



## Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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

# The Happenings

## March 2024





## Pastor's Porch

Dear Church Family,

**How do you renew?** I renew my body, mind, and spirit through active prayer, meditation, reflection, reading, yoga, cooking, and being outside. **How do communities renew?** Communities renew by engaging in collective prayer, worship, fellowship, and caring for one another. Communities renew by acting out God's love in the world. This month's Bible verse is Romans 12:2 **"Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature."** During Lent and Holy Week, we will continue exploring ways to be renewed and inspired to act out God's love in this world.

Together, we will explore biblical passages, literary treasures, and meaningful rituals, unveiling different facets of renewal: from drawing strength from divine wisdom to living authentically, from experiencing the heart's transformation through divine promises to grappling with life's profound questions and seeking purpose. The essence of humility, service, and compassion in confronting injustices is explored, all while nurturing the seeds of hope and joy found in the promise of resurrection and new beginnings. Our shared exploration aims to ignite spiritual growth within, weaving together diverse sources of wisdom and insight to navigate life's twists and turns and embrace the transformative forces of faith, love, and grace.

### **March 3** - Divine Wisdom, Human Strength: The Paradox of Renewal (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

In the paradox of renewal, 1 Corinthians 1:25 teaches, "For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." Join us as we draw strength from divine wisdom, finding inspiration in Tiya Miles' "Wild Girls." It is a story of how the outdoors shaped God's troublemakers.

### **March 10** - Walking in the Light: Renewal through Truth and Deeds (John 3:14-21)

John 3:21 encourages us to do what is true and come to the light. As we explore the theme of renewal through truth and deeds, we'll draw inspiration from the animated film "Encanto."

### **March 17** - Written on Hearts: God's Covenant of Renewal (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

God's covenant is not written on tablets but on our hearts (Jeremiah 31:33). Join us as we reflect on the covenant of renewal and find inspiration in the timeless story of "Les Misérables."

### **March 24** - Sunday Renewal: The Unridden Colt (Mark 11:1-11)

Together, we will explore the significance of Mark 11:2-3, where Jesus instructs his disciples to find an unridden colt, setting the stage for Palm Sunday. This passage is a starting point for exploring parallels with Holden Caulfield's journey in "The Catcher in the Rye," highlighting themes of authenticity, the search for meaning amidst disillusionment, and the complexities of navigating faith and societal expectations.

### **March 28** - Maundy Thursday: Recipes for Renewal

We will reflect on John 13:16, where Jesus teaches about humility and service. As we commemorate the Last Supper, we will engage in a symbolic hand-washing ceremony, reminding us of the transformation and grace that God so freely gives. May this day inspire us to embody Christ's love and humility in our interactions with others.

### **March 29** - Good Friday: Holding the Bible and the Newspaper

On this solemn day of remembrance, we contemplate the 7 Last Words of Christ. As we hold the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other, we confront the reality of suffering and oppression. Inspired by Karl Barth's call to action, we commit ourselves to seeking justice and compassion for God's children, recognizing the profound sacrifice made on Good Friday.

### **March 31** - Easter Sunday: Renewed Joy

Easter Sunday dawns with the promise of renewed hope and joy. In John 20:1-18, we witness Mary's transformation from sorrow to overwhelming joy as she encounters the risen Christ at the empty tomb. Like Mary, we stand on the threshold of new beginnings, embracing the hope and promise of resurrection. Drawing inspiration from A.A. Milne's "Winnie the Pooh," we celebrate Easter with childlike wonder, rejoicing in the gift of new life and the triumph of light over darkness.

Peace,  
Pastor Elizabeth



## From the Desk of the Chair

I enjoy the winter. I love the crisp cold air, the tracks in the snow, and the frost on the trees and grasses. I find the winter months to be a time of rest and renewal, and I know the long dark hours will shorten soon enough. As we turn the calendar to March, spring is arriving with increasing daylight and milder temperatures. Already I have tender green shoots emerging from the ground with the promise of crocus, hyacinth, daffodils and tulips to bloom. The landscape will change quickly!

