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<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

September 2023

*The sun rises, the sun sets;
it returns panting to the
place where it dawns.*
-Ecclesiastes 1:5





Pastor's Porch

Embracing the Seasons of Life and Faith at YCUCC

As the sweltering heat of summer gradually gives way to the cool embrace of fall, we find ourselves eagerly anticipating the changing colors of trees and the sense of renewal that comes with the shifting seasons. Just as the garden at home flourishes with ripe tomatoes, vibrant greens, and peppers, the school year commences, and the program year at YCUCC unfolds.

The rhythm of fall and harvest serves as a poignant reminder of the intricate cycle of life. Within the heart of our church community, pastoral and congregational care values have always held a paramount place. This sacred duty is not only well-executed within our congregation but is also evolving to new heights. Guided by the compassionate efforts of the Care Team, our program is expanding to include congregational visits that weave stronger threads between individuals and the broader congregation.

As the pastor, I continue to extend my presence to those confined to their homes and those seeking help in hospitals. These moments of connection witness the profound importance of pastoral care, especially during life's most delicate transitions. Reflecting on the passage from the "Time of Dying" liturgy, we find solace in envisioning a realm where pain dissipates, and vulnerability becomes a connection with God. The words resound, "Fill their eyes with light that they may see beyond human sight, a home of your love, where the pain is gone, and physical frailty becomes glory. Banish fear and wipe away tears."

In the upcoming weeks, our congregational journey will be illuminated by thought-provoking sermons that resonate with the very essence of human experience and divine teachings:

9/10 - "What Time Is It?"

Drawing from Romans 13:8-14, this sermon delves into the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our conversation will embrace the legacy of compassion epitomized by Mr. Rogers.

9/17 - "Stretching and Believing"

From the narrative of Exodus 14:19-31, we learn the significance of trusting in a higher power, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. This sermon encourages us to mirror the act of stretching out one's hand in faith, akin to the characters in The Matrix.

9/24 - "It's Not About Fair"

Centered around Matthew 20:1-16, this sermon reflects on the inclusive call that leaves no one behind. The profound lesson is this verse, "the last shall be first, and the first shall be last," reminding us that God's love is for all. Drawing parallels to the narrative of "A Wrinkle in Time," we understand that the fabric of time holds lessons of justice.

These sermons and reflections are threads knitted together and woven seamlessly into the tapestry of our communal journey. Just as fall brings changing colors to nature, our congregation is poised to embrace the multi-hued experiences of life, faith, and human connection. In every congregational visit, in each comforting presence, and through the wisdom of scripture, we are reminded that the cycles of life echo the divine love that unites us all.

Peace in God's Love,
Pastor Elizabeth



From the Desk of the Chair

September already? HOW did that happen? (I will bet that I am not the only one asking that question...)

Moving forward is what we do, right? I have been reflecting recently on our YCUCC journey, seeking evidence that we are indeed moving forward well. It's already been 2 ½ years since we engaged in our Heritage Sessions with Pastor Tim. Remember those? Some of us met online, some met in person, and I distinctly remember our afternoon in Fellowship Hall with LOTS of post-it notes and chart papers. All of that information and input was collated into a report, and the Search Team used that report in seeking our settled pastor, Pastor Elizabeth. The following excerpt comes from our YCUCC Profile, the document reviewed by pastoral candidates, and answers the question "Who is God calling you to become as a congregation?"

God is calling the YCUCC to be a vibrant, energetic church for its members, the local community and the community at large. We are called to be an inclusive, open and affirming community embracing all who seek to worship and serve the Lord. God is calling us to be a church whose actions demonstrate compassion for vulnerable people both within and outside of the congregation.

We are being called to be joyful and uplifting in our worship; committed to a vibrant Christian Education program; fully engaged in fellowship; and committed to our missions and outreach. We are being called to fully operationalize our "permission giving model" which will allow us to develop new and exciting programs, furthering the mission of our church. We are being called to be a congregation of workers for Christ and all of His creation.

As you read through the Happenings this month, try reading through this lens. Are we meeting our goals? Are we the church we intend to be for our members and the greater community? Your leadership team works hard and works with integrity, creativity and compassion in seeking to honor our heritage and move forward through not only this month, but the many ahead. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and providing guidance and we continue our journey.

