



Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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<u>Church Family: Fellowship</u>	Laurie Houle
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Worship & Sunday School: 10:00 am
Voyageurs: 9:00 am

The Happenings

January 2024

— HAPPY —

NEW
YEAR



Pastor's Porch

Greetings, Church Family!

A New Year and the Light of Epiphany

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, envision it as a blank canvas awaiting the intricate threads of our experiences. Let us drape ourselves in the comforting radiance of Epiphany's divine light, much like the Magi who embarked on a transformative pilgrimage, captivated by a cosmic revelation in Matthew 2:2. ***They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honor him."*** Inspired by the quest for the newborn king, their journey mirrors our pursuit of meaning and significance.

Reflecting on the tapestry of the past, we find wisdom and resilience woven into the fabric of life. Epiphany encourages us to carve intentions for the future, weaving an intentional map of aspirations and values onto the canvas of the coming year. The Magi's celestial navigation becomes a metaphor for our own guiding stars—intentions that shine brightly and resolutely, leading us toward purpose and fulfillment.

In the spirit of gratitude and mindfulness, Epiphany teaches us to appreciate the inherent beauty in each passing moment. Amidst the hustle of life, we are urged to unveil the divine in the ordinary, extracting the extraordinary from the mundane. As we navigate the tapestry of time, may we learn to relish the sacred details that often go unnoticed.

May warmth permeate every thread of our existence as we embrace the coming year—warmth in relationships, purpose, and unexpected blessings. Let Epiphany be our compass, guiding us into a year filled with resolutions that resonate with profundity and meaning. Here's to the journey ahead, where the luminosity of discovery and the warmth of purpose intertwine, crafting a mosaic of moments that define and enrich our lives—a tapestry woven with the threads of intention, gratitude, and the divine.

Worship During Epiphany.

We're excited to kick off the new year with a series that promises to resonate in the depths of your spirit. Get ready for **"Vibes and Voices: A Spiritual Soundtrack,"** a six-week journey weaving together sacred scriptures and timeless tales that will surely leave a melody in your heart.

January 7: "Genesis Groove: Unveiling the Deep"

In our first installment, we delve into the cosmic rhythms of Genesis. Picture the earth as a formless void, covered in darkness, awaiting the divine touch. As wind from God sweeps over the waters, we'll uncover the mysteries of creation, accompanied by "The Tale of the Hummingbird," a story that echoes the delicate beauty of God's handiwork in nature.

January 14: "Soul Whispers: Listening to the Divine Call"

Join us as we attune our hearts to the divine frequencies in 1 Samuel 3:1-20. Samuel, in the night's quietude, hears the calling of the Lord. We'll explore the significance of listening and responding to the divine call with the inspirational life of Mary McLeod Bethune, a woman who allowed her soul to resonate with the divine whispers.

January 21: "Good Vibes: What's Poppin'?"

Mark 1:14-20 brings the story of Jesus inviting ordinary people into an extraordinary journey. As Jesus says, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people," we'll dive into the good vibes of discipleship. And yes, we'll draw parallels with the whimsical world of "Mary Poppins," where unexpected adventures await those who say 'yes' to the call.

January 28: "Good Vibes: New Teaching Droppin'"

Mark 1:21-28 unfolds with the astonishing authority of Jesus. As a new teaching drops, the crowd is left in awe, commanding even unclean spirits. We'll draw connections with Ray Bradbury's "The Pedestrian," exploring the impact of disruptive revelations on societal norms.

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.

Join us each Sunday as we explore the harmonies of faith, revelation, and storytelling. Let's create a spiritual soundtrack that resonates with the vibes and voices of our sacred journey together.

Peace in God's Love,
Pastor Elizabeth



From the Desk of the Chair

Happy New Year! I hope you are entering 2024 with JOY and ANTICIPATION of all that God has in store for your lives. As we come from so many different life situations, we can trust in God's good will for each one of us, and we can trust in our YCUCC church family to provide support in times of need as well as celebration in times of joy.