Your Shepherd's Leadership Team (SLT) is springing ahead as well with the work of the church. March will find us gathering preliminary budget numbers as we prepare to present a budget to the congregation ahead of the annual meeting in May. This includes a review of our capital projects list which was recently updated by the Building and Grounds team so we can identify and prepare for big expenditures. Your Shepherds are also preparing for Information Sunday to be held during our Soup Sunday fellowship time on March 17. The focus of that brief SLT update will be on our Missions work and will highlight the many ways we serve our greater community. Recently, the SLT discussed the need for an updated church directory, and a small team has been established to focus on gathering information for that project. Another small group is focusing energy on understanding and addressing the sound system we use in the sanctuary – how we can maximize what we currently have and what needs to be updated.

Did you know you can find the names and ministries of each shepherd in the newsletter every month? Please be encouraged to bring your questions, suggestions, and concerns to this group so that your voice is heard. This is your church, your congregation, your community of faith. Together we learn and grow. It is here that our tender shoots spring forth and bloom to reflect the beauty our Creator intended. May your Lenten journey be a time of reflection and renewal.

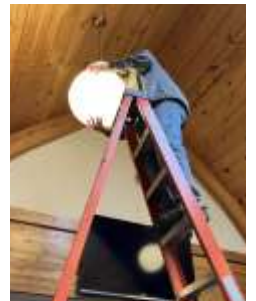
Yours in Service,  
Deanna Bazan  
Chairperson, SLT



## What's happening in Building and Grounds?

During the month of February, the building and grounds crew has spent a lot of time planning and updating their capital expenditures and budgets. We are moving forward with new contracts for purchasing a new copier and print services and as well as a new landscaping contract. We have had several painters come to evaluate painting 3 gables on the west side of the building and will get them painted once it gets a bit warmer outside. We are also in the process of pursuing quotes for new carpeting in the Narthex and Sanctuary as well as electronic exterior door locks for increased accessibility, safety, and accountability.

Besides all of these big-ticket items B&G has been tightening up all the loose hardware on everything from toilets to office cabinets. Setting up tables and chairs for events is always happening (and how we stay in good shape). We've been replacing light bulbs, cleaning drains, touching up paint where needed, and updating our maintenance checks and services.



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

## Focus verse of the month:

Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

-Romans 12:2

## 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.



## Exploring Empathy with Winnie the Pooh

Sunday, March 10 after worship Pastor Elizabeth and YCUCC Care Team invites anyone who loves Winnie the Pooh (who doesn't?) to join them for an interesting and interactive discussion to develop empathy skills enabling us to relate to others. Lessons learned from Winnie the Pooh are important "Poohisms"



## MISSIONS MINISTRY

Our Soup Sunday on February 18, 2024, netted \$440.00, and along with the budgeted Mission Ministry February item of \$250.00 a total of \$690.00 was sent to Senior Services-Yorkville. Thank you all for making this happen.

Coming Up .... March 17, 2024, Soup Sunday will benefit the Youth Mission Trip in June. And... April 14, 2024, will help Vacation Bible School (VBS). Please mark your calendars and plan to attend supporting such causes.

Our next 5 for 5 offering "One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)", will be collected on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Through One Great Hour of Sharing places lacking health and educational resources and/or where disaster has struck, help is received through our giving. You can mail a check to the church marked for 5 for 5 OGHS Offering; give to our church on-line at [www.yorkvilleucc.org](http://www.yorkvilleucc.org); bring your offering marked for 5 for 5 OGHS to church to the office; deposit it in the black mailbox outside the front doors; or place in the offering plate March 10<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT MARCH 2024

God has given each of us existence  
in an abundant, overflowing universe,  
Giving us everything we are and have –  
life, health, eyesight, hearing, strength,  
sun, moon, mountains, trees, birds, animals,  
family, friends, hugs, and held hands  
abilities, interests, work, money  
food, clothing, shelter, possessions, luxuries  
and God's living presence and power at all times and places.

Words from Robert D. Schieler, Retired Illinois Assoc. Conf. Minister

## Save the Date:

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.

Field Trip to explore and picnic at Morton Arboretum

ALL are invited to come enjoy the spring blooms and blossoms, walking trails, picnicking and fellowship. Watch for more details and sign-ups in late March. Organized by the Green Team.



