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Shepherds

<u>Chairperson</u>	Deanna Bazan
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<u>Outreach/Welcoming</u>	Kathy Farren

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

The Happenings

February 2024





Pastor's Porch

Have you noticed the Christ Candle on the altar? Christ's light has guided us on our transformative journey through Epiphany. As we enter the sacred season of Lent, marked by solemn vibrancy, we intentionally extinguish the Christ Candle. This act symbolizes our passage into the wilderness of Lent, where reflection and introspection deepen our connection with the divine.

Art, in all its expressive forms—visual arts, dance, song, writing, or performance—is a powerful conduit for our spiritual journey. Through art, we find the language to imagine and hope for a future filled with vibrancy and joy. The brushstrokes of a painting, the rhythm of a dance, the melody of a song, and the words penned in literature all contribute to our collective ability to envision a world renewed.

In this context, we draw inspiration from Madeleine Jubilee Saito, a gifted comic writer from central Illinois. Her comic series, "I wake up early and look into the tomb," serves as a poignant portrayal of our Easter journey, depicting us as God's Easter people, repeatedly experiencing renewal. The visual narrative captures the essence of hope and the promise of resurrection.

"I wake up early and look into the tomb" is not just a comic; it is a testament to the power of art to reveal a better future. It unfolds a world where our renewed spirits lead us to be transformed by God's boundless love. This theme resonates deeply as we encounter various perspectives on our faith journey.

As we engage in the practices of Lent, let us cherish the role of art in fostering a deeper connection with our spirituality. Through artistic expression, we explore the depths of our faith and illuminate a path toward a future characterized by renewal, resilience, and the enduring presence of God's love.

Peace in God's Love,
Pastor Elizabeth

February 4: "Good Vibes: Gettin' Back in the Game." In Mark 1:29-39, Jesus rises early to pray in a deserted place, rejuvenating his spirit. Our journey aligns with "Be the Brave One," a book that encourages us to get back in the game, inspired by the power of prayer and inner strength.

February 11: "Good Vibes, Love Vibes: A Transformative Journey." Our series concludes with Mark 9:2-9, where Jesus undergoes a transfiguration. We'll embark on a transformative journey, drawing parallels with "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." As the characters experience a world-changing encounter, we'll explore the transformative power of love in our lives. **Students from the 5th and 6th grade class will perform a selection from the book, "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."**

Lent: Renew

Lent is a time of journey and reflection; we embark on a spiritual renewal journey with a sermon series focusing on renewing our souls, minds, and community. I will explore the essence of true treasures, the heartbeat of renewal through God's promises, shifting focus beyond earthly matters and drawing strength from divine wisdom. We will conclude the series with reflections on the Last Supper, the seven last words of Christ, and a transformation from weeping to witnessing at the empty tomb.

February 14 - Ash Wednesday: Renewing our Spirits. In our quest for spiritual renewal, we examine our treasures' essence, there will be a short meditation and imposition of ashes. Verse 6:21 guides us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Let us explore the treasures that genuinely matter and renew our hearts. 6:30 pm service.

February 18 - The Heartbeat of Renewal (Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 9:1-15)

God's covenant is symbolized by a bow in the clouds (Genesis 9:13), and in Mark 9:7, a voice declares, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you, I am well pleased." Join us as we delve into the symbolism of God's promises and discover the heartbeat of renewal through art. We will welcome the STEP team from YHS. Thank you to the Outreach team for making this possible. Dance and body language are essential non-verbal ways we communicate about ourselves and our community. This first Sunday in Lent, we will renew through the dance symbolized by God's covenant with a bow in the clouds (Genesis 9:13). The divine voice declares, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you, I am well pleased" (Mark 9:11), inviting us to explore the expressive dance of emotions on this path of transformation.

February 25 - Shifting Focus: Renewal Beyond Earthly Matters (Mark 8:31-38)

Mark 8:33 reminds us to focus on divine things, not just human concerns. Let's explore how shifting our focus beyond earthly matters can lead to extraordinary renewal.



