather to spray the labyrinth and gravel parking lot for weeds.

One of the inside projects that was completed was the preparation work for our two new stoves! The crew made sure that the gas line was prepped and safe for the additional stove. We also had electrical work completed so the stoves were safely plugged in and met fire code. A huge thank you goes to the J.O.Y. Circle for purchasing the two new GE stoves and to Gavin Redmon for selling the old stove. The stoves were broken in by making macaroni and cheese for the kids on a Wednesday evening.

A project the crew will be starting soon is replacing the window in Pastor Elizabeth's office. Another summer project will be to paint the peaks on the west side of the building. We will have to get several bids for this project.

If you are interested in joining the building and grounds crew, please contact Robin Campos or Tony Houle. Meetings take place every Tuesday at 9:00 am.

# SLT MEET AND GREET: Lou Ann Hoffman and Kathy Farren

## Lou Ann Hoffman

A member of Shepherd's Leadership Team, I am the Caring Shepherd. Galatians 6:10 encourages us to "**do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers**".

I was raised in a 'family of believers' within my family's home and also with my lifelong UCC church families in Peotone, then in Naperville, and, since 2005 at YCUCC. I've been blessed with many opportunities to share and care.

God has blessed me with two sons, their wives and four grandchildren ages 8-12. Although my personal life is filled with caring and sharing opportunities, a 'hole' in my life and my heart remains since the death of my husband Ron Hoffman, who sadly died before the birth of our grandchildren. During Ron's struggle with cancer and after his death, I learned about Stephen Ministry, a lay ministry which focuses on listening to and caring for others. A trained Stephen Minister and Leader for 10 years, I have more recently sought to revitalize, revamp and reorganize that Ministry to include others at YCUCC's forming a **Care Team** which is using *Called to Care*, a UCC care focused program. I am always eager to share information about the **Care Team** ministry and encourage YOU to ask me about how YOU can share your life with others in caring ways.

I learned to open my heart and my home from my mother whose motto was "*if there's room in your heart for others, there's room in your home*". From my caring husband I learned that '*every good talker needs a good listener!* Those who knew Ron Hoffman know he was the ultimate listener! While I enjoy engaging in conversation, I strive to use my two ears more than my mouth.

A teacher by profession, my life-long learning journey began in the Peotone schools, and continued by earning degrees at Northern Illinois and Purdue Universities. My teaching career spanned the range from elementary school to the community college. I'm currently a volunteer aide to ESL adults helping non-native learners from all over the world. Stephen Ministry training has enabled me to serve others at Rush Copley hospital as a spiritual care volunteer.

I enjoy singing in YCUCC choir to add praise in worship to God. "To sing is to pray twice". So, join me to sing, care, listen and share!



## Kathy Farren



The Outreach and Evangelism ministry works at welcoming members and visitors to our church, and at making YCUCC more visible in the community. We will be manning the bounce houses in the Town Square Park during Yorkville's Fourth of July celebration, opening the parking lot for viewing the Fourth of July fireworks, and we will present Touch A Truck at Yorkville Hometown Days. These events give us a chance to talk to community members and share information about all that Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ has to offer. We also serve lunch once a month at the Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet.

I have been the Outreach representative on the Shepherds Leadership Team for one year but have previously served in other positions- including Personnel Shepherd, Chair, and Secretary. I am also one of the fifth and sixth grade Sunday School teachers and part of the JOY Circle that organizes twice a year rummage sales.

Although I was raised in the Catholic Church, my husband, Jeff, is a lifelong member of Yorkville Congregational Church. I joined a few years after we married in 1971. We have one daughter, Colleen Higginbotham, and she and her husband, Mark, live in Virginia Beach, VA. Jeff and I owned the Kendall County Record Newspapers for 42 years until we retired in 2015 and sold to Shaw Media. I am still involved in the newspaper business as a board member of the Illinois Press Foundation, the non-profit affiliate of the Illinois Press Association. Jeff is a member of our church Finance Committee and also serves on the board of the Chapel on the Green, as a Bristol-Kendall Fire District trustee, a Yorkville Lions Club officer and as a Master Gardener.



## 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.

## Stewardship Thought of the Month

“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

-Romans 12:2



## Vacation Bible School

July 16-20th

5:15pm to 7:30pm

\$20/student (PreK-6th Grade)

Look for the registration form  
on page 8!

