



## Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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<u>Outreach/Welcoming</u>	Kathy Farren

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

# The Happenings

# April 2024





## Pastor's Porch

Dear Church Family,

As we embrace the fresh start of spring, I want to share what's at the heart of my ministry alongside our church's bustling activities. My pastoral focus continues to be on teaching, preaching, and caring for the members of our congregation. How and why do I keep teaching, preaching, and caring for the congregation as the church gets busier with spring activities?

### **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral care is a part of my ministry that I cherish, and I want you to know that I am here for you, no matter the circumstance. Whether celebrating a joyous occasion, facing difficult times, or having a crisis of faith, I am honored to give you the support and guidance you need.

I want to remind you that I am readily available to meet with you, whether at the church, your home, or the hospital. Please contact me if you would like a visit or an appointment. I have times set aside each week for planned pastoral care appointments. I regularly have time on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays as needed. I will also respond to emergencies as they arise. I give high priority to privacy and confidentiality.

### **Bible Study**

Join me for a powerful exploration of suffering and faith through the lens of the Book of Job and Harold Kushner's "When Bad Things Happen to Good People." Over eight sessions, we'll dive deep into Job's story, grappling with timeless questions about the nature of suffering and the resilience of faith. Take advantage of this opportunity to find solace, understanding, and renewed hope in the face of life's challenges. This Bible Study series will begin April 10th at 5 pm in the meeting room. I plan the next Bible Study based on the feedback of those interested in what we study next.

### **Worship: Embracing the Journey: Exploring Faith through Doubt, Joy, Care, and Breath**

As April unfolds, our spiritual journey involves many emotions and experiences. Each sermon title guides our quest for deeper understanding and connection. I set time aside every few months to plan the next sermon series prayerfully.

#### **April 7 - Journey of Faith: Doubt**

In John 20:20-29, we're reminded of Jesus's profound words, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." This Sunday, we delve into the theme of doubt, inspired by a rewritten version of the folk song "Old MacDonald."

#### **April 14 - Journey of Faith: Joy**

Luke 24:36b recounts the disciples' disbelief turning into joy upon encountering the risen Christ. In the spirit of "Airbender," we explore the transformative power of joy within our faith journey, igniting our souls.

#### **April 21 - Journey of Faith: Care: Earth Sunday**

Reflecting on John 10:11-18, where Jesus declares himself as the good shepherd, we embrace the theme of care on Earth Sunday. Like the protective Hawai'ian bird saving its tree, we learn the sacred duty of stewardship and nurturing, honoring our planet as a divine gift.

#### **April 28 - Journey of Faith: Breath**

Ezekiel 37:1-14 paints a vivid picture of restoration and renewal as God breathes life into dry bones. As we ponder Maya Angelou's words from "Color Purple," we are reminded of the resilience of the human spirit, fueled by the breath of the Divine, transcending all boundaries.

As we wrap up this exploration of our church's essence, let's remember that our shared experiences in pastoral care, Bible study, worship, and community life unite us. These elements sustain us individually and bind us together as a resilient and supportive church family. Let's continue to lean on each other, grow together, and celebrate the richness of our shared faith journey.

Peace in God's Love,  
Pastor Elizabeth



## From the Desk of the Chair

If you are like me, you are marveling at the rapid changes taking place outside. The flowers are popping up, the trees buds are swelling, the grass is greening up, and the insects are emerging to begin their essential work of pollination. I feel myself in that flow of nature. I am emerging from my indoor winter tasks, a time of more rest and renewal, and charging forth with energy for this next growing season.

