



## Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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### **Shepherds**

<u>Chairperson</u>	Deanna Bazan
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<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

## October 2023





## Pastor's Porch

### Celebrating One Year of Ministry Together

Dear Church Family,

As we step into the vibrant month of October, we are reminded of the words from Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

This scripture beautifully describes our journey over the past year, and it is the guiding light for the days ahead. It's hard to believe that a whole year has passed since we began this incredible journey together. It's been a year filled with growth, joy, and meaningful connections. I would like to share some highlights with you.

#### Reflection: A Year in Ministry

I want to express my deep gratitude for your support and enthusiasm as we grow in our faith grounded in God's love. Transparency in ministry and open communication with our church family have been cornerstones of our progress.

Here are the top ten highlights from my first year at YCUCC:

- 10) My office is more than an office, it is a library, a place for care and rest for our church family, a meeting room, and a living room. It also comes with a porch and a window to our beautiful grounds.
- 9) The church "Rummage Sale" was a good time to begin my ministry because the church was alive with scores of people, things, and food.
- 8) The Spirit is alive and well in all our meetings and study groups. The Spirit shows up and we laugh.
- 7) Great big belly laughs.
- 6) Food - all of it.
- 5) YCUCC is a church that learns together and cares for each other.
- 4) Traditions are important and change disrupts but is also welcomed.
- 3) YCUCC is a leader in the Yorkville community for its caring love, welcome, and service.
- 2) Tuesdays are good and fruitful ministry days.
- 1) You all got me to sing in the choir and my love for music is returning.

As we embark on another year of ministry together, let's carry forward the lessons and blessings of the past year. Let us heed the words of Hebrews 10:24-25, spurring one another on toward love and good deeds, and not giving up meeting together, for it is in our togetherness that we find strength and encouragement.

Wishing you a blessed October filled with faith, love, and growth.

Peace in God's Love,

Pastor Elizabeth



## From the Desk of the Chair

I hope you have enjoyed meeting your SLT members through their articles in this newsletter for the past 9 months. Each one of these Shepherds serves voluntarily by using their gifts and talents and passions to lead ministries from our congregation. By now you have learned that some of us are lifelong UCCers, and some of us are relatively new. Many of us did not grow up in the UCC church but found our way here to all of you. Some of us (like me) married into this family of faith. All of us are proud to serve in our leadership roles. To see what all we've been doing for the past year, please read the Annual Report, now available upon request from the office. I'm certain you have thoughts about what YOU think we should be doing, and I encourage you to reach out to any one of us and talk about your ideas. SLT shepherds represent our membership as a whole and it is critical to understand what our congregation wants and needs.

Looking ahead, the church calendar is full of things to do. As you settle into your fall routine, please consider trying something new. Have you joined one of the Adult Education book studies? There is one starting now and it only meets twice. Are you looking to deepen your understanding of the Bible? Pastor Elizabeth leads a Bible study that would fully welcome you. Do you enjoy work days? Building and Grounds is hosting one Saturday October 14. The choir welcomes new voices anytime, and there is a place for you regardless of your age. If teaching is something you enjoy, there is room on the Christian Ed team. Each ministry has room for you. YCUCC is a place to meet other people and engage in learning, serving, caring and socializing. There is much life in the church beyond the Sunday morning worship service.

As our hours of daylight shorten, it forces a change in the leaves to reveal their true colors. Perhaps this is the season to reveal some new colors in yourself as you try something new at YCUCC.