Your Shepherd's Leadership Team is looking ahead at all the possibilities of 2024. We are hosting a calendar planning meeting on January 18th to plan out the year ahead with the many events that keep our congregation engaged and growing. Our January events include Soup Sunday (21st) and the Chili Cook-Off (28th). Please remember to check the calendar regularly in this newsletter or online on our website.

A big new project this year is Phase II of our solar project. The Green Team is working again with Independence Renewable Energy (IRE) out of Sandwich (<https://iresolar.com/>), the same company that designed and installed Phase I. This project will add 28 additional panels to the southwest side of the building and double the amount of energy we are supplying for our usage. Please read the article in this newsletter detailing that project.

Countryside Pavilion Park is nearing completion pending the addition of the roof to the pavilion. Once that is completed, look for a community celebration hosted by YCUCC for the neighborhood.

SLT is also looking ahead to our financial commitments and capital improvements. We are aware of our needs as the building ages and have a good handle on heating and cooling. Future projects include replacing sections of carpet, updating our sound system, fixing the parking lot, and replacing our office copy machine for which replacement parts are no longer being made. Our Building and Grounds team works hard every week to keep up with monthly maintenance tasks both inside and out which provides a huge savings for our congregation. Tim Andrus, our Finance Shepherd, deserves a huge thanks for his weekly dedication to YCUCC. He and his team have been working diligently to meet the requirements of new state laws regarding employees. The SLT is blessed to have such dedicated leaders who work well together with Pastor Elizabeth to address the needs and concerns of this congregation.

I wish for each one of you a vision of JOY as the new year opens before us. I trust that your hearts will be open to God's goodness and that you can realize the mercies that are new each morning. I am grateful that you have found your home at YCUCC and that we can build God's kingdom together in Yorkville.

Yours in Service,
Deanna Bazan
Chairperson, SLT

New Staff Member

YCUCC would like to welcome Alex Houle to our staff as our new Administrative Assistant. Starting in January, you will find Alex in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays working with our Building and Grounds team as well as with our Christian Education Director, Robin Campos and Pastor Elizabeth. Robin will continue to serve as our Church Administrator and Alex will be a huge help in tackling weekly tasks and special assignments. Alex comes to us with a military and medical background with experience in office management and team leadership. He is a resident of Plano and a father to his two daughters, Roxie and Zoe. Please stop by the office and welcome Alex to our staff team!





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 Lou Ann, or call the church office asking for one of us to reach out to 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.

Clarity Amidst Complexity: Unveiling Purpose through Christ and Ecclesiastes

Join us for a transformative Bible study that delves into the themes of spiritual blindness, understanding life's purpose, and the profound encounter with Christ. In this study, we will explore the narrative of the Healing of the Blind Man from John 9:1-41 and connect it with the timeless wisdom in the Book of Ecclesiastes. This is a 3-week series that will meet on January 10, 17, and 24 from 5-6 pm. Questions will be available in Pastor Elizabeth's mailbox.



Do you face the new year looking “not-so-happy”?

Bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ."
-Galatians 6:2

Are you burdened or hurting?

A Care Team person can **listen**, **encourage** and **care**.
You can experience God's love through a caring person.

Contact Pastor Elizabeth, church office, Carrie DeFuss or Lou Ann Hoffman

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.



The Christmas Pageant was a SUCCESS!

The sweet sounds of Christmas were enjoyed as our YCUCC children and youth presented our annual Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 10, 2023 during our 10:00 a.m. service. The program entitled Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior created by Ed Kee told the wonderful story of Christ's birth in Bethlehem. Sondra Shatters, assisted by Peg Trumble and accompanied by Lori Runkle, directed the music and acting talents of the delightful pageant.

Students participating in the pageant included Aidan Mendell, Luke DeFuss, Evan Griffin, Owen Shatters, Avery Andersen, Isabelle Shatters, Renley Rebsom, Rhysten Rebsom, Charlotte Shatters, Lincoln Skinner, Chelsea Skinner, Penelope Skinner, Hudson Martinez, Brynn Martínez, Elizabeth Madden, Kendall Madden, Liam Rhodes, Jacob DeFuss, and Benjamin DeFuss. Thank you, Ms. Sondra, Ms. Peg and Ms. Runkle, for your commitment, time and direction. Thank you, students and parent helpers, it was a delightful program.