Yours in Service,
Deanna Bazan
Chairperson, SLT



What has Building and Grounds been up to?

The summer months for Building and Grounds are either very busy or fairly slow. This summer was fairly slow. We did have some major projects like building more storage in the garage and organizing the north attic, but this summer has been a lot of small projects here and there, like moving tables and door signs, or regular maintenance like changing light bulbs and picking up outdoor garbage.

In the next few months, the crew will continue to paint the south side of the building and replace the window in the Christian Education office. If either of these projects seem interesting to you and you would like to help, please contact Robin Campos or Tony Houle.

Building and Grounds will need help setting up for the Annual Church Picnic on Saturday, September 16th at 9 am. More information will be provided as we get closer to that date.

As always, Building and Grounds meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am. All are welcome to join us!

SLT MEET AND GREET: June Davis, Sue Kimes and Aaron Shatters

June Davis-Stewardship and Missions Shepherd



Serving in numerous ways is what I love to do. However, I serve the Lord as a way to pay back my gratitude for all that I have received. You can never be thankful enough for all God gives a person.

I came to YCUCC by transfer of membership in 1988, from St. John's United Church of Christ in Aurora. St. John's UCC is where I was baptized, confirmed married and served my Savior Jesus Christ. When my husband Jim said it was time to move out of Aurora, I procrastinated, but eventually agreed. It was one of our best decisions ever made. Jim and I have been together for 60 years. We have two married sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jim is retired from the Aurora Police Department and I am retired after an executive secretary/administrative assistant for 35 years. Prior to that, I worked 10 years at Hornsby's Family Center in Yorkville.

For over 35 years I have served on the Stewardship Ministry, the Missions Ministry, Vice Chairperson and Chairperson of the SLT, church secretary of the SLT, as the church administrator and I worked with Esther Fraser on carpet and furniture in the Sanctuary when we built our new church building.

Currently Stewardship and Missions are at the top of my list. Fred Gaebler and myself serve on the Stewardship Ministry. We manage the yearly pledge/giving campaign. The Missions Ministry can be a lot of fun. An example is Soup Sundays, when I work with Deb Mendell and Tim Andrus. Our church's collects several 5 for 5 offerings. Talk to me on Sunday morning's if you are interested in Stewardship or Missions.

Aaron Shatters – Recording Secretary

You might know me as the fun-loving goofball whose shiny head reflects sunlight from the choirs' tenor section when I'm not teaching Sunday school or attending a Bears home game. At my day job I work at Caterpillar as an engineer where I have been for almost 23 years.

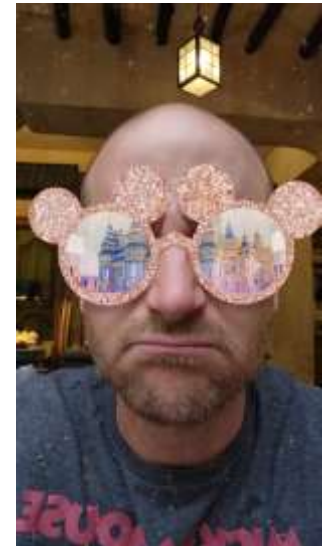
I hope you have met my wonderful family. My wife, Sondra, directs the children's and youth choirs and leads special children's programs such as the Christmas pageant and music for vacation bible school. My children, Owen (14), Isabelle (11) and Charlotte (7) are always bumming around the church and they have been since they were born. Together, we really enjoy our time on vacations and camping trips or just going on a walk or playing in the swinkler (swing + sprinkler).

My in-laws, Peg and Doug, are both heavily involved in various church ministries. My niece, Dakota, works with children and youth at the church. We are everywhere and it is wonderful.

In regarding the Shepherds Leadership Team (aka SLT), I have one of the best jobs. I am the recording secretary. I show up on the second Thursday of each month and write down what people say, then I send it out to the team and they confirm that that is indeed what they said. I do the same for our annual meetings and, on rare occasions, special meetings to stay on top of any urgent or emerging issues.

Before serving as the recording secretary, I was the chairperson for 2 years and vice-chairperson for 2 years before that. Those roles carried much more responsibility, but were great experiences.

It was a little scary to take the leap and get involved with church leadership, but one thing I have come to appreciate is that in this church you are never alone. There is so much leadership experience in the church and we all lean on each other for guidance and support. It is a great group of people who are all putting their heart and soul into maintaining a vibrant and healthy church.