Like you, I am collecting boxes and bags of items we no longer use to be donated to the Rummage Sale, gathering recipes and supplies for my contribution to the Bake Sale, and marking off time slots to volunteer during the sale week. I am bagging up our clean Styrofoam to be collected by the Green Team starting April 7. My walking shoes are shined up for the YCUCC Morton Arboretum Trip on April 13. I finished reading “Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul” for the adult book study on April 18, and I’m keeping up with the Genesis lessons for Spiritual Growth and Development class. There is so much more happening at YCUCC. As you read over the Happenings this month, consider all you do. Perhaps you are preparing an egg casserole or coffee cake for Easter Breakfast. Or maybe you prefer to bring soup or dessert on our last Soup Sunday this spring. Will you attend the pancake breakfast hosted by the youth? Or donate food to the Daybreak ministry? You may find yourself sending cards to church members, tallying up all the refugee vouchers, preparing new banners for the sanctuary, teaching Sunday School lessons, caring for our children, sharing your gift of music through the choirs, tending to the plants in the Narthex, keeping our church building and yard clean and neat, or praying for our people. **YCUCC is alive!** We are active and growing and serving. In our caring, we are reflecting God’s love into our broken world. We are alive with roots growing deep and leaves branching out, and we do this in community and fellowship with one another.

I leave you with this thought from Rev. Dr Otis Moss Jr. who said, “Look to the trees. They need light to survive, right? So they grow leaves to turn that light into energy. But as the leaves grow, notice something; they leave room for each other. Watch the leaves – they never steal each other’s light. Instead, they make room for one another.” (Bend Lenten Devotional, 2024)

May we at YCUCC photosynthesize God’s goodness and turn the light of Christ into sugar.

Yours in Service,  
Deanna Bazan  
Chairperson, SLT



**BUILDING & GROUNDS**

### What’s happening in Building and Grounds? By Alex Houle, Admin Assistant

During the month of March, the building and grounds crew has spent a lot of time collecting quotes and planning and updating their capital expenditures and budget. We have signed new contracts for purchasing a new copier and print services from Gordon Flesch We have also signed a new landscaping contract with Bella Green Lawn Care. We have had several painters come to evaluate painting three gables on the west side of the building and we are ready to sign with Powers Painting. The painting will be scheduled during the next month and likely be completed in mid-May to early June. We have also collected several quotes for new carpeting in the Narthex and Sanctuary and will be changing the carpet color to a mostly gray color. We investigated installing electronic exterior door locks for increased accessibility, safety, and accountability; however, this project would cost around \$10,000. We are currently looking into more budget-friendly alternative solutions.

Besides all these big-ticket items, B&G has been keeping the church in tip top shape. We’ve replaced a couch in the youth room and ordered a new window for Pastor Elizabeth’s office. We’re always moving tables and chairs for events, switching out drapes on the cross and putting up banners outside. We are replacing the door locks on Robin and Pastor Elizabeth’s offices to have electronic codes for entry. This will allow us to use temporary codes. We hope this will make everyone feel more comfortable and secure as these spaces are frequently used for personal and confidential conversations. Furthermore, we have an Eagle Scout project planned for this summer. It will be a twelve-foot square brick patio on the back side of the church.

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

## **MISSIONS MINISTRY**

Our Soup Sunday on March 17, 2024, netting \$537.00, will go towards youth mission trip in June to Nashville, TN. Thank you all for making this happen.

Coming Up - on Sunday, April 14, 2024, Soup Sunday will benefit the Vacation Bible School (VBS). Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This will be our last soup Sunday till fall time.

The 5 for 5 offering "One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) collected on Sunday, March 10, 2024 has not been tallied. Look for a total next month in the Happenings.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor.13:13)

Wishing Everyone Many Blessings, Not Just Today, But Always.  
Peace and Love from your Missions Ministry.

## **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT APRIL 2024**

God has made each of us a Steward and has given us abilities and talents that are unique. We should use these abilities and talents to serve God in how we respect and care for ourselves, each other, and our world. How we receive, share and reflect the Gospel in our day-to-day lives.

*"Everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required. Each of us should try to live as God's Stewards." (Luke 12:48)*

## **CHOOSE TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY**

The electronic transfer of funds giving plan can be used starting at any time you would like. Many people give regularly to support our church. Parishioners are continuously seeking out alternative payment options to simplify their busy lives. Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ has a plan where instead of writing a check each week or month, your gifts can be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account weekly or monthly. Your account can be with any bank within the United States. There are applications for the Easy Automatic Giving Plan in the church office. If you have questions, ask Fred Gaebler or June Davis.