YCUCC will be providing lunch at Daybreak homeless shelter again on Jan. 19.

The menu will be sloppy jo, green beans, applesauce, chips and dessert.

As the number of guests housed at Daybreak has increased in recent months, we will need six 3-pound batches of sloppy jo, a total of 104 hamburger buns, two large (approximately 6 pound) cans of green beans, five big bags of barbecue potato chips, two big bags of regular potato chips, three large jars of unsweetened applesauce, and four desserts.

The guests at Daybreak are always very appreciative of the good, homemade food and our crew is the only one that makes sloppy jo for them. They also enjoy being able to have a choice of chips and dessert.

If you can help provide any of these items, please call or email Kathy Farren, 630-803-0514, ednpub@earthlink.net.

Many thanks to those who provided the lunch in November-- Anne Engelhardt, Connie Pierrepont, Lori Redmon, Sue Kimes, Jill Mickelson, Deborah Cummins, Sandy DeRidder, Gail Gaebler, Tim Andrus, Deanna Bazan, Diane Dillow, Mary McCracken and Sandy Lindblom. The verdict from the guests - it was all delicious!

Thanks too to the faithful serving crew of Salli Walden, Gavin Redmon and Brian Bazan. We couldn't do this without them.



Annual Chili Cookoff & Game Day!

Join us for our Chili Cookoff & Game Day!

January 28th at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Break out your favorite chili recipe for a chance to win the **chili trophy!**



LET THE LIGHT SHINE: Solar Project Phase II

YCUCC installed a 30-panel solar canopy on the south side of the building which has been fully operational since June 2022. Currently our system produces about 21% of our building usage, and it has reduced our ComEd bills by about \$2500 to date. Our current electric bill is around \$600 per month.

The Green Team is again working with Independence Renewable Energy (IRE) out of Sandwich and met with owner Norm Johnson on December 12. This project involves the installation of a 28-panel awning on the west side of the building extending from the corner to around the Pastor's office (see photo below). The system would match the other awning in design and provide another 20% of our energy needs with an estimated production of 12,400 kWh/year. Phase II will tie into the existing electrical system installed with Phase I which was specifically designed for this anticipated expansion. This new system is projected to save us about \$6000 over 5 years, \$13,000 over 10 years, and nearly \$39,000 over the next 25 years, all while reducing our fossil fuel use. Like Phase I, this system will qualify for SREC funds (Solar Renewable Energy Credits) to help offset the cost. The YCUCC Environmental Fund will finance the entire project and **no funding will come from the general operating budget**. This fund was established for the specific purpose of implementing environmental stewardship projects. Any contribution to this fund is considered a charitable gift and receives the same tax benefits as a contribution made to church. Your gifts are encouraged and welcomed to support these ongoing projects with the understanding that they are above and beyond your regular contributions to the general operating fund.

Moving ahead, our Shepherd's Leadership Team will need to approve this project at the January 11 meeting before the process can begin. Prior to that, information is available at the Green Team kiosk. There will also be an in-person information session at **coffee fellowship on January 7** allowing you to ask questions about the project. Additionally, you are invited to contact the church office with questions, and you will be directed to a Green Team member.



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.

Just Mercy Discussion

Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Email Aimee List, at ajlsan1@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending.

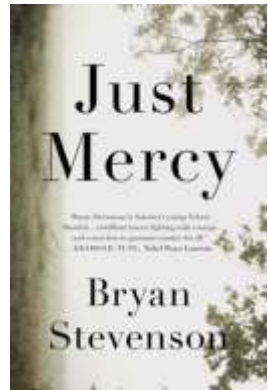
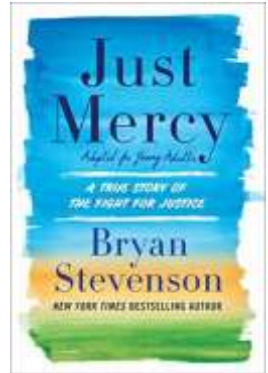
The YA version of the book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson was recently removed from the English curriculum at Yorkville High School. Let's meet and discuss this critically acclaimed, true story of an innocent man put on death row and a lawyer's fight to free him.