## Thank You Daybreak Volunteers!

The number of people being served lunch at Daybreak Homeless Shelter continues to grow. But thanks to GREAT support from YCUCC members we had enough to feed all of them.

Many thanks to all who provided food for the meal- Lori and Gavin Redmon, Peg Trumble, Carrie DeFuss, Louise DeFuss, Sandy Lindblom, Tim Andrus, Sandy DeRidder, Sue Kimes, Linda Melhouse, Kathy Farren, Lou Ann Hoffman, and Brian Bazan.

Daybreak guests truly appreciate home cooked food and I appreciate the fact that so many of you donated a little more than was asked. We used every bit of it. Thanks, too, to the serving crew- Sandy Lindblom, Kathy Farren, Brian Bazan, and Gavin Redmon.

Our church will be providing lunch at Daybreak again on July 21. If you haven't helped before, please consider doing so then. The meals we serve are 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, five people sent sloppy joes in May.

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

-Kathy Farren and Sandy Lindblom

## Sign up to help YCUCC shine on July 4

Yorkville's Independence Day celebration provides our church with three opportunities to be more visible to the community- and have some fun at the same time. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex after June 1.

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.

We will need MANY of you to help with these fun activities and help spread the word about YCUCC.



YCUCC's kitchen had two, matching GE 'electronic ignition' gas ranges from Abt installed on Wednesday, May 17, 2023!

The BKFD Fire Marshall & Kendall County Health Dept. both gave their ok to purchase residential ranges instead of commercial grade.

An anonymous donor graciously paid for both ranges, with J.O.Y. Circle paying the electric power source update and hookup balance! Thank you!

Thanks are extended to Building & Grounds for updating the kitchen prior to installation!

Gavin Redmon found a buyer to purchase the old, commercial range for \$450.00. The money from this transaction was added to J.O.Y. Circle's contribution to Suicide Prevention Services.

Thanks, Gavin!



**The next J.O.Y. Circle meeting  
will be Tuesday, August 15, 2023  
at noon in Fellowship Hall!**

**Have an enjoyable summer!**

Peg Trumble, J.O.Y. Circle Chair



Caregiving takes many forms. At YCUCC we have coordinated a Care Team to reach out to people to serve them in a spiritual, friendly, *confidential* manner. The Care Team will assist—*NOT replace* Pastor Elizabeth’s pastoral visits. A call or visit can be a short-term connection or develop into a longer relationship.

YCUCC’s lay leaders are Carrie DeFuss and Lou Ann Hoffman. If you or someone you know would like a Care Team call or visit, contact Pastor Elizabeth, Carrie or LouAnn, or call the church office asking for one of us to reach out to you.

## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

### MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

The 5 for 5 Offering “Strengthen the Church” (STC) was collected on Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. At the time of this printing there is no total of the collection. Look for it in the July Happenings Newsletter.

Enjoy the Summer. No more Soup Sundays until this fall. Mark your calendars for future Soup Sundays: September 17, 2023, October 15, 2023, January 21, 2024, February 18, 2024, March 17, 2024 and April 21, 2024.

### Take a Walk in the Woods!

Looking to get closer to our creator through nature? Join us for some outdoor therapy and exercise the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am. Each hike is about 1.5 to 2 miles, easy negotiable and fairly flat. You can hike for as long or as little as you want. It’s your own therapy. Best of all, no meetings, no agendas, just fun getting to know your fellow church members and getting closer to nature.

The next planned hike is Saturday, June 10th at 9:00 am at Bliss Woods in Sugar Grove. For more information contact Jill Mickelson at (630) 247-5674 (text) or [jilibean22@aol.com](mailto:jilibean22@aol.com).



### Crochet, Knit and Sew Group

Do you like to crochet, knit or sew? How about “needling” for a cause? I am looking to start a crochet/knit/sew group for persons who are interested in:

- Learning how to knit or crochet
- Learn the basics to get you started as well as tips and techniques from experienced “needlers”.
- Putting your skills to work to donate to good causes and perhaps sell small items at our rummage sale.

The plan is to meet once a month for fellowship, ideas, pattern sharing, and then working independently on our creations.

If this interest you, we will have a meeting on June 4th right after church or contact Jill Mickelson at (630)247-5674 (text) or [jilibean22@aol.com](mailto:jilibean22@aol.com).