## **Verse of the month:**

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
Psalm 119:105 (NRSV)

## **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 YCUC 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!

## You can help make Yorkville brighter

YCUCC Green Team is encouraging YCUCC members to take part in upcoming clean up events sponsored by the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce Green Connect group and The Conservation Foundation.

As a Chamber member, our church is invited to help on any of seven clean up dates between April and October. It's an opportunity to help make the community brighter and also make others more aware of our church and our culture of service. You can increase that awareness at the clean-up events by wearing one of the church shirts (some shirts are available in the church office workroom if you don't have one already).

All that you have to do is show up ready to pick up litter. Yorkville Ace Hardware is donating supplies- trash bags and picker-uppers will be provided. Bring your own gloves if you want.

Clean up dates are:

- April 27- meet at Ace Hardware, 9620 Route 34.
- May 18- meet at Goodwill, 481 E. Countryside Parkway.
- June 29- meet at the Darlene McCue Bike Path on Kennedy Road.
- July 27- meet at Roadhouse 47, 1901 S. Bridge St.
- August 31- meet at Burks Bros. Drywall, 1207 Badger St., Unit A.
- September 28- meet at Cannonball Ridge Park, 2087 Northland Lane.
- October 26- meet at Riverfront Park, 301 E. Hydraulic Avenue.

For more information, contact Stephanie Roskopf with Yorkville Green Connect, 630-400-2710.



## Trees for a Healthy Earth

### Spring 2024 Tree Sale

### Kendall County Soil & Water Conservation District

#### ORDER FORMS ON GREEN TEAM KIOSK

- Large Potted Trees (4-5' tall)
- Small Potted Trees (12"-30" tall)
- Potted Evergreens (12"-18" tall)
- Shrubs (12"-18" tall)
- Grasses (1 gal containers)
- Perennials (1 gal containers)
- Plugs, incl Butterfly Weed and Bee Balm



Order forms due Thursday, April 18th  
Pickup: Thursday, April 25th

# Refugees from around the world - Settled in Chicago Area

World Relief (offices in Aurora and Chicago) report -  
December 2023 - January 2024.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



153 people arrived  
45 airport pickups  
51 apartments set up

In these two months, families arrived from:

Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo,  
Eritrea, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Myanmar,  
Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sudan, Syria, and Venezuela.

At YCUCC, members of Love Your Neighbor assist in different ways through the process of settling refugees. Our church family helps to welcome refugees when we give household items or foods to the "welcome packs" and when we make a financial contribution to the vouchers which are given to newly arrived families to use at our rummage sales.

## Join the youth for a Pancake Breakfast on April 28th after worship!



## Donations are for the Nashville Mission Trip!

### Celebrating Wonder! By Robin Campos, Christian Education Director

Over the last 8 months our YCUCC students have participated in six units of the Celebrate Wonder and Be Bold curriculum, the units being called *Creativity, Faith, Blessing, Remember, Share, and Love*. Every Sunday the students will read a passage from the Bible, they will complete worksheets, watch videos, do crafts, and make posters.

As we end our Sunday School year on April 28th, I would like to thank all of our Sunday School teachers who have done a wonderful job connecting with all of our students, answering their difficult questions and keeping them interested in the wonders of our Lord. This years teachers are Lindsay Martinez, Brooke Madden, Allison Strandell, Jean Heffernan, Aaron Shatters, Sandy Ramirez, Stacy Skinner, Kathy Farren, Gavin Redmon and Deanna Bazan.



# Spring Bake Sale!

April 26th and 27th

Please bring your bakes items to the church on Thursday, April 25th between 9 am and 6 pm.

A sign up sheet will be available. Profits will go to Christian Education.

Suggested items:



- Pies
- Fudge
- Brownies
- Cupcakes



Thanks for your support!