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

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
-Luke 12:34

**Church Office CLOSED
On Labor Day
September 4, 2023**



SLT MEET AND GREET: Cont'd

Sue Kimes– Children and Youth Christian Education Shepherd



I am the newest member of the Shepherds Leadership Team as the Christian Education Shepherd: Youth. This is not my first time on the team as a few years back I was the recording secretary.

As my first real task, I am working at updating the Children's Library. Hopefully, the library will be back in back business by the time this goes to print with some old "friends" and many new books added to the collection.

I am also a member of the search committee for the new Christian Education Director. Robin Campos is our Interim Director and what a fabulous job she is doing! Every time I think of something I could help with - she has already thought of it and completed it.

A little about who I am: I was baptized in this church in 1952, confirmed in 1966, and married in 1971. That tells you I have been here as long as some of the books in the Children's Library!

Many of you know that two of my siblings and sister in law are also active members here - Jeff and Kathy Farren and Diane Dillow.

I have three daughters, Kristen (Andy) Langston, Kimberly Jones, and Keri Phillipp. My oldest granddaughter, Halle Jones, worked in the nursery while she was in high school. In addition I have six more grandchildren, Caden and Cooper Langston, Quinn and Macie Jones as well as Elise and Brodie Phillipp. They keep me busy with basketball games, rodeos, and family trips.



YCUCC members Carrie and Louis DeFuss and Lou Ann Hoffman traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana on June 30-July 2 to attend the General Synod 34, a biennial meeting for the United Church of Christ. As visitors, not delegates, we were not 'official' voting representatives, but rather 'observers' of the workings of the United Church of Christ. Assembled in the huge Indiana Convention Center were 2,000 UCC folks—pastors, members, and guests, plus some 75 Youth. Attendees from all parts of the world shared in large group sessions: energizing worship, inspiring speakers, a banquet, Celebrated the 170th Anniversary of the Church Building & Loans, and perused vendor offerings in the Exhibit Hall. We sat in on small breakouts to learn about the proposed resolutions of this General Synod. One of our highlights was our active participation in assembling “Period Packs”. The generous donation of over \$500 from YCUCC helped purchase hygiene materials. With a goal to assemble 1,000 packs, delegates, visitors, youth gathered to worked together surpass the goal and complete 4,250 hygiene kits, quadrupling the goal. Over \$23,000 was collected to purchase hygiene products. Packs are to be distributed with the help of Church World Service. THANKS, YCUCC!

The following points highlight the resolutions and bylaw changes proposed at General Synod 34.

- Celebrating the 170th anniversary of the Church Building and Loan Fund
- Affirming and authorizing licensed and commissioned ministers
- Denouncing the Dobbs decision and proclaiming abortion as healthcare
- Calling for a study on relationship with Indian Boarding schools in Hawaii
- Seeking digital justice and inclusion
- Urging electrification as a way to protect the earth from climate change emissions
- Affirming/supporting gun violence prevention
- Join to fund revitalization of Hawaiian Language Education programs
- Encouraging a plant-based life (resolution rejected)
- Take action to reduce/free plastic pollution
- Support academic freedom and equity efforts in schools
- Study and develop reparation proposals for African Americans
- Condemnation of prolonged solitary confinement as a form of torture
- Affirming the human dignity of transgender and nonbinary persons
- Witness/confront a “White Supremacy”
- Change General Synod meetings from every two years to every three years





YCUCC has 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.

MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS

Our first soup Sunday will be on October 8th, with proceeds going to Special Olympics.

N.I.N.— Neighbors In Need, 5 for 5 offering, will be collected on October 1st.

The A.I.D. Giving Tree will be on display for November and December.



Worship Update!

After service Communion returning!

You may remember pre-COVID that the Worship & Spiritual Growth team offered Communion following worship. Starting Sunday, 9/10, 2023, we will be offering communion immediately after the worship service on non-Communion Sundays. A member of the group will be in the front of the sanctuary. Feel free to come and partake.

Lori Redmon
Worship Serving Shepherd



Coming Soon!

International Luncheon of Our Refugee Neighbors

Come and participate in our International Lunch to kick off our Welcome to America Pack Collection. The Lunch will take place on Oct 1st after worship in fellowship hall.