Yours in Service,  
Deanna Bazan  
Chairperson, SLT



**BUILDING & GROUND**

## October is Fire Safety Month!

Here are some friendly fire safety reminders from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services:

1. **Install smoke detectors and check them regularly.** You should have a working smoke detector on each floor of your house and in each sleeping room. As of January 1, 2023 all new smoke alarms being installed in homes are required to feature a 10– year sealed battery. If you do not have a 10-year battery in your smoke detector, it is important to change the batteries twice a year, when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings.
2. **Make a fire escape plan.** What happens if there is a fire in your home? What is the quickest and safest way to get your family out of your home? Draw a map of your home and find out the safest way out of each room. It is also important to have a designated safe zone once you have exited your home.
3. **Be careful with electricity.** Do not run electrical cords under rugs. Replace appliances that smoke or give off unusual odors when in use. Do not overload electrical outlets.
4. **Be careful when cooking.** Never leave the stove unattended when you are cooking. Keep pot and panhandles turned inward-children can knock or pull down pots and pans and seriously injure themselves. Never throw water or flour on a grease fire because it will only make it worse!

If an item of clothing catches fire, the quickest and safest way to put the fire out is to STOP, DROP, and ROLL. Practice this technique with your family.

Make sure children know when and how to call 911, and what to say.





## SMALL WAYS TO MAKE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT SMALLER!

### Green Team News

#### GREEN TEAM MEETS 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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))

Next meeting—Virtual: Monday, October 9th, 6:30 p.m.

#### HANG CLOTHES TO DRY

Save up to \$60 per year and Save on Carbon emissions from fossil fuels



A typical clothes dryer uses up to 4 times more energy than a new clothes washer. Hang-drying saves energy and reduces wear and tear on clothes, which helps them last longer.

#### INSTALL WINDOW SHADES, BLINDS OR SHUTTERS



Shading your windows can keep your home cooler. Consider adding awnings or shutters, especially to windows that face south or west. Save up to \$20 per year.

#### MICROWAVE VS FULL-SIZE OVEN

Average energy draw per hour:

**Microwave = 1200 Watts**

Gas Oven = 7,000 BTUs

Electric Oven = 3000 Watts

Cost per hour:

**20 cents - microwave**

40 cents - gas

51 cents - electric oven

#### ADJUST THE DISPLAY ON YOUR TV AND COMPUTER



The default display settings on many TVs and computers are energy intensive and often unnecessarily bright. Depending on the model, turning down your TV's brightness can reduce its power use without compromising image quality.

### Stewardship Thought of the Month

Stewardship is in the place we are called to partner with God.  
“Whatever you possess that someone else needs already belongs to them”.

Quoted by UCC Theologian and biblical scholar Luke T. Johnson.

The Outreach and Evangelism Ministry sponsored Touch a Truck at Yorkville Hometown Days and we were able to talk to about 75 local families to share information about YCUCC.

Many church members volunteered to help. A big thank you to Lori Redmon, Deb Mendell, Katie Niesen, Tom and Sandy Lindblom, Diane Dillow, Bethany Harbour, Anne and Jerry Engelhardt, Sue Kimes, Jeff Farren, Mary Ann Doetschman, Ben and Regina Moe, and Jo Pierce.

Vehicles kids could "touch" and climb on included farm equipment from Ben Moe and CHS Ag, a Bristol-Kendall Fire Department fire truck, Kendall County Sheriff's Department vehicles, a Yorkville Police Department squad, Septran school bus, Kendall Area Transit bus and Yorkville Public Works Department vehicles. You couldn't miss some of the HUGE equipment and a few of the pieces were also flying American flags! We were very visible that day.

Submitted by Kathy Farren



Thank you to everyone who donated books for our newly updated Kid's Library!

The Kid's Library has roughly 650 books available for the children and youth of YCUCC to check out.

Each book was cataloged, color coded by age level, and marked with a YCUCC sticker.

Each student now has their own library card, which can be used to check out books before and after worship and on Wednesday evenings. Be sure to stop by and check out to updated library!



## Fall Bake Sale!

October 20th and 21st

Please bring your baked items to the church on Thursday, October 19th between 9 am and 6 pm.

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

Suggested items:

- Pies
- Fudge
- Brownies
- Cupcakes



Thanks for your continued support!