*Watch the **movie**--As far as I can tell, *Just Mercy* is not free on any streaming service. It is available to rent on various platforms for under \$5.00. It is also available on DVD from the Yorkville Public Library.

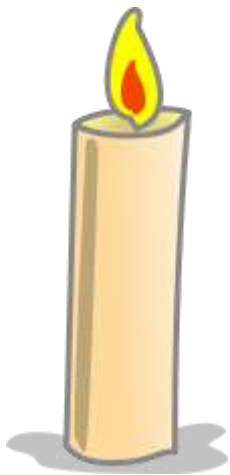
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*Read the **book**--the high school used the YA version. It is a shortened version of the original. Or read the original with more details. The audiobook and print versions are available on the Libby app (the public library's digital app). Pastor Elizabeth spoke of the book during her sermon on 11/12/23. Go back and watch that if you missed it!

Aimee List
ajlsan1@hotmail.com



Join us for Remembrance Sunday January 14th at 10:00am



In the embrace of God's eternal grace, Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ will gather in person and online to celebrate the lives of those who died in 2023. The members of YCUCC who died will be named and commemorated during the service. The service will feature prayers, a homily and uplifting music.

If you are participating remotely, please have a candle at home to light during the service to commemorate the life of people you loved.

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.

New Year's Resolutions

Happy New Year! As we are beginning 2024 and we are thinking about New Year's resolutions, I'd like to encourage you to think about setting a church-based resolution. Here are a few ideas:

Read your bible

Set a goal to read your bible. It can be a small practice such as reading the weekly bible readings at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> or following one of the many bible reading plans available.

Read a Daily Devotional

The United Church of Christ has an excellent Daily Devotional that is sent for free to your email address. The readings only take a few minutes to read. Subscribe here <https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>

Try a New Church Activity

Meet new people and put yourself out of your comfort zone by trying a new church activity. Most of us have our "groups" and limit ourselves to just attending those. Set an intention to try something new this year!

Increase your Church Attendance

Life is so busy and it is often very hard to fit in church attendance, but work on making in-person church attendance a priority.

Advent - Glow Devotional



The Spiritual Development Group will continue reading and discussing the 2023 Pilgrim Press Advent Devotional. The devotional continues with reading throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas--December 26 through January 6.

SDG will meet on Google Meets at 7:00 p.m.

- January 2
- January 16
- January 30

Newcomers are welcome at any time! If you wish to join the discussion, contact Diane Stablein at "infoshep@yorkville-ucc.org." to be sent the Google Meets video link.

Aimee List
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MISSIONS MINISTRY

The A.I.D. Tree raised \$1,275 and has been delivered . A “BIG THANK YOU” to all of you for caring and helping to make this happen.

Our Cookie Walk made \$1,591.75 for the unhoused youth at Yorkville High School. Thank you to Sue Kimes and Diane Dillow for leading us to another successful event. We thank these women and all of the bakers.

“The Christmas Fund” (5 for 5) offering for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has not been completed as of this printing. The total will be reported in the February Happenings.

Next Soup Sunday: January 21st

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 21, 2024. Soup Sunday with proceeds going to the Illinois Veterans Home in LaSalle.

Stewardship Ministry

“Stewardship is all about relationship-between us and God; us and others; and the Earth. Stewardship is the activity of caring for God’s creation with the resources we have, with the knowledge that nothing belongs to us, but everything belongs to God. Good stewardship becomes a lifestyle.”

YCUCC Pledge/Giving Campaign, “Because Our Church Changes Lives” came to \$184,608.00 with 34 pledges received. Pledges are accepted anytime during the year by coming to the office and getting the paperwork. One option is using the automatic giving plan, where your giving is taken out of your specified bank. Charges can be made to your pledge at anytime. A sincere “thank you” goes out to all who pledge and support YCUCC.