However, we would like the help of our church family. During the month of September, we will have a table out with recipes from 5 different regions. Look through these recipes and take the one that seems most interesting to you, sign your name on the sign up, and bring that dish on Oct. 1st.

We will also provide a list of grocery stores that will likely carry the ingredients in the recipes so take one. Of course, you are not limited to the recipes we've provided. If you have a recipe from those regions and want to share, please bring that instead. Just sign your name under other and the recipe name under that region.

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)

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



ALL-CHURCH FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Get to know your church family!

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE INVITED!!!

To participate in an afternoon of engaging activities
Lunch, snacks, & supper included

Sunday, September 24th

THREE SESSIONS

Select activities for your interests.

Who?

Families with children may decide if you want to stick together
for one or more sessions, or everyone sign up for their own thing.

Participate at your comfort level.

- Feel free to be engaged, sit out awhile, and come back in at any time
- Hang-out spaces for some unstructured time when needed
 - Drinks available for hydration
 - This will be a very relaxed and fluid event
 - Make it work for you!

**VISIT THE TABLE DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX
TO SEE ALL ACTIVITY SESSIONS**

SIGN UP

(But you can change your mind and choose again at any time.)

All Church Family Fun Day Sunday - Activities Schedule

Light LUNCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL 11:15 - 12:00

(Sandwich bar; chips; vegetables and dip; fresh fruits; cookies; soft drinks)

Welcome, instructions & prayer 12:00 - 12:15

SESSION 1 12:15- 1:00 p.m.

Select one:

You Rock! Rock painting - Exercise your creativity

Learn to Crochet Hooks and yarn provided; for beginners and experienced

Solar Electricity for your Home Multiple options for your solar-power electricity

Old time Sing Along Songs from camp, Sunday School, and VBS

Team Building Connect with your church family through movement! All ages!

Grow Naturally - with Illinois Native Plants Friendly, low maintenance, pollinators

SESSION 2 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Select one:

Build a Gnome and Their Home Cute, curious, and creative craft

Culinary Journey Cooking class: irresistible chicken and vegetarian shawarma

How Big is your Carbon Footprint? Personal/ family quiz; 1-2-3 challenges

The Beat Goes On — Drum Circle Play drums and learn the beat of other cultures

Recreational Games Structured & nonstructural; competitive & non-competitive

Walk in the shoes of a refugee Forced leave your home and country; Walk in this simulated experience of a refugee.

Snacks and Restroom Break 2:15 - 2:45 p.m.

SESSION 3 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Select one:

Old stuff to make new-age art! - Recycled imaginative sculpture - hands on

Scavenger Hunt How well do you know your church home? Hunt for things that are "right before your eyes" but perhaps you really did not see.

YCUCC and LGBTQIA+ with Pastor Elizabeth *Bring your questions to this safe time and place to ask, to listen, to learn. (Children may attend with approval parents.)*

YCUCC's Got Talent! KAROKE with your favs - solo, duets, ensembles

Obstacle Course Can you make it through the challenges in your path? All ages!

"Hang out Spaces" - narthex, fellowship hall, and outside- front and back - throughout the afternoon

CLOSING FELLOWSHIP - CAMPFIRE 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Campfire supper — hotdogs, chips, and s'mores; sing along songs

Bring your own lawn chair, if able . ALL ARE INVITED!



All are welcome to attend J.O.Y. Circle Meetings, Special Outings, Presentations!
You do not need to be a member of J.O.Y. Circle to attend!

Peg Trumble | J.O.Y. Circle Chair

AGENDA | September

J.O.Y. Circle Meeting | Tuesday, September 19, 2023 | Noon - 2:00 p.m.

{There will be a short, J.O.Y. Circle meeting at noon to 'finalize' plans for the 2023 Fall Rummage & Bake Sale}

~ Local Scams targeting Seniors and Safety Guidelines ~

Presented by Patrol Sergeant Behr Pfizenmaier, Yorkville Police Dept. | @ 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Sergeant Pfizenmaier will talk about current scams that target seniors, safety at home, leaving lights on, solicitors, medical alerts, and the Citizen at Risk Program (C.A.R).

Time for Q/A: questions about current crime trends and other topics in our community.

AGENDA | October

J.O.Y. Circle Meeting | Tuesday, October 24, 2023 | Noon – 2:00 p.m.