Any questions contact Sandy Lindblom: [slind55378@aol.com](mailto:slind55378@aol.com) or 630-553-6214

**Volunteer Sign-up will begin  
Sunday, October 1, 2023**



**Donations Accepted:**

**Sunday, 10.15 | Following morning worship - 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday, 10.16 | 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, 10.17 | 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Mission Ministry News**

A check in the amount of \$300 has been sent to the Kendall County Community Food Pantry. This was a lone item in the mission ministry budget.

"Neighbors in Need" (NIN), one of our 5 for 5 offerings, will be collected on Sunday October 1st. One third of the this collection is for the Council for American Indians Ministry, and two thirds goes to Economic Justice Ministries. You can give online, mail in or bring to church and place in the offering plate marking it for the 5 for 5 NIN Offering.

The next soup Sunday will be on October 8th, with proceeds going to "Special Olympics". Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex to help out.

**Stewardship Ministry News**

The annual Giving/Pledge Campaign for 2023 is entitled "Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives" (Micah 4:3-4). Some members of our church will share their testimonies, sharing their relationship with God and our church. Each will speak on a Sunday prior to our worship on November 12th.





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.



J.O.Y. Circle and Love Your Neighbor Ministry thank everyone who made a monetary contribution toward Refugee Vouchers.

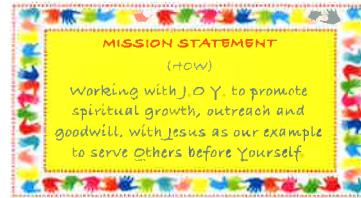
You are providing newly, resettled refugee families the opportunity to attend the 2023 Fall Rummage & Bake Sale!

Thank you for your support!

Thank you, YCUCC Church Family, for your continued partnership with

world relief   
CHICAGOLAND

The first annual All Church Family Fun Day on September 24th was a HUGE success! Thank you to all of our volunteers and presenters. We hope you had a great time, and we can't wait for the next one! Turn to pages 10 and 11 for pictures from the event.



We extend a special thank you to Patrol Sergeant Behr Pfizenmaier & Deputy Paul Kubinski - Senior Services Deputy (Office of the Sheriff/Kendall Count) for presenting at the Tuesday, September 19, 2023 J.O.Y. Circle Meeting on the topics of safety tips for seniors, scams & crimes that target seniors, and the Citizens at Risk Program.

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## AGENDA | October

### J.O.Y. Circle Meeting | Tuesday, October 24, 2023 | fellowship hall 12:00 - 12:30 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 at 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.

### ~ ~ NOTE ~ ~

**'All are welcome' to attend Lori Runkle's journey of Friendship & Faith!**

**You do not need to be a member of J.O.Y. Circle to attend!**

**We hope you can join us in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.**

Peg Trumble | J.O.Y. Circle Chair

**Tuesday, January 16, 2024 | FMSC require reservations | Specific Time & Date TBD**





~~ YCUCC'S 2023 FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE ~~  
**OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>**



**SORT**



**PRICE**



**BAKE**



**HELP**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: WEEK OF THE 2023 FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**

<b>Sunday, 10.15</b>	<b><u>Set-Up Crew</u></b> begins immediately following the Worship Service Drop off Rummage Sale donations: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteers: sorting/organizing</li></ul>
<b>Monday, 10.16</b>	Drop off Rummage Sale donations: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteers: sorting/organizing</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, 10.17</b>	Drop off Rummage Sale donations: 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteers: sorting/organizing</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, 10.18</b>	Volunteers continue sorting/organizing: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, 10.19</b>	Volunteers finalize sorting/organizing/pricing: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. <b><u>Bake Sale Donations:</u></b> Deliver between 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, 10.20</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sale Day:</b> 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday 10.21</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sale Day:</b> 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; \$3-a-Bag Sale   ½ price day <b><u>Tear-Down Crew</u></b> begins promptly at <b>NOON</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Box/Bag up remaining items for a 1:00 p.m. pickup for Wayside Cross.</li><li>• Bag remaining clothing &amp; shoes to donate to KCCFP.</li></ul>