**A call or visit from a YCUCC Care Team person may bring a smile to your life! Contact Pastor Elizabeth, the 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!

## Caring for our Earth

### COLLECTING FOR RECYCLING:

#### Foam / Polystyrene packaging products

Inviting all church members and friends to drop off clean polystyrene (Styrofoam) packaging materials at YCUCC. Place in large box in vestibule.

**April 7 - April 21**

**What products can be turned in for recycling?**

**Foam products with recycling symbol - number 6**

**Examples: foam food service containers, including foam cups, plates, take-out containers, egg cartons, as well as shaped or molded foam often used to package electronics or other products.**

**Foam can be recycled by:**

- **Rinse cups and containers to rid them of food.**
- **Place foam in a clear plastic bag.**
- **NO straws or lids.**
- **NO foam insulation**
- **NO packaging peanuts**

This environmental project is sponsored by YCUCC's **Green Team**, who will be responsible for taking the polystyrene products to Dart Container Corporation in North Aurora where it will be recycled into new products.

**NEXT MEETING: March 11, 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.

## 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.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=LDL33D> or Contact Robin Campos.



## YCUCC will be providing lunch at Daybreak homeless shelter again on March 15.

The menu will be sloppy joes on buns. Green beans, applesauce and chips have already been donated for the meal.

We will need five 3-pound batches of sloppy joe, a total of 104 hamburger buns, and three desserts. The guests at Daybreak are always very appreciative of the good, homemade food and our crew is the only one that makes sloppy joes 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](mailto:ednpub@earthlink.net).

Many thanks to those who provided the lunch in January-- Anne Engelhardt, Lori Redmon, Sue Kimes, Jill Mickelson, Laurie Houle, Gail Gaebler, Mary McCracken, Sandy Lindblom and Jo Leibold.

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

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



*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)*

Hello Church Family,

LYN would like to let our family know what is happening for the year. We are going to scale down our collection to one summer collection. We would like to encourage our church family to participate in the Refugee Vouchers. We can really help these families with getting things they need.

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Celebration of Hope Fundraiser Dinner

June 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup> – Summer Refugee Welcome Pack Collection

August 4<sup>th</sup> – LYN Movie Event

October 6<sup>th</sup> – International Tasting

#### VISION STATEMENT

(why)

Fellowship of service  
for God's community.



#### MISSION STATEMENT

(how)

Working with J.O.Y. to promote  
spiritual growth, outreach and  
goodwill, with Jesus as our example  
to serve Others before Yourself.

## J.O.Y. Circle Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 | Noon  
Fellowship Hall

### AGENDA

'Finalize' plans  
for the 2024 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale

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



### Exodus World Service | Mission

Exodus World Service mobilized the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees. We do this by educating churches and individuals about the plight of refugees, connecting volunteers with refugees through practical service projects, and empowering people to be the champions for refugees.



**Drury Lane | 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL, United States**

Please be our guest for an evening of warm hospitality and joining together for refugees. At Celebration of Hope, experience the significant difference your partnership makes for refugees.

**You'll hear about new ways to welcome refugees together.**

You'll be inspired by refugees' stories of courage and resilience—from fleeing war to building new lives of meaning and purpose.

You'll learn how your partnership connects volunteers with new refugee neighbors—creating friendships that restore belonging, reignite hope, and enrich lives. Plus, you'll have an opportunity to support our mission of mobilizing the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees.

**~ Please join us Thursday, April 4, 2024 for a joy-filled evening ~**

You're invited to join Diane Stablein and members of 'Love Your Neighbor' Ministry for an inspiring evening that includes a 'complimentary' dinner, and witnessing stories of hope and connection between refugees and volunteers.

**~ Register by March 21 to save your seat ~**

{Intended for guests 18 and over}

<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/home.php?e=25174>

**At the bottom of the registration:**

My table host is: Stablein, Diane | I request to sit with: Diane Stablein

Consider giving if unable to attend the dinner | <https://exodusworldservice.org/give>

Exodus World Service | Home Page | <https://exodusworldservice.org/>

Exodus World Service | Facebook | <https://www.facebook.com/ExodusWorldService/>

Exodus World Service | Share About Refugees | <https://exodusworldservice.org/share/>



## J.O.Y. Circle & 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.



Donations  
are accepted  
through  
Easter Sunday,  
March 31, 2024!