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



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

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

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



## **New City Park will Offer Opportunities for YCUCC**

Members in attendance at YCUCC's annual meeting on Sunday May 21 voted "yes" (73-11) to move forward to work with City of Yorkville on a park project on a small parcel of the Church property.

Approximately .5 acres of church property on the south side will be deeded to the city for the purpose of a park, which includes a "tot" playground, for ages 2 - 10 years old and 26' x 40' pavilion with electricity. There will be no cost to the church, and there will be no monetary exchange.

The church will have no liability for the park. The city will be responsible for required regular inspections and maintenance, including mowing, cleaning, and repairs.

In exchange for the land, YCUCC will have the south parking area paved with about 13 spaces facing the building. Concrete pads will be installed for garbage dumpsters next to the garage and for paper recycling bins north of the church.

- The church will be granted 10 reserved dates to use the pavilion and park each year. (Church may reserve additional dates, if needed.)
- The church will have opportunities to use the pavilion (and playground) for many different events, such as church services, picnics, fall festival, VBS, Sunday School classes, youth activities, and special programs.
- Members of church may want to use the pavilion for special events, such as graduations, anniversaries, funerals, birthdays, and scout programs; all will need to be reserved through the city.
- YCUCC will gain more visibility in the community with a park on site.
- Young families who visit the park may be drawn to our congregation.
- YCUCC will be able to place a sign with church name and contact information (QR Code linking to website) on church property visible from the park.

The legal agreement will include (a) reverter clause, which says that if at any time in the future, the city decides not to use the property for the intended use of park, the property would revert to the church; and (b) review clause, which says the city and/or church may ask for a review of the terms of the contract every five years.

NEXT STEPS will include the writing of a contract with the City of Yorkville. Church member Fred Dickson, attorney, will represent YCUCC. Members of the Green Team will meet with City's Building and Grounds personnel to collaborate on the design components. Our church's SLT will review the contract and will sign it when it meets the expectations of the church.

UPDATES on the project will be through announcements and The Happenings.

## **All Faith Family Night at the Kane County Cougars**



Join us for an evening of fun at the Kane County Cougars! This game will include post game fireworks and the opportunity to run the bases after the game.

August 4th at 6:30pm.

\$8/person (parking not included)

Tickets are limited. Contact Robin in the office for tickets.



## **YCUCC's 2023 'Record Breaking' Spring Rummage & Bake Sale = \$10,922.13**

Thank you YCUCC Church Family, Building & Grounds, and J.O.Y. Circle, for volunteering your time, energy, donations, and baked goods toward YCUCC's successful 2023 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale.

A special thank you is extended to Tony Houle/Building & Grounds Team, Sandy Lindblom - Bake Sale Chair, and Rummage Sale Chairs Kathy Farren, Mary McCracken, Pam Hamblin, Regina Moe (Collectibles & Jewelry), Sue Kimes, Diane Dillow, and J.O.Y. Treasurer Nancy Modery. Thanks to Robin Campos, for creating the Facebook Boost and assisting Kathy Farren with Advertising/Publicity, and Pam Campos (YCUCC Spirit Wear t-shirts) and Diane Dillow (J.O.Y. Circle t-shirts), for ordering new t-shirts to arrive in time for the spring sale!

Proceeds from the Bake Sale (\$1,283.45) benefit the Christian Ed Program, while Collectibles/Jewelry (\$2,322.00) and Rummage Sale profits (\$7,037.68) benefit both YCUCC church programs and charitable organizations: A.I.D., Feed My Starving Children, Mutual Ground, Chapel on the Green, Kendall County Community Food Pantry, Open Door, LaSalle, IL Veterans' Home, Suicide Prevention, YCUCC's Capital Fund & VBS, and Wayside Cross. Disbursements were determined at J.O.Y. Circle's May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In cooperation with Erik Ostrem (World Relief/Aurora), Diane Stablein (LYN Chair), Ron Anderson (\$500 donation), and J.O.Y Circle, transportation & shopping vouchers were provided for four refugee families to attend the sale. Thank you, Mary Ann Doetschman, for your Spanish translation skills!!