{There will be a short, J.O.Y. Circle meeting at noon to determine recipients of the 2023 Fall Rummage Sale's proceeds to local, charitable organizations + current needs of YCUCC}

~ Friendship and Faith on the Camino de Santiago ~

Presented by Lori Runkle, YCUCC Member | 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to venture forth on a long journey, in lands far away, with everything you need to get by on in a backpack you carry yourself, using only your two feet as your mode of transportation? Have you ever contemplated what it would be like to walk day after day for weeks, and have the opportunity and the time to grow spiritually in your faith, grieve a loss, enhance both your physical and mental health, reconnect with nature, and/or renew relationships with old friends? All of this while traversing beautiful lands and exploring a different culture with their ancient cathedrals and historical ruins? If any of this sounds tempting, restorative, or simply interesting, I invite you to hear about the experiences that my childhood friend, Tina, and I had while walking the Camino Frances from St Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

December Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 | Whitetail Ridge Golf Club | Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Reservations Required | Details TBD

AGENDA | January, 2024

~ Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL ~



YCUCC's 2023 Fall Rummage & Bake Sale Friday, October 20th & Saturday, October 21st

FROM JUNK >>> TO TREASURES



Dig into your overflowing closets, cabinets,
and clean out garages & basements!

ALL DONATIONS

Must be: clean, stain-free, no holes/rips
Basically - in GOOD condition

Please use safety pins
to secure matching outfits

DONATING A LARGER ITEM FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE?

Call Tony Houle directly at **815-546-1061**
to discuss specific item/s to donate and
schedule an October 16th or 17th Building
& Grounds pickup, or text a picture of
your donation for pre-approval!

*B&G pickup service offered 'ONLY'
for our YCUCC Church Family!*

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 (TVs, computers, printers, typewriters, land/cell phones, fax equipment),
infant/child car and/or booster seats, any size mattress, cribs

J.O.Y. Circle requests 'your' help to ensure a successful 2023 Fall R&B Sale!

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets will post October 1st in the Narthex for the following:

1. **Set-up:** Sunday, October 15th - immediately following the worship service
2. **Extra help throughout the week of the sale from our YCUCC Church Family:**
 - a. Sorting/Organizing donated items (Volunteer to fit 'your' schedule)
 - b. Bake items, provide treats and/or help Bake Sale Chair Sandy Lindblom with Bake Sale Set-up and Preparations on Thursday, October 19th
 - c. Friday and/or Saturday Sale Days, October 20th & October 21st
3. **Tear-down:** 12:00 p.m. - @ 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 21st

Thank you for your continued support of YCUCC's Rummage & Bake Sales!

Peg Trumble - J.O.Y. Circle/Rummage Sale Chair
pjltrumble@comcast.net 630-768-5924 (C)

Sandy Lindblom - Bake Sale Chair
slind55378@aol.com 630-553-6214 (H)

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Walking Ministry News

Lou Ann Hoffman would like to invite YCUCC walking group to join her for a 5K (3.1 miles) walk-a-thon in her neighborhood on Saturday, Sept 30. The event, sponsored by her community Lions Club, is a benefit for Waterford Cancer Resource Center with \$20 entry fee. Stop by the bulletin board for a walk-a-thon flyer and registration sheet.

Location:
Carillon Stonegate Clubhouse
1300 Mansfield Dr
Aurora, IL 60502

Advance registration and T shirt not mandatory--can just show up. Lou Ann will collect advance reservations from YCUCC folks on September 10.

Questions? Lou Ann Hoffman 630/661-2615

Ken Mozingo's Wildflower Talk

September 2nd
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Pickerill-Pigott Forest Preserve
6350 Minkler Road
Yorkville, IL 60560



Ken is a master naturalist and long time volunteer with the forest preserve who has a passion sharing his plant knowledge and fantastic photos with the public.

This free public event includes an hour long presentation at the Pickerill Estate House followed by a guided flower hike through the forest preserve.

For more info contact Jill Mickelson at jilibean22@aol.com or 630/247-5674.

YCUCC Sponsors New Yorkville Teacher!