Thank you to all the cookie bakers, candy makers and purchasers for your part in making the 2023 Annual Cookie Walk a success.

Together we were able to raise \$1,591.75 which will be used to purchase gift cards to aid the families of the 52 homeless children and other displaced families in need.

The contact from the School District was very grateful as they handle family needs throughout the year.

Sue Kimes and Diane Dillow, Chairpersons





J.O.Y. Circle Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023

Whitetail Ridge Golf Club



Thirty-five people enjoyed time spent together during the 2023 Christmas Luncheon. Thanks are extended to Mary McCracken for organizing the event, and Pam Hamblin for making the Christmas tissue holders for everyone. An added 'J.O.Y.' was having Gayle Jacobs join us!



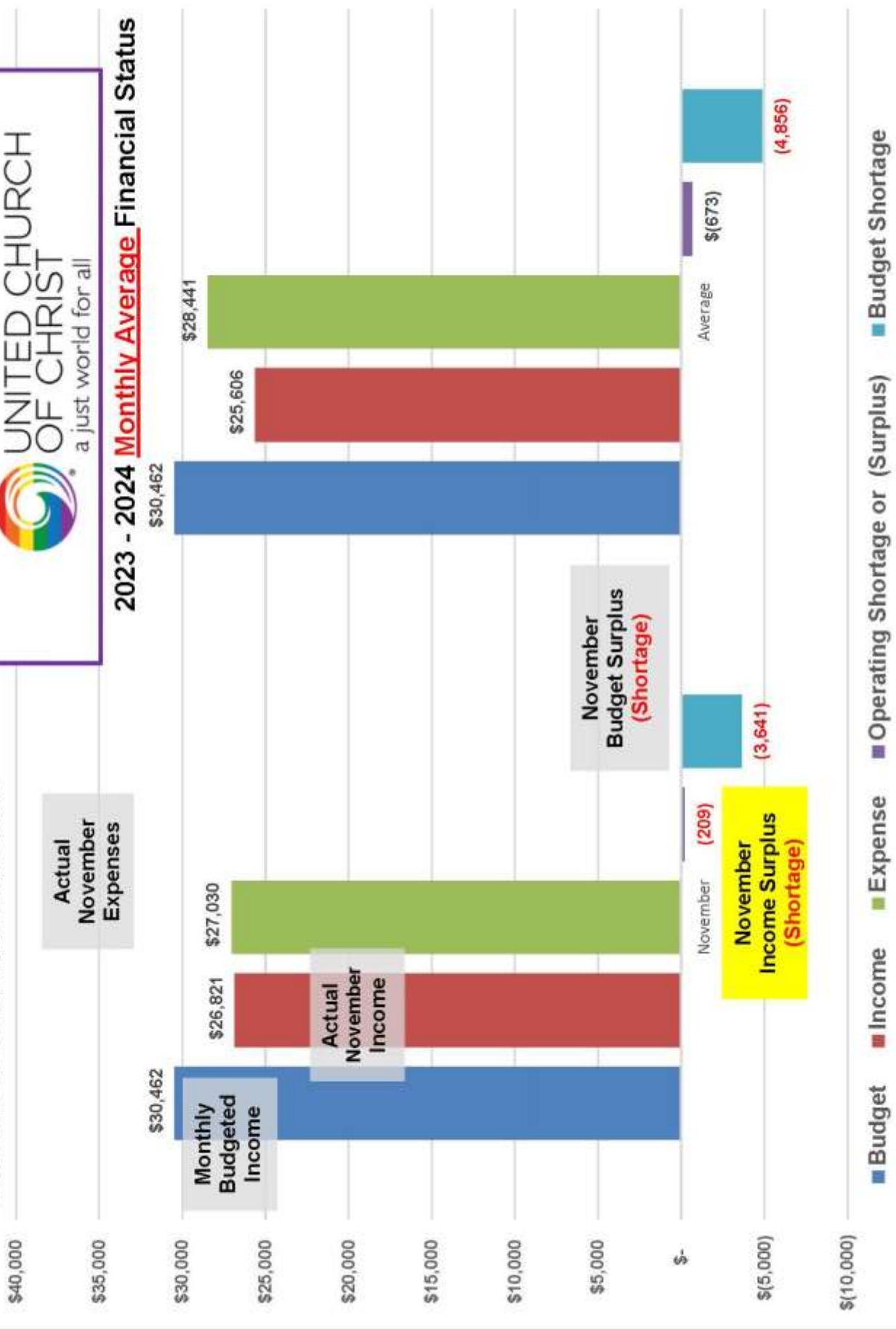
J.O.Y. Circle will be volunteering at
~ Feed My Starving Children ~ in Aurora, IL,
on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 in place of the January meeting at YCUCC.
Twenty-four people have signed up to attend.