In preparation for the spring rummage sale, 15 6' and five 8' tables were purchased from Menard's. Many thanks are extended to an anonymous donor who paid half of the total fee for the tables! Due to many donations from church family & community for the spring sale, we still needed to borrow eight more 6' tables from our church family!

The picture was taken at the kick-off of rummage sale week, and is a small representation of the many volunteers who helped with the 2023 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale.  
Great job, everyone!

Peg Trumble | J.O.Y. Circle Chair | Rummage Sale Chair

# Green Team News



## SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, July 29 YCUCC GROUP BICYCLE TRIP

If you can ride a bike, join the Green Team for a local bike trip this summer.

Location and start time to be decided.  
WATCH for details in July newsletter.



## USED OIL COLLECTION/ DROP OFF

**SATURDAY JUNE 17, 8-11 A.M.**

KC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
7775A IL-47, Yorkville



## POLLINATING NATIVE PLANTS COMING TO THE LABYRINTH

Anna Emmett, Eagle Scout candidate, and Sophomore student at YHS, will soon present a design and plan for adding pollinating plants around the labyrinth behind the church. She (and her dad Craig) viewed the labyrinth with the Green Team in April. Anna will oversee finding and purchasing appropriate native plants that attract pollinating insects. Consulting with the Green Team, Anna will use her leadership skills as she guides work crews with the installation of the plants in the coming months. We are looking forward to seeing the new additions and their attractors, including bees and butterflies.

## GREEN TEAM MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

AT CHURCH or VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

Next Meeting: Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to receive the email communications and join the team, contact Anne Engelhardt (630-308-5073; [anneengelhardt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anneengelhardt@sbcglobal.net))



Celebration of  
**HOPE**  
Thursday, April 13, 2023



Peg Trumble—LYN Ministry



Over 700 gathered together at The Waterford in Elmhurst to celebrate welcoming refugees. It was the largest *Celebration of Hope* ever! Love Your Neighbor attendees were Anne Engelhardt, Mary Ann Doetschman, Jo Pierce, Doug & Peg Trumble, and Diane Stablein (LYN Chair)



### Recognizing World Refugee Sunday

Each year, Christians around the world observe World Refugee Sunday in June - a meaningful time to bring awareness of God's heart for refugees. Churches across Chicago-land are invited to partner with Exodus to recognize World Refugee Sunday and learn about the plight of refugees.

YCUCC will be celebrating World Refugee Sunday on June 25<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday morning worship service.



## Congratulations Graduates!

Jenna Anderson  
Emelia Ciccolini  
Helaina Koplin  
Morgan List  
Dakota Shatters  
Wendy Walker



## 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.

There are so many happenings in June! Here are some of them:

- **Pride Month** - Pride Month is celebrated in honor of the LGBTQ+ community's long and tumultuous history towards equal rights in the United States.
- **Alzheimer's Awareness** month
- **Gun Violence Awareness** Weekend is June 2-4. Wear Orange Weekend in honor of gun violence survivors.
- **Juneteenth** is June 19 - Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It originated in Galveston, Texas, where the last remaining enslaved people were informed of their liberation two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. You can celebrate Juneteenth by watching a documentary about slavery, visiting a museum, reading books and listening to audiobooks written by Black authors and poets, supporting Black-owned businesses, and eating at Black-owned restaurants.
- **Immigrant Heritage Month** - celebrates immigrants and their countless contributions to our country.

## Bible Study with Pastor Elizabeth

### Chapter Focused

- June 7, 5 - 6 pm: Ruth Chapter 2 and 3 wrap up and what is next
- Then every Wednesday from June 21 through Labor Day, 5- 6 pm

### Bible Study: **Common Ground (Theme Focused) by Amberly Neese** Video and Discussion

June 28, July 5, July 12 & July 16, 6:15-7:30

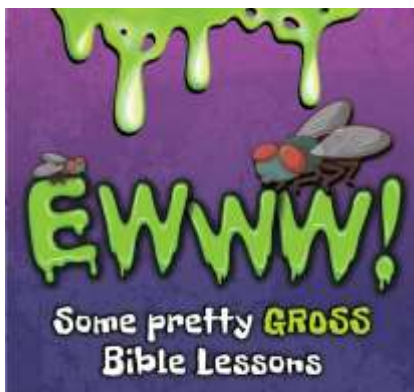


"Whether it is in politics, the professional world, a party, or a pew, we face conflict every day. As discussions get more heated and social media is deluged with opinion-spewing, hurt feelings, and broken relationships, we need hope and practical tools to navigate the tumultuous waters and live at peace with everyone.