On Tuesday, August 15th, new teachers joining the Yorkville School District were welcomed to the community at the annual New Teacher Breakfast at Whitetail Ridge Golf Club. This annual event is hosted by the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce, and local business partners (like YCUCC) sponsor the new teachers and provide a gift basket or gift card to welcome them. This year Deanna Bazan represented YCUCC at this special event and delivered a gift bag full of classroom goodies which was received by a new teacher in the district. Yorkville is welcoming over 100 new hires in the district. We wish them all a wonderful start to the new school year!



New to YCUCC!

Crochet/Knit/Sew Ministry



For those who are interested in joining the crocheting, knitting, and/or sewing ministry, join us in the Fellowship Hall on September 10th for a short meeting.

Our purpose for this ministry would be:

- Learn— Teach our crafts to those who want to learn
- Share— Share techniques, tips, patterns, camaraderie, and fellowship. Probably one meeting a month.
- Donate— There are many organizations to which we can donate items such as Project Linus, Warm Up America, Knots of Love or preemie blankets as we once did before. We can also make items to donate to the rummage sale.

If this is something you might be interested in, please join us after church on September 10th.

Questions? Contact Jill Mickelson at jilibean22@aol.com or 630/247-5674.

Can you help provide lunch for Daybreak Shelter on Sept. 15?

It will be YCUCC's turn to provide lunch for Daybreak Homeless Shelter again on Friday, Sept. 15. The menu will be sloppy jo on a bun, coleslaw, applesauce chips and dessert.

The Daybreak guests continue to love that menu- so we will continue to serve it!

As the number of guests at Daybreak has increased, we now need: five 3-pound batches of sloppy jo, a total of 88 hamburger buns, four 2.75 pound tubs of coleslaw (Jewel's Signature brand is 2.75 pounds, but any brand is OK), 54 individual servings of applesauce, four bags of barbecue potato chips, two bags of regular potato chips, and three desserts (any kind of dessert is fine, they love brownies and homemade cookies).

If you can help provide any of these items, call or email Kathy Farren, 630-803-0514, ednpub@earthlink.net. We can also accept cash donations to buy some of these items. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



Coming soon!

The Annual YCUCC Church Picnic!

Date: September 17th

Time: 11:00 am

Join us for bingo, games, food, fellowship and more!

Sign up to bring food on the bulletin boards in the Narthex.



Adult Education

As adult education coordinator, I aim to provide opportunities for adults to explore their faith, feed their souls, and then reach out and seek understanding of others.

Reading is caught as much as it is taught!

A new school year is well underway. Now is the perfect time to begin a new reading resolution! Schools recommend that students read 20 minutes a day throughout the school year to improve their reading skills. Model good habits and read with your children. Even if you don't have children or your children are no longer at home, set aside 20 min to read every day!



Bible studies will continue with Pastor Elizabeth on Wednesday evenings from 5-6. They will begin a study on Deuteronomy September 13th.

The **fall book** will be *Heartland, A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* by Sarah Smarsh.

The author grew up on a farm in Kansas barely getting by despite her and her family's hard work. In the book, she explores how and why the working class in America is barely getting by.

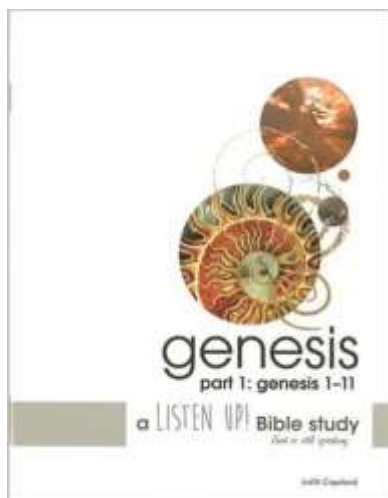
The book has won several awards, has been a New York Times best-seller, and is recommended by Barack Obama. Ms. Smarsh went to the University of Kansas and I found the book at the Ravin Bookstore in downtown Lawrence on a trip to see Morgan several years ago. The book is available at the Yorkville Public Library both as a physical book and an audiobook and is also available on the Libby app.

Discussions will be:

September 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Read pages 5 - 167

October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Read pages 167 - 288

Sign-up by emailing Aimee at ajflist@gmail.com or sign the sheet posted in the narthex.



The **Spiritual Development Group** will be beginning a study of Genesis on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. on Google Meets. The Spiritual Development Group meets every other Tuesday.