Thank you,  
YCUCC Church Family,  
for your continued  
partnership with  
world relief®

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### SPS

#### Suicide Prevention Services

SPS is an outreach program for family & friends of suicide!

Megghun Redmon, Director of Operations & a therapist for SPS,  
gave a very informative presentation at the  
J.O.Y. Circle meeting on February 20, 2024,  
providing us with information on how SPS helps those in need.

SPS receives some state funding, but 85% of donations are generated  
from groups such as J.O.Y. Circle!  
{Rummage Sale Proceeds}

Thank you, Megghun!

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



Megghun Redmon  
{Daughter of Lori & Gavin Redmon}



## Chancel Choir Update

Greetings from the Chancel,

Many of you know that I have been directing choirs at YCUCC since 1995, with the exception of a couple years off at the end of my administrative career. I've actually been directing church choirs since 1972. That's nearly 50 years as a choir director. I think that makes me officially old. Directing the Chancel Choir is one of my great joys, and I'm not ready to give it up yet. However, Peg and I have a desire to travel while we can, and that may include times that conflict with the Chancel Choir schedule.

I am extremely pleased to let you know that Leslie Inukai, a member of our choir for five years, has agreed to share Chancel Choir director responsibilities with me. Leslie and her husband Gerry moved to this area from St. Louis to be closer to their grandchildren. Leslie has 37 years of experience directing church choirs in the St. Louis area. In addition, she also owned her own music store while she was in St. Louis. When the Inukai's came to the area, they shopped around for churches, and they chose us. Most important, Leslie and I agree on the style and nature of music for the choir. For example, this year we will have sung 7 anthems from her private collection. I anticipate the sharing of the Chancel Choir to be seamless.

Details for the director's schedule will be developed over the summer. I appreciate Leslie's willingness to share this responsibility.

We all should be proud of the choir's contributions to the church. Please welcome Leslie as our partner director.

Sincerely,  
Doug Trumble

### MEET AND GREET: LESLIE INUKAI

Greetings! As you may have already read, Doug Trumble and I will be partnering as Choir Directors beginning next fall. I thought this would be a good time to share a little bit about me and my background. My husband Gerry and I were both born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Interestingly, we met while singing in our Church's Choir when we were in high school. We have been married for 46 years and have two adult children and three grandchildren. Our son, Scott, and his wife, Becca, live in the city with their 6-month-old daughter Sophia. Our daughter, Katie, and her husband, Kevin, live in Winfield with their two children, Jeremy, who is 7 and Makayla who is 4. Since both of our children ended up moving to Chicago, when we retired 5 years ago, we moved to Aurora to be closer to our children and the littles. We found YCUCC shortly after moving to the area and have loved our decision to become members of this household of faith.

My love for music started at an early age with piano lessons and continued when I added the violin in grade school. In junior high school I discovered singing. After high school, I studied violin and voice at the University of Evansville in Indiana and then continued my studies at The London Conservatory of Music and the University of Missouri. After a few years of teaching, I made a career change to work full time as a Christian musician. For a few years I owned a music store in St. Louis, as well. Before retiring I had spent 37 years directing church choirs. I was also the Assistant Director of the St. Louis County Community Chorus, a 250-voice choir who, I am proud to say, was selected to perform the premier of Mark Hayes' "Spirit Suite" at Carnegie Hall.

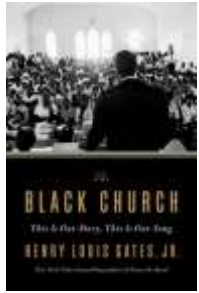
Gerry and I have enjoyed being a part of the YCUCC Choir and now I am very excited to be partnering as Choir Director with Doug. I feel blessed to have this opportunity to once again do what I love. I am looking forward to working with Doug, Tina and the members of the choir starting this fall.



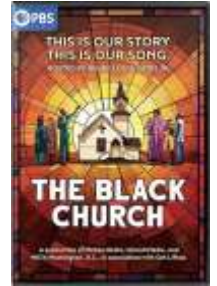
## Adult Education

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.