From the Desk of the Chair

Shepherds. We know them for the role they played in celebrating the birth of Christ. We might even remember that King David started out as a shepherd. Here at YCUCC, our Shepherds serve on the leadership team to guide and nurture this family of faith. Our Shepherds listen to our congregants, they guide ministry teams, and they come together every 4 weeks to take care of church business and keep our church moving forward. They serve.

During our meeting last month, we took care of business. Besides approving the next phase of our solar project and adopting a policy for staff based on the new Illinois labor law, we talked about our country and what is happening. We talked about migrants. Families are being sent into Illinois and dropped off at all kinds of places. What happens when a bus load of people is left on the corner in Yorkville?

This conversation, which originated with the Visioning Team, reflected our heritage. Congregationalists (who merged to create the United Church of Christ) have always been an agent of social justice. YCUCC has had a huge impact in our community over the years, from working with the Underground Railroad to starting a senior affordable housing center to serving as a founding member of the county's PADS program. This congregation supports local, national and world missions year after year. Now in 2024, we have an opportunity to continue that tradition. When the migrants arrive in our community, will we be ready? What will we do? The SLT answer was simple: We serve. We don't know exactly what that looks like right now, but when the time comes, we will serve with love and integrity in whatever way we are needed.

That's the voice of our Shepherds, guiding and nurturing this family of faith. I am excited to be a part of this church because it allows me the opportunity to have a direct impact on my fellow humans and our environment. In these challenging times, we can remember Jesus' words from Matthew 25:35-40: ³⁵ 'I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' ³⁷ 'Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? ³⁸ When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ 'Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

Yours in Service,
Deanna Bazan



What's happening in Building and Grounds?

During the month of January, the building and grounds crew has spent a lot of time shoveling snow and salting the sidewalks. The crew was very eager for a snowstorm to hit so they could use their new snowblower that was received from the Kendall County Food Pantry. They are happy to report that they did get the chance to break it out and it works nicely!

Besides removing lots of snow, the crew also spent time testing the emergency lights and getting the fire prevention equipment inspected and updated. At the same time the crew also replaced the air filters in all 10 of the furnaces. Anytime the crew makes an effort to check the emergency lights, they also take the opportunity to change air filters. This happens two to three times a year.

The building and grounds crew would like to thank everyone that helped them put up and take down all of the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work!

Building and Grounds continues to meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am. All are welcome!

Focus verse of the month:

"Stay awake, stand firm in your faith, be brave, be strong. Everything should be done in love."

- 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Pastor's Bible Study: The Parables

We will study Jesus' parables and consider their meaning and context over the next few months. Each week, we will consider how the different parables inform our view of our faith, our love of neighbor, and how expansive God's love is for us. A packet of study materials is available in the office. Wednesday's 5-6 pm.





... about YOU

Contact Pastor Elizabeth, church office, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman to learn about how a Care Team person can care for you!

Friendly People Needed to be Greeters!

The Outreach and Welcoming Ministry is looking for volunteers to serve as greeters before worship each Sunday from 9:30 to 10 am. Many thanks to those who have been serving as greeters!

No experience needed!

The ideal candidate would possess the following skills:

- Smiles (highly contagious in nature)
- Willingness to introduce yourself to those around you before worship, whom you may not know
- Open Heart that can welcome all who come into our church

SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.



MISSIONS MINISTRY

The 5 for 5 Offering "The Christmas Fund" taken up in December 2023 came to \$715.00. A BIG THANK YOU to all who gave to make this happen.

No total of dollars for the January 21st Soup Sunday with proceeds going to the LaSalle Veterans Home in LaSalle, IL. Will report next month.

Mark your calendars for upcoming months of Soup Sundays:

February 18th proceeds for Senior Services in Yorkville

March 17th proceeds for Vacation Bible School

April 14th proceeds for Y.C.U.C.C. Youth Mission Trip

The Budgeted Mission Ministry item sent in the month of January: \$200.00 to Hesed House in Aurora, Illinois.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing lives are transformed and we are investing in the future. 'One Great Hour of Sharing' (OGHS), is our next 5 for 5 Offering to be collected on March 10th. More info next month.