If interested in volunteering, please notify Peg Trumble ASAP!
As of December 20th, only 21 spots were open
for our 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. time slot.

Peg Trumble | J.O.Y. Circle Chair
pjtrumble@comcast.net

2023 - 2024 Monthly Average Financial Status

November 2023 Financial Status





Those Grieving:

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, Fred Wayne, Virginia Goss

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 New Year's Day Church Office Closed	2 9:00 am B&G MTG	3 No Kids Programming	4	5	6
7 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 1:00 pm Confirmation	8 9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Green Team	9 9:00 am B&G MTG 10:00 am Pastoral Care	10 5:00 Bible Study 5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner 6:00 pm Pastoral Care Conf. Rm 6:00 pm Youth Choir 7:00-8:00pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	11 6:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm SLT Meeting	12	13
14 Remembrance Sunday 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School	15 MLK Jr. Day Church Office Closed	16 9:00 am B&G MTG TBD J.O.Y. Circle @ Feed My Starving Children	17 5:00 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	18 7:00 pm Calendar Mtg	19	20 9a-12p CPR Training
21 Soup Sunday 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Care Team Mtg 11:00 am LYN 1:00 pm Confirmation	22 9:00 am Staff Meeting	23 9:00 am B&G MTG	24 5:00 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	25 7:00 pm Just Mercy Discussion	26	27 NEWSLETTER CALENDAR DUE DATE
28 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 5:00 pm Chili Cook-Off	29 9:00 am Staff Meeting	30 9:00 am B&G MTG	31 5:00 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			

January Birthdays			
Annabella Goldman	01	Duane Walden	17
Alan Haan	01	Ron Bezroukoff	17
Megan Frisk	03	Kevin Vaclavik	18
Justin Heffernan	05	Molly Davis	19
Tom Lindblom	05	Pam Hamblin	19
Jenna Yabsley	06	Joe Wayne	19
Sandy deRidder	08	Luke DeFuss	20
Nancy Kolowski	10	Peg Knell	20
Alex Mulligan	11	Nick Campos	21
Bryan Grube	12	Carter Mallon	28
Tony Houle	12	Kelly Fischer	29
Sandy Lindblom	12		
Louise DeFuss	13		
Ruth Morello	14		
Mia Skinner	14		

January Anniversaries	
01/02 Jeff & Julie Kline	46 years
01/25 Scott & Leslie Hart	27 Years

The Baptism of Christ
 WHITE
 Genesis 1:1-5

Second Sunday after Epiphany
 GREEN
 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Third Sunday after Epiphany
 GREEN
 Mark 1:14-20

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 GREEN
 Mark 1:21-28



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
1/07/2024	Isabelle Shatters	Pam Campos	Genesis Groove: Unveiling the Deep
1/14/2024	Avery Ramirez	Pam Campos	Soul Whispers: Listening to the Divine Call
1/24/2024	Evan Griffin	Fred Gaebler	Good Vibes: What's Poppin'?
1/28/2024	Cayla Pottinger	Fred Gaebler	Good Vibes: New Teaching Droppin'

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.
2. Type in "Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ".
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