*The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song*, by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.



This month, I'd like to highlight Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s excellent book and four-hour PBS series, *The Black Church*. They trace the history of African-American religion from Africa to Modern day. They tell the story of African-American struggles and tragedies to the formation and importance of religion and churches to the religious leaders. Both the book and the PBS series are available to request at the Yorkville Public Library.



## Spiritual Development Group (SDG)

The SDG is continuing a six-lesson study of Genesis chapters 12-32. The group meets online every other week.

- Lesson 4- Fire from Heaven - March 12, 7:00 p.m.
- Lesson 5 - A Gift . . . and a Test - March 26, 7:00 p.m.

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.

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 April 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Please contact Aimee List at [ajlsan1@hotmail.com](mailto:ajlsan1@hotmail.com) 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.

## Blanket Mission 2024

On February 16th, Robin Campos and Sue Kimes stopped by Lurie Children's Hospital at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield to deliver 23 blankets to the children staying in the hospital.

Thank you to all of you who donated your time and made blankets. Thank you to Pam and Andy Hamblin for purchasing, prepping and washing all of the blankets prior to their delivery.

The child life team at the hospital was very thankful for our donation and they look forward to it every year!





## YCUCC's 2024 SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE FRIDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

### 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 April 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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 seats and/or booster seats; Mattresses; Cribs

**J.O.Y. Circle requests 'your' help  
to ensure a successful 2024 Spring R&B Sale!**

**Volunteer Sign-up Sheets will post March 31<sup>st</sup> in the Narthex for the following:**

- (1) **Set-up:** Sunday, April 21, 2024 - 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 & Preparations on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>
  - (c) Friday and/or Saturday Sale Days, April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
- (3) **Tear-down:** 12:00 p.m. - @ 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

**Thank you for your continued support of YCUCC's R & B Sales!**  
**SPONSORED BY J.O.Y. CIRCLE**

Peg Trumble - J.O.Y. Circle/Rummage Sale Chair  
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Sandy Lindblom - Bake Sale Chair  
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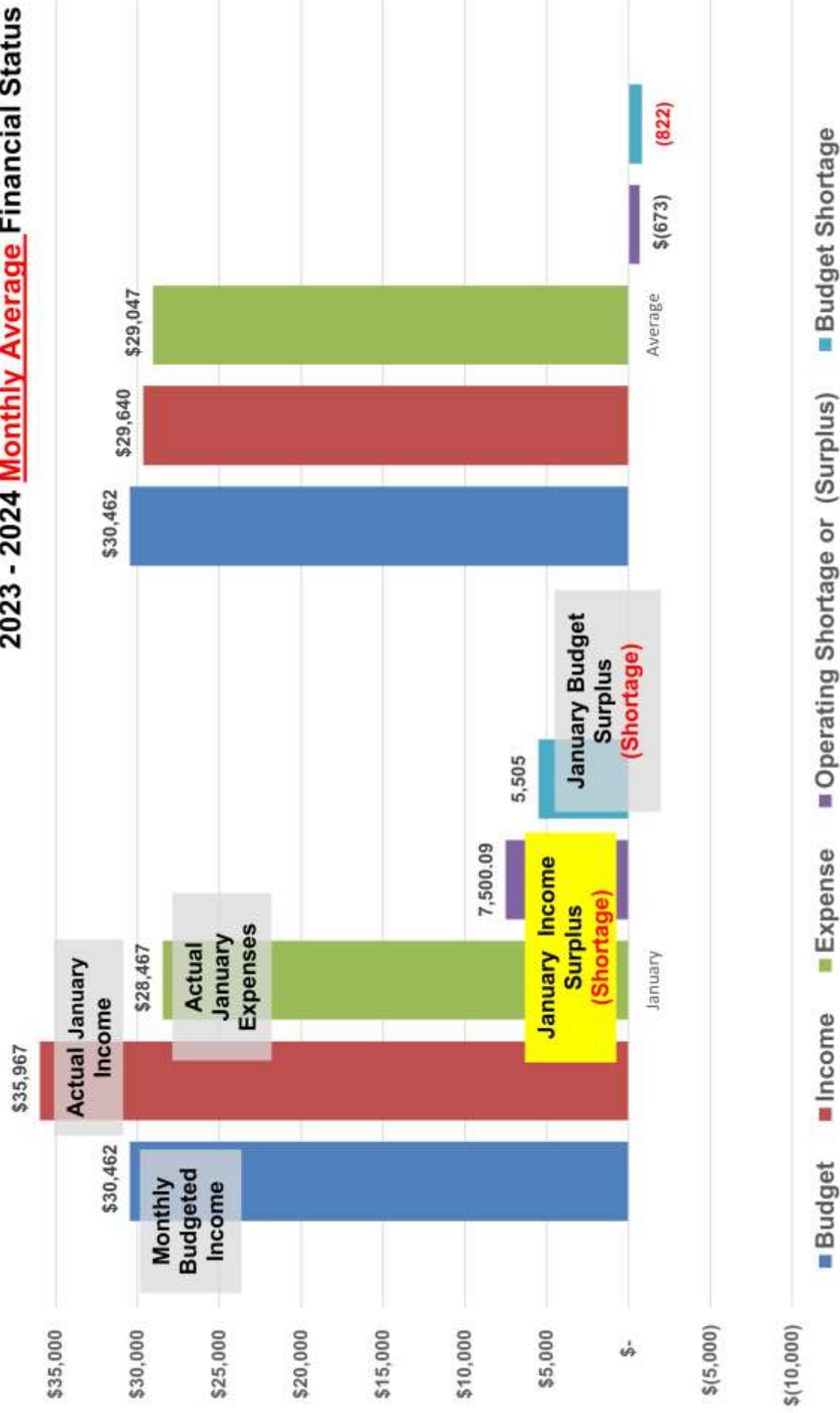