Looking for a book to read? Did you know that the church has 2 libraries? There is a lovely adult library on the south side and a kid's library on the north side. The Kids Library has a large selection of books just waiting to be checked out. Among the offerings are some books suggested as part of the Celebrate Wonder curriculum. Of course, these books can be enjoyed anytime, but here are the suggestions from the first unit this spring. Have questions? Ask Sue Kimes or Robin Campos!

Spring Unit 1: January 7 - February 4

Week 1: Easter Love Letters from God: Bible Stories by Glenys Nellist
Hands Say Love by George Shannon

Week 2: Signs of God's Love: Baptism and Communion by Jeanne S. Fogal
Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table by Jacqueline Briggs

Week 3: I Can Say a Prayer by Sophie Piper
Every Which Way to Pray by Joyce Meyer

Week 4: With You All the Way by Max Lucado
Hope Springs by Eric Walters

Week 5: Good News! It's Easter! By Glenys Nellist
Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert and AA



The Road to Nashville: Sponsor-A-Mile!

Its 484 miles to Nashville, TN from Yorkville! Help sponsor our first 100 miles! Visit the main office window to grab an envelope with money values \$1-\$100. If you are able, please take an envelope and place the amount of your choosing in the envelope. All envelopes can be turned into the mailbox for Robin Campos or the basket near the window.

This will be an ongoing fundraiser. If all of the envelopes are taken, we should raise \$3,000!



TIPS TO REDUCE ENERGY COSTS

- **Lower thermostats** 7 degrees to 10 degrees during the winter when leaving the home for eight or more hours to save up to 10 percent of heating costs.
- **Open drapes** when the sun is shining in, then close them when it gets dark. Be sure to close drapes and shades across all of your windows at night to prevent drafts and slow heat loss through the glass.
- **Run full loads of laundry** whenever possible. Running small, partial loads of laundry takes as much energy as running a full load. You will end up using more power and water with multiple loads. You will run your washer and dryer a lot less and cut down on your hot water usage.
- **Change filters** every 3 months. If the filter looks dirty, change it sooner. A dirty filter will slow down air flow and make the system work harder, which wastes energy.
- **Switch to LED light bulbs** to save electricity in winter. Light-emitting diodes (LED) are among the most energy-efficient light sources available, since they use 75% less energy and last 25 times longer.

SAVE THIS DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7:00 P.M.

MOVIE NIGHT: "GOING CIRCULAR"

WITH REFRESHMENTS AND ENERGETIC DISCUSSION

WHO CAN COME: EVERYONE! (Sign up please.)

Make an effort to add just ONE new energy saving action!

NEXT MEETING: FEB 12, 6:30 P.M. AT CHURCH

Come to listen and find out what's happening!

GREEN TEAM - MISSION STATEMENT

The YCUCC Green Team's mission is to exemplify good stewardship by promoting environmental awareness and practice through projects in our church and community.

Stewardship Ministry

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, With God's help I will do. . .

by Minnie Peterson/St. John U.C.C.-Aurora, IL



Diane Stablein, and Doug & Peg Trumble, met with Katie Fuhs from Exodus World Service on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 to deliver the Welcome Pack YCUCC collected in the fall of 2023 to the Syrian Family in the photo. They resettled to Worth, IL just five days prior to our delivery. The family was very appreciative of all items received.

The family lived in a refugee camp in Jordan for at least 10 years prior to arriving in Worth, IL. Their daughter/sister (now 11), only has childhood memories from the refugee camp!

We visited the family for about 1½ hours. They were hospitable and gracious. We were served coffee, and later tea. The daughter spoke a little English, but the remainder of the family spoke no English. Katie and Diane used Google Translate to ask the family questions. Between Google Translate and the daughter's limited understanding of English, we were able to communicate. It's amazing how a decent conversation can occur and be a positive experience when the people you are with don't speak the same language as you!

It was a very enjoyable and fulfilling afternoon of Loving Our Neighbors.

Peg Trumble | Love Your Neighbor Ministry

YCUCC Students to Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children

On March 27th at 11:30am, our YCUCC students aged 5+, teachers and parents are invited to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL. Parents will be responsible for transportation, carpooling is recommended.