Fortunately, the Scriptures hold the key to living in peace despite our differences. In *Common Ground*, a four-week Bible study, Amberly Neese combines stories of sibling rivalries from the Bible with personal experience, humor, hope, and her love of God's Word."

## Teachers NEEDED for Summer Kids Church!

One week, two weeks, as many as you want. No lesson planning required!



We cannot have kids church this summer without teachers! Simply just sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each Sunday has two volunteer slots. Each week will be planned and prepped for you. All you need to do is show up and run the lesson. You will receive the lesson plan the week prior. This will give you the chance to look over the lesson and ask any questions you may have. Contact Stacy Skinner or Robin Campos with questions.

# I SPY SUMMER



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship Kids Church	5	6 9:00 am B&G MTG	7 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 6:00 pm Youth Group	8 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	9	10
11 10:00 am Worship Kids Church Installation of Officers	12 6:30pm Green Team in FH	13 9:00 am B&G MTG 10:00 am Pastoral Care	14 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 6:00 pm Pastoral Care Conf. Rm	15	16	17
Youth Mission Trip to Milwaukee, WI						
18 <b>Father's Day</b> 10:00 am Worship Kids Church	19 7:00pm Outreach Mtg	20 9:00 am B&G MTG	21 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 6:00 pm Youth Group	22	23	24
25 10:00 am Worship Kids Church 11:00 am Care Team Mtg 11:30 am VBS Volunteer Mtg World Refugee Sunday	26	27 9:00 am B&G MTG	28 9:30-12:00 pm Breathe Life Tai Chi 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm Bible Study	29	30	

NEWSLETTER  
CALENDAR  
DUE DATE



**Those Grieving:**

**Those in Cancer Treatment:**

Terri Patterson	Coulson Taylor
Pat Dietz	Pearl Undesser
Tom Lindblom	

**Health Concerns:**

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

**General Concerns:**

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

**Homebound/Assisted Living:**

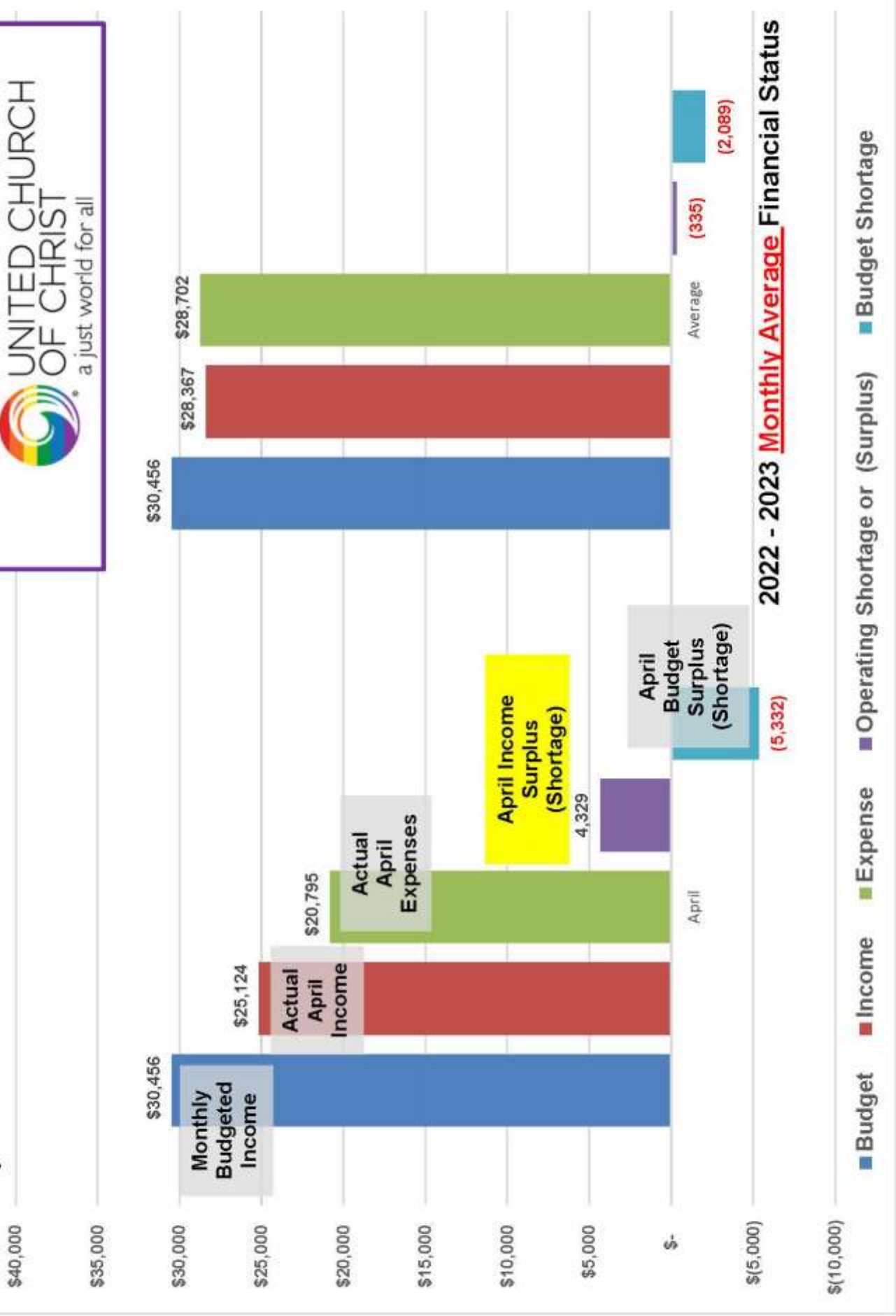
Myrah Baldwin, Earl Bushnell, Wayne & Delores Cruise, Pat Dietz, Dave Encinas  
Ruth Prince, Fred Wayne, Virginia Goss, Lee Kinkade