~~ **Reminder** ~~

Items **not** accepted for donation:  
Extra Large Furniture - i.e. '**Oversized**' sofas/sectionals, desks, entertainment centers,  
(We reserve the right to decline an item that is overly large),  
Electronics, Infant Car and/or Booster Seats, Mattresses, Cribs

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE POSTED OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> IN THE NARTHEX**

~~ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT** ~~

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Sandy Lindblom - Bake Sale Chair  
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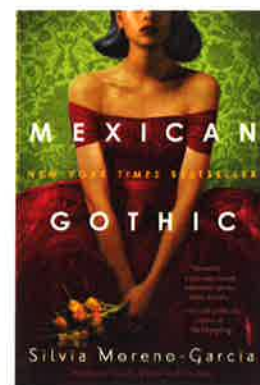
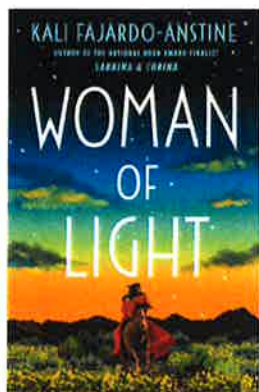
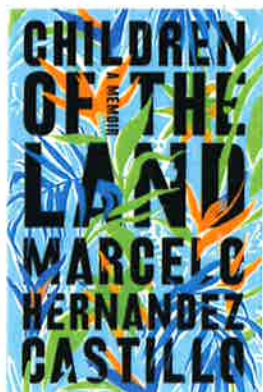


## Adult Education

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

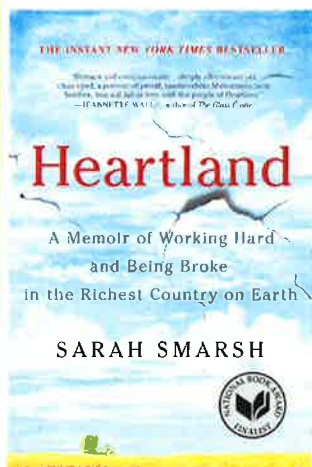
**National Hispanic Heritage Month** is celebrated from September 15 through October 15 in the United States to recognize the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

Here are four books I recommend to learn more about this month. *Look for Woman of Light and Mexican Gothic in our church library. I have read all four and they were all excellent!*



October is also **National Book Month!** So what better way to celebrate than to read with us!

**Bible studies** will continue with Pastor Elizabeth on Wednesday evenings from 5-6.



The **fall book** is *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 as a physical book and an audiobook and on the Libby app.

The second and final discussion will be:

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

Contact Aimee List with questions: [ajflist@gmail.com](mailto:ajflist@gmail.com)

The **Spiritual Development Group** will continue their study of Genesis. The group meets every other Tuesday on Google Meets at 7:00 p.m.

- October 10--Lesson 3
- October 24--Lesson 4

Copies of the study booklet are available to purchase in the church office or you may purchase a pdf at [www.thepilgrimpress.com](http://www.thepilgrimpress.com)



Bible study

Contact Diane Stablein at "[infoshep@yorkville-ucc.org](mailto:infoshep@yorkville-ucc.org)." to be sent the joining link.