Registration is required. 25 spaces remain at the time of this printing. To register visit <http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=LDL33D> or Contact Robin Campos.





Fifteen people persevered the frigid, cold weather on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL: June Davis, Anne Engelhardt, Kathy Farren, Linda Haan, Bethany Harbour, Pastor Elizabeth Hartung, LouAnn Hoffman, Leslie Inukai, Nancy Kolowski, Mary McCracken, Joan McEachern, Linda Melhouse, Diane Stablein, Peg Trumble, and Salli Walden. Following FMSC, everyone enjoyed lunch at the Pomegranate Restaurant.

Results of the Volunteer Packing Session

Boxes packed: 77; Meals: 16,632;

Kids fed a daily meal for a year: 46; Cost: \$4,823.28



LET THE LIGHT SHINE: Solar Project Phase II

YCUCC is moving forward with Phase II of our solar project to add a 28-panel awning to the west side of the church building to provide another 20% of our energy needs with the production of about 12,400kWh per year. The SLT approved the project at the January meeting, and now the Green Team is working with IRE (Independence Renewable Energy) on the details. This addition is an expansion of the system already in place from Phase I, the first 30 solar panels on the south side of the building. If you were unable to attend the information session on January 7, please visit the Green Team kiosk in the Narthex which has project details available.

Funding for this project will come from the Environmental Fund and NOT the church operating budget. That fund currently has nearly \$17,000, and the Green Team is waiting for the SREC (solar renewable energy credits) payment from Phase I of \$12,000. The remaining funding will come from donations and bridge loans from church members in the amount of about \$21,600 to meet the final cost of the project. Any **donation** made to the Environmental Fund is credited to you for tax purposes and is considered charitable giving. A **bridge loan** is exactly that: it is a loan made to the Environmental Fund in order to bridge the gap between immediate expenses and receipt of rebates and credits, which could easily take 12-18 months. In the meantime, the Green Team continues to search for grants and other funding for the project.

You may be thinking that this seems like a large number and may be insurmountable. Over the next 25 years, the solar panels will bring savings to YCUCC on electric bills. The use of solar reduces our dependence on fossil fuels and therefore supports our mission to environmental stewardship. The Green Team has a small pamphlet with questions and answers to help us better understand this project. Please consider ways in which you might be able to support this initiative.

OVERHEAD VIEW OF YCUCC

Left: South side of church with existing 30 solar panels awning.

Top: West side of church. Drawing of 28 panels, which includes about half of the west wall and the office area.





J.O.Y. Circle's next meeting is scheduled for noon on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in YCUCC's Fellowship Hall.

We welcome new members, so please come join us!



2024 SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

APRIL 26TH & 27TH



**** This event is a *CHURCH-WIDE* Rummage & Bake Sale! ****

Reminder: Items 'NOT' Accepted for Donation:

Extra Large Furniture (i.e. 'Oversized' sofas/sectionals, desks, entertainment centers)
Electronics (TVs, computers, printers, typewriters, land/cell phones, fax equipment),
infant/child car and/or booster seats, any size mattress, cribs

**** More information will appear in *The Happenings* 2024 March Newsletter. ****

Thank you!

J.O.Y. Circle and Love Your Neighbor Ministry are once again partnering with World Relief to offer newly, resettled refugee families the opportunity to attend the 2024 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale!

Refugee Vouchers are available on the Giving Tree in the Narthex.



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

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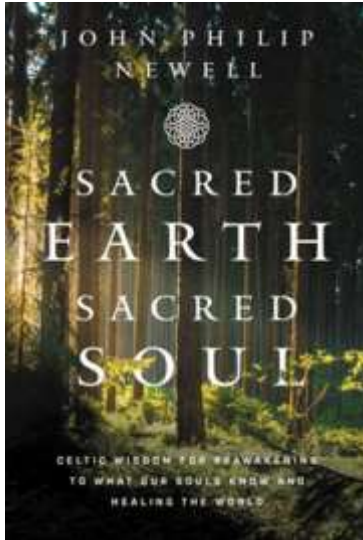
Peg Trumble
J.O.Y. Circle & Rummage Sale Chair

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.