**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.



**April 2022 Financial Status**



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



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



***The nursery is open!***

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

June Birthdays			
Ben Moe	03	Richard Skogsberg	26
Lauren Betzviser	05	Alexia Grube	27
Erik Mallon	05	Deanna Bazan	28
Rebecca Morello	05	Pat Dietz	28
Zack Gette	06	Makayla Duran	28
Lee Kinkade	06	Debbie Weaver	28
Matthew Olvera	06	Pat Norr	29
Douglas Clevenger	07		
Paige Sartori	07		
David Strandell	12		
Mary Ann Doetschman	13		
Ashley Grube	13		
Shawn Corwin	14		
June Davis	14		
Tommy Dyer	20		
Megghun Redmon	20		
Vinnie Tunk	20		
Amanda Matlock	21		
Lincoln Parrilli-Trumble	21		
Coral Clevenger	22		
Rick Matuna	22		
Nancy Quantock	23		
Alison Strandell	24		

June Anniversaries		
05 Linda & Alan Haan		52 Years
10 Gere' & Cissy Ryerson		22 Years
12 Wayne & Pat Norr		52 Years
15 Fred & Gail Gaebler		53 Years
20 Alison & Robbie Strandell		8 Years
22 Deb Mendell & Dave Encinas		14 Years
29 Keenan & Samantha Trashavil		4 Years

**Trinity Sunday**  
 WHITE or GREEN  
 Gen 1:1-2:4a  
 Ps 8  
 2 Cor 13:11-13  
 Matt 28:16-20  
*This Is Good*

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
 GREEN  
 Gen 12:1-9 and Ps 33:1-12  
 Rom 4:13-25  
 Matt 9:9-13, 18-26  
*The Call of Abram*

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
 GREEN  
 Gen 18:1-15 and Ps 116:1-2, 12-19  
 Rom 5:1-8  
 Matt 9:35-10:8  
*Sarah Laughed*  
 Father's Day

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
 GREEN  
 Gen 21:8-21 and Ps 86:1-10, 16-17  
 Rom 6:1b-11  
 Matt 10:24-39  
*Daring Discipleship*  
 Open and Affirming Sunday/66th  
 Anniversary of the United Church of Christ

Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
6/04/2023	Summer Break	TBD	Swirls
6/11/2023	Summer Break	TBD	Fringe
6/18/2023	Summer Break	TBD	Mission Trip Sunday: Sidewalks
6/25/2023	Summer Break	TBD	World Refugee Sunday: Place

**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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