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## January 2023 Financial Status

### 2023 - 2024 Monthly Average Financial Status





**Those Grieving:**

The Inukai Family

**Those in Cancer Treatment:**

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Pat Dietz      | Coulson Taylor |
| Tom Lindblom   | Pearl Undesser |
| Sandy Lindblom |                |

**Health Concerns:**

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Lynn Belcher   | Wyatt Jones   |
| Deb Bezroukoff | Jonathan Lamp |
| Earl Bushnell  | Finley Walker |
| Rosey Clark    |               |
| Dave Encinas   |               |
| Virginia Goss  |               |
| Gayle Jacobs   |               |

**General Concerns:**

Prochaska Family

**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](http://griefshare.org) for a list of programs in our area.

| Sun  | Mon                                      | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri                               | Sat                             |
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| 3 Easter Lilies Orders Due<br>9:00 am Voyageurs<br>10:00 am Worship<br>Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship Team Mtg          | 4<br>7:00 pm Outreach Mtg<br>7:00 pm PRC | 5<br>9:00 am B&G MTG<br>7:00 pm Visioning Mtg   | 6<br>1:00 pm Staff Meeting<br>5:00 pm Bible Study<br>5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner<br>6:00 pm Youth Choir<br>7:00-8:00pm Youth Group<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice   | 7<br>6:30 pm CE Team Mtg  | 8                                 | 9<br>1:00 pm Private Recital    |
| 10 One Great Hour of<br>Sharing (OGHS)<br>9:00 am Voyageurs<br>10:00 am Worship<br>Sunday School<br>11:15 am Care Team Mtg | 11<br>6:30 pm Green Team                 | 12<br>9:00 am B&G MTG<br>10:00 am Pastoral Care<br>7:00 pm Spiritual<br>Development                                   | 13<br>1:00 pm Staff Meeting<br>5:00 pm Bible Study<br>5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner<br>6:00 pm Pastoral Care Conf. Rm<br>6:00 pm Youth Choir<br>7:00-8:00pm Youth Group<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice                        | 14<br>6:00 pm Finance Committee<br>7:00 pm SLT Meeting                        | 15<br>Daybreak Delivery           | 16<br>9:00 am Sound Team<br>Mtg |
| 17 Soup and Info Sunday<br>9:00 am Voyageurs<br>10:00 am Worship<br>Sunday School<br>1:00 pm Confirmation                  | 18                                       | 19 Election Day<br>5:00a Election Staff Arrives<br>6:00a-7:00 pm Polls Open<br>9:00 am B&G MTG<br>12:00 pm JOY Circle | 20<br>1:00 pm Staff Meeting<br>5:00 pm Bible Study<br>5:15-6:30 Wednesday Dinner<br>6:00 pm Youth Choir<br>7:00-8:00pm Youth Group<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice  | 21<br>6:30 pm Personnel Mtg<br><div>NEWSLETTER<br/>ARTICLE<br/>DUE DATE</div> | 22                                | 23                              |
| 24 Palm Sunday<br>9:00 am Voyageurs<br>10:00 am Worship<br>NO Sunday School  | 25                                       | 26<br>9:00 am B&G MTG<br>7:00 pm Spiritual<br>Development   | 27<br>9:00 am Newsletter Mailing<br>11:30 FMSC w/ YCUCC Students<br>1:00 pm Staff Meeting<br>5:00 pm Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Youth Choir<br>NO Youth Group or HW Club<br>NO Wednesday Dinner<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice | 28 Maundy Thursday<br>7:00 pm Service   | 29 Good Friday<br>6:00 pm Service | 30<br>Easter Breakfast Set-up   |
| 31 Easter Sunday<br>8:45 am Easter Breakfast<br>10:00 am Worship<br>NO Sunday School                                       |  |   |   |   |                                   |                                 |