Book Discussion

My goal is to have three book discussions per academic year. This year, in October, we read *Heartland, A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* by Sarah Smarsh and in January we read *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. For our final book discussion, I'm excited to select:



Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World by John Philip Newell

“A leading spiritual teacher reveals how Celtic Spirituality—listening to the sacred around us and inside of us—can help us heal the earth, overcome our conflicts, and reconnect with ourselves.” (Google Books)

The discussion will be Apr 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Please contact Aimee List to let me know if you plan to attend. Only one copy is available in the PrairieCat library system and no copies in the Libby app. There are numerous online stores, including several used bookstores, that carry the book. Contact Aimee List if you need help purchasing a copy.

Spiritual Development Group (SDG)

The SDG will be starting a six-lesson study of Genesis chapters 12-32. The group meets online every other week.

- Lesson 1 - A Radical Call - February 13, 7:00 p.m.
- Lesson 2 - God Makes a Covenant - February 27, 7:00 p.m.

Newcomers are welcome at any time! If you wish to join the discussion, contact Diane Stablein to be sent the Google Meets video link.

Lent

This year, Lent begins Wednesday, February 14th with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30. There are many resources available to help with your Lent devotional journey. Here are a few I've found:

- The 2024 United Church of Christ Lent Devotional, *Bend*, is available at The Pilgrim Press.
- SALT Project is an award-winning company dedicated to visual storytelling. They have many print-at-home resources available for purchase.
- Sojourners Online magazine has an article, “10 Lent Devotionals and Books That Inspire Faith and Justice.” Check it out for many great ideas.
- Guideposts have many Lent resources available.

There are many, many more resources out there. I would encourage you to add a spiritual practice this year for Lent.

Aimee List
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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY						
Quarterly Report for Pastoral Care Ministry						
Quarter: 4 Year: 2023						
Reports for dates: 10/01/23 through 12/31/23						
Worship Attendance	Adults	Children	Online	Weekly Total	Special Service	Mo/Qtr/Yr Total
10/01/2023	65	18		83		
10/08/2023	71	14		85		
10/15/2023	80	21		101		
10/22/2023	77	17		94		
10/29/2023	89	27	1	117		
October Weekly Averages	76	19	1	96		480
11/05/2023	74	21	3	98		
11/12/2023	65	23	3	91		
11/19/2023	83	23	3	109		
11/26/2023	70	19	5	94		
November Weekly Averages	73	22	4	98		392
12/03/2023	83	30		113		
12/10/2023	106	28	8	142		
12/17/2023	81	21	5	107		
12/24/2023	145	19		164	Christmas Eve Service	
12/31/2023	44	2		46	New Years Eve Service	
December Weekly Averages	92	20		114		572
Quarterly Weekly Averages	81	20		103		1444
Year's Weekly Averages	80	21	4	104		5733
Additions	1. Confirmation					
2	2. Confession of Faith					
	3. Letter of Transfer In					
	4. Reaffirmation of Faith					

December 2023 Financial Status

\$45,000
\$40,000
\$35,000
\$30,000
\$25,000
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000
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\$(5,000)
\$(10,000)

\$43,482

Actual
December
Income

\$32,656

Monthly
Budgeted
Income

\$30,462
\$28,585
\$29,144

Actual
December
Expenses

13,020

December
Income Surplus
(Shortage)

December
Budget Surplus
(Shortage)

December

Average

\$(673)

(1,877)

■ Budget ■ Income ■ Expense ■ Operating Shortage or (Surplus) ■ Budget Shortage



2023 - 2024 Monthly Average Financial Status



Those Grieving:

The Andrus Family
The Goss Family
The Kinkade Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Pat Dietz	Coulson Taylor
Tom Lindblom	Pearl Undesser

Health Concerns:

Lynn Belcher	Virginia Goss	Finley Walker
Deb Bezroukoff	Gayle Jacobs	
Earl Bushnell	Wyatt Jones	
Rosey Clark	Jonathan Lamp	
Louise DeFuss	Aidan Mendell	
Dave Encinas	Deb Mendell	
Dawn Ginger	Jim Stott	