Have questions? Contact Sandy Lindblom: [slind55378@aol.com](mailto:slind55378@aol.com) or 630-553-6214

## J.O.Y. Circle & Love Your Neighbor Ministry

greatly appreciate all who purchased Refugee Vouchers to offer newly, resettled refugee families the opportunity to attend the 2024 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale.



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

world relief   
CHICAGOLAND







## YCUCC'S 2024 SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>



**SORT**



**PRICE**



**BAKE**



**HELP**

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: WEEK OF THE 2024 SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

- Sunday, 4.21**      **Set-Up Crew** begins immediately following the Worship Service  
Drop off Rummage Sale donations: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Volunteers: sorting/organizing
- Monday, 4.22**      Drop off Rummage Sale donations: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Call Tony Houle/B&G at **815-546-1061** to schedule a rummage sale donation pickup (YCUCC Family Only).
  - Volunteers: sorting/organizing
- Tuesday, 4.23**      Drop off Rummage Sale donations: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Call Tony Houle/B&G at **815-546-1061** to schedule a rummage sale donation pickup (YCUCC Family Only).
  - Volunteers: sorting/organizing
- Wednesday, 4.24**      Volunteers continue sorting/organizing: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 4.25**      Volunteers finalize sorting/organizing/pricing: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Bake Sale Donations:** Deliver between 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 4.26**      **1<sup>st</sup> Sale Day:** 9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday 4.27**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sale Day:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; \$3-a-Bag Sale | ½ price day
- Tear-Down Crew** begins promptly at **NOON**
- Box/Bag up remaining items for a 1:00 p.m. pickup for Wayside Cross.
  - Bag remaining clothing & shoes to donate to KCCFP.

#### ~~ **Reminder** ~~

Items '**NOT**' accepted for donation: extra-large furniture (e.g. oversized: sofas, sectionals, desks, entertainment centers); electronics (TVs, computers, printers, typewriters, land/cell phones, fax equipment); infant car and/or booster seats; mattresses; cribs.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE POSTED MARCH 31<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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J.O.Y. Circle recently purchased an armless, cross-legged office desk chair for Robin Campos to use in the Christian Education Office.



## Next J.O.Y. Circle Meeting

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 | Noon  
Fellowship Hall

### AGENDA

**Determine 2024 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale  
proceed distributions/disbursements**

**\*\* There will be no J.O.Y. Circle meeting on  
April 16<sup>th</sup> due to the 2024 Rummage & Bake Sale  
scheduled for the following week!**

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

## A Prayer in Spring by Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.  
Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by  
night;

And make us happy in the happy bees,  
The swarm dilating 'round the perfect  
trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,  
To which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what far ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfill.



## 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 of the Month



This month, I am spotlighting *Bittersweet, How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole* by Susan Cain. I read this book in January and was surprised at how much I liked it. She is an excellent writer, so even though I was reading about sorrow and longing, it was interesting and easy to get through. It was an Oprah's Book Club pick in February 2023. It is well worth reading!

## Spiritual Development Group (SDG)

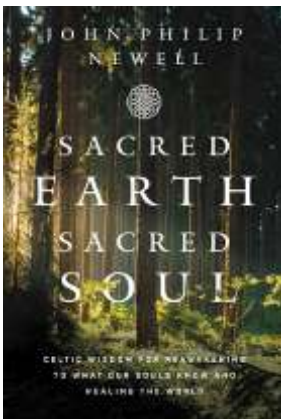
The SDG is concluding a six-lesson study of Genesis chapters 12-32. The group meets online every other week.

Lesson 5 - A Gift . . . and a Test - April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Lesson 6- Jacob Faces his Past - April 23, 7:00 p.m.

A new study announcement will be coming soon! Newcomers are welcome at any time. If you wish to join the discussion, contact Diane Stablein at "[infoshep@yorkville-ucc.org](mailto:infoshep@yorkville-ucc.org)." to be sent the Google Meets video link.

## Book Discussion



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