### March Birthdays

|                    |    |                    |    |
|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Phyllis Yabsley    | 03 | Deb Mendell        | 24 |
| Scott Stevens      | 04 | Benjamin DeFuss    | 25 |
| Avery Andersen     | 05 | Jacob DeFuss       | 25 |
| Matthew Bazan      | 06 | Tim Sartori        | 26 |
| Chris Skinner      | 06 | Sue Frahm          | 27 |
| Payton Genenbacher | 07 | Rhylen Rebsom      | 27 |
| Fred Dickson       | 10 | Dexter Stillmunkes | 28 |
| Darlene Niesen     | 10 | Greyson Tsusaki    | 30 |
| Laurie Strong      | 10 | Michael Obenauer   | 31 |
| Katelyn Pansera    | 12 |                    |    |
| Harold McCracken   | 12 |                    |    |
| Dale Perkins       | 12 |                    |    |
| Gayle Jacobs       | 14 |                    |    |
| Christine Keith    | 14 |                    |    |
| Caleb Vaclavik     | 14 |                    |    |
| Harper Vaclavik    | 14 |                    |    |
| Charlie Skinner    | 16 |                    |    |
| Deb Myers          | 18 |                    |    |
| Ray Wheaton        | 20 |                    |    |
| Matthew Gette      | 23 |                    |    |
| Jonah Hart         | 23 |                    |    |
| Timothy Kolowski   | 23 |                    |    |
| Lillian Seibel     | 23 |                    |    |
| Troy List          | 24 |                    |    |

### Third Sunday in Lent

VIOLET  
1 Cor 1:18-25

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET  
John 3:14-21

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET  
Jer 31:31-34

### Sixth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET  
Mark 11:1-11  
*Palm Sunday*

### Easter

WHITE  
John 13:1-17

### March Anniversaries

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 03/14 Zachary & Amanda Seibel   | 4 Years  |
| 03/15 Stephen & Carole Guenzler | 38 Years |
| 03/31 Aaron & Sondra Shatters   | 17 Years |



| Date      | Acolytes          | Liturgists      | Sermon Titles  |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| 3/03/2024 | Cayla Pottinger   | Pam Campos      | Divine Wisdom, Human Strength:<br>The Paradox of Renewal     |
| 3/10/2024 | Ronan Heffernan   | Pam Campos      | Walking in the Light: Renewal<br>Through Truth and Deeds     |
| 3/17/2024 | Evan Griffin      | Fred Gaebler    | Written on Hearts: God's<br>Covenant of Renewal              |
| 3/24/2024 | Avery Ramirez     | Coral Clevenger | Sunday Renewal: The Unridden<br>Colt                         |
| 3/31/2024 | Isabelle Shatters | Coral Clevenger | Renewed Joy: From Weeping to<br>Witnessing at the Empty Tomb |

### **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.*

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