Contact Diane Stablein at "infoshep@yorkville-ucc.org." to be sent the joining link.

Copies of the study booklet are available to purchase in the church office or you may purchase a pdf at www.thepilgrimpress.com



Those Grieving:

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Pat Dietz	Coulson Taylor
Tom Lindblom	Pearl Undesser

Health Concerns:

Lynn Belcher	Dave Encinas
Deb Bezroukoff	Virginia Goss
Earl Bushnell	Gayle Jacobs
Anne Byrd	Wyatt Jones
Rosey Clark	Lee Kinkade
Wayne Cruise	Jonathan Lamp
Delores Cruise	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, Gayle Jacobs, 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 am LYN Set up recipe table
3 Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship NO Sunday School	4 Labor Day <div>Church Office Closed</div>	5 9:00 am B&G MTG	6 NO Youth Group NO Bible Study	7	8	9
10 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Crochet Ministry Meeting in Fellowship Hall	11 9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Green Team	12 9:00 am B&G MTG 10:00 am Pastoral Care 7:00 pm Spiritual Development	13 5:00-6:00 pm Bible Study-Deuteronomy 5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Pastoral Care Conf. Rm 6:00 pm Youth Choir 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	14 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	15	16 9:00 am LYN—Fun Day Sunday Rehearsal 9:00 am Church Picnic Set-up
17 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Annual Church Picnic	18 9:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Outreach Mtg	19 9:00 am B&G MTG 12:00 pm J.O.Y. Circle 12:30 pm Presentation by Patrol Sergeant Behr Pfizenmaier. Scams Targeting Seniors and Safety Guides	20 5:00-6:00 pm Bible Study-Deuteronomy 5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	21	22	23
					<div>NEWSLETTER DUE DATE</div>	
24 10:00 am Worship Sunday School <div>All Church Retreat 11:00 am– 4:00 pm</div>	25 9:00 am Staff Meeting	26 9:00 am B&G MTG 7:00 pm Spiritual Development	27 5:00-6:00 pm Bible Study-Deuteronomy 5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	28 12:00 pm Chipotle and Cards in Fellowship Hall (\$10) 7:00 pm Book Discussion in Mtg Room	29	30 9:00 am LYN - International Table Set- Up

**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.*

September Birthdays

Carrie DeFuss	02	Katie Niesen	17
Clay Elleby	02	Amber Anderson	18
Rick Falato	02	Maddy Gawne	18
Joe Runkle	02	Bill Drew	19
Marilyn Vogus	02	Caleb Pansera	19
Marge Hembree	03	Mae Herron	20
Jasper Parrilli-Trumble	03	Cecil Hembree	21
Ruth Prince	05	Betty Naden	21
Dan Gette	06	Lori Runkle	21
Adam Kolowski	06	Mariah Cathey	22
Kristine Arch	07	Christopher Erickson	22
Finley Walker	07	Ellie Gentile	22
Tracy Andrus	08	Jami Green	22
Aidan Donahue	13	Jeff Dillow	23
Judy Iverson	13	Jon Runkle	23
Gulianna Goldman	14	Mike Mallon	25
Dawn Mulligan	13	Tyler Wilson	25
Brett Rhodes	14	Jenna Anderson	27
Fred Anderson	15	Pat Stewart	28
Julie Kline	16	Mark Gregory	29
Elise Phillipp	16		
Sandy Ramirez	16		

September Anniversaries

04 Frank & Phyllis Yabsley	41 Years
04 Aimee & Troy List	24 Years
05 Cecil & Marge Hembree	41 Years
17 Scott & Amy Corwin	4 Years
19 Fred & Connie Dickson	59 Years
20 Allan & Beth Goss	43 Years
22 Ben & Regina Moe	22 Years
22 Alex & Kaitlin Mulligan	5 Years
23 Joe & Diane Stablein	6 Years

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Matt 16:21-28

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Rom 13:8-14

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Ex 14:19-31

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN

Matt 20:1-16



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
9/03/2023	On Break	June Davis	Spirit Led Swing- Rev. Michael Obenauer
9/10/2023	Elodie Heffernan	Sandy deRidder	What Time is It?
9/17/2023	Isabelle Shatters	Fred Gaebler	Stretching and Believing
9/24/2023	Avery Ramirez	Fred Gaebler	It's Not About Fair

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.
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