General Concerns:

Prochaska Family	Fur Babies:
	Kelly Fischer - Maggie & Riley

Homebound/Assisted Living:

Myrah Baldwin, Earl Bushnell, Delores Cruise, Pat Dietz, Dave Encinas, Gayle Jacobs, Ruth Prince, and Fred Wayne

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	3 9-12p CPR Training
4 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am Outreach	5	6 9:00 am B&G MTG 1:00 pm FROG	7 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 7:00-8:00pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	8 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	9	10 11am-5pm Private Recital in Sanctuary
11 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Fat "Sunday"	12 6:30 pm Green Team	13 9:00 am B&G MTG 10:00 am Pastoral Care 7:00 pm Spiritual Development	14 Ash Wednesday 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Pastoral Care Conf. Rm 6:00 pm Youth Choir 6:30 pm Worship NO Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	15	16 7:00 pm Green Team Movie Night Daybreak Delivery	17
18 Soup Sunday 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship 11:15 am Care Team Mtg 1:00 pm Confirmation	19	20 9:00 am B&G MTG 12:00 pm JOY Circle 6:30 pm FROG	21 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 7:00-8:00pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	22 <div>NEWSLETTER CALENDAR DUE DATE</div>	23	24
25 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Pancake Breakfast 11:00 am LYN Meeting 2:00 pm CPR Training	26	27 9:00 am B&G MTG 7:00 pm Spiritual Development	28 9:00 am Newsletter Mailing 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:00 pm Bible Study 5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Choir 7:00-8:00pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	29		

February Birthdays

Jean Anderson	01	Emily Frisk	18
Diana Lee	01	Steve Gawne	18
Ken Olvera	03	Alissa Jones	18
Mathew Patterson	03	Connie Pierrepont	18
Carol Schulz	04	Bob Anderson	19
Carla Skinner	05	Philip Gaebler	19
Fred Gaebler	06	Lennox Strong	19
Randy Ems	07	Bert Erickson	20
Lori Melhouse	07	Joanna Goss	20
Lauren Rhodes	07	Lindsay Martinez	20
Maureen Tully	07	Hadley Vaclavik	20
Joe Stablein	09	Aiden Green	21
Leslie Inukai	10	Cody Hornyak	22
Malia Skinner	10	Lindsay Graunke	22
Kara Yabsley	11	Sadie Pottinger	22
Amy Corwin	12	Kylie Brewick	23
Alex Goldman	12	Connie Dickson	24
Kyle Mulligan	12	Myrah Baldwin	25
Renley Rebsom	12	Alex McLeod	27
Anthony Gelsomino	13	Cory Strong	27
Andy Hamblin	13	Rev. Barbara Lohrbach	28
Liam Rhodes	13	Joan McEachern	28
Keenan Trashavil	13	DJ Melhouse	28
Megan Gelsomino	15	Marcella Culberson	29

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

GREEN

Mark 1:29-39

Transfiguration

WHITE or GREEN

Mark 9:2-9

First Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Genesis 9:8-17

Mark 1:9-15

Second Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Mark 8:31-38

February Anniversaries

07 Justin & Jean Heffernan	15 Years
10 Doug & Peg Trumble	51 Years
10 Louise & Carrie DeFuss	12 Years
15 Doug & Coral Clevenger	32 Years
21 Chris & Stacy Skinner	15 Years
26 Matt & Courtney Skinner	2 Years



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
2/04/2024	Ronan Heffernan	Owen Shatters	Good Vibes: "Gettin' Back in the Game"
2/11/2024	Isabelle Shatters	LeaAnn Skogsberg	Good Vibes, Love Vibes: A Transformative Journey
2/18/2024	Avery Ramirez	LeaAnn Skogsberg	The Heartbeat of Renewal
2/25/2024	Evan Griffin	LeaAnn Skogsberg	Shifting Focus: Renewal Beyond Earthly Matters

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.
2. Type in "Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ".
3. Click on the channel.
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