### **Those Grieving:**

The Andersen Family  
The Cruise Family

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

Pat Dietz	Coulson Taylor
Tom Lindblom	Pearl Undesser

### **Health Concerns:**

Lynn Belcher	Gayle Jacobs
Deb Bezroukoff	Wyatt Jones
Earl Bushnell	Lee Kinkade
Anne Byrd	Jonathan Lamp
Rosey Clark	Maureen Tully
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, 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](http://griefshare.org) for a list of programs in our area.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> World Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am LYN International Lunch-eon LYN Collection Begins Neighbors in Need Collection	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 9:00 am B&G MTG 7:00 pm Visioning Mtg	<b>4</b> 5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 7:00-8:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Soup Sunday 10:00 am Worship w/ Rev. Molly Carlson Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am WSD Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Green Team - ONLINE	<b>10</b> 9:00 am B&G MTG 10:00 am Pastoral Care 7:00 pm Spiritual Development	<b>11</b> 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	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 am B&G Fall Clean Up
<b>15</b> 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:15 am New Members Class 11:15 am Care Team Mtg 1:00 pm Confirmation Class	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>17</b> 9:00 am B&G MTG	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice NO Kids Programming NO Wednesday Night Dinner	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <div>NEWSLETTER DUE DATE</div>	<b>21</b>
Fall Rummage and Bake Sale						
<b>22 Information Sunday</b> 10:00 am Worship Sunday School New Members 11:00 am Information Mtg-ALL CHURCH in Sanctuary 11:30 am LYN Mtg	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>24</b> 9:00 am B&G MTG 12:00 pm J.O.Y. Circle 12:30 pm Presentation by Lori Runkle: Friendship and Faith on the Camino de Santiago 6:30 pm Crochet Group in FH 7:00 pm Spiritual Development	<b>25</b> 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	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm Book Discussion in Mtg Room	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Trick or Treating @ YCUCC	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>31</b> 9:00 am B&G MTG				



### October Birthdays

Marina Olvera	02	Lane Elleby	13
Chanel Bravo	03	Dakota Kolowski	13
Brooke Keith	03	Eric Redmon	13
Tim Andrus	04	Diane Dillow	15
Ashley Brown	04	Jeffery Pratt	15
Isabelle Shatters	04	Aimee List	16
Melissa Myers	06	Colton Pranga	16
Steven Redmon	06	Julie Gette	19
Joanne Vitek	06	Frank Yabsley	20
Wendy Walker	06	Kamron Brewick	24
Melissa Lee	07	Bradley Brown	26
John Reeder	07	Delores Cruise	26
John Morello	08	Skylar King	26
Kyle Pratt	08	Alex Houle	28
Tony Campos	09	Rhonda Matlock	28
Emily Mallon	09	Mary McCracken	28
Alex Betzviser	12	Sondra Shatters	28
Gail Fisher	12	Lori Redmon	29
Bob Kolowski	12		
Avery Ramirez	12		
Mike Ramirez	12		

### October Anniversaries

10/12 John & Kathy Reeder	18 Years
10/13 Tim & Tracy Andrus	22 Years
10/25 Carol & John Schulz	48 Years
10/26 Gavin & Lori Redmon	38 Years
10/26 Brad & Natalie Schroder	10 Years
10/28 Megan & Sara Gelsomino	6 Years
10/30 Jeff & Kathy Farren	52 Years



### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost GREEN

Matthew 21:23-32

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost GREEN

1 Cor 12:18-27

### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost GREEN

Matthew 22:1-14

### Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost GREEN

Matthew 22:15-22

### Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost GREEN

Leviticus 19:1-2 and Matthew 22:34-46

Trick or Treat at  
YCUCC!

October 29th at 11:00 am

Interested in decorating a  
door and handing out  
candy to the kids? Contact  
Robin in the office to sign  
up!

Don't forget your costumes!

Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
10/01/2023	Evan Griffin	Pam Campos	Walking in Grace
10/08/2023	Cayla Pottinger	Rev. Elizabeth Hartung	Stronger Together- Rev. Molly Carlson
10/15/2023	Ronan Heffernan	Salli Walden	Tables Get Bigger
10/22/2023	Isabelle Shatters	Lou Ann Hoffman	Trick Question
10/29/2023	Avery Ramirez	Lou Ann Hoffman	Why Hate?

### **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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YouTube.com: [Click here](#) OR

1. Go to the search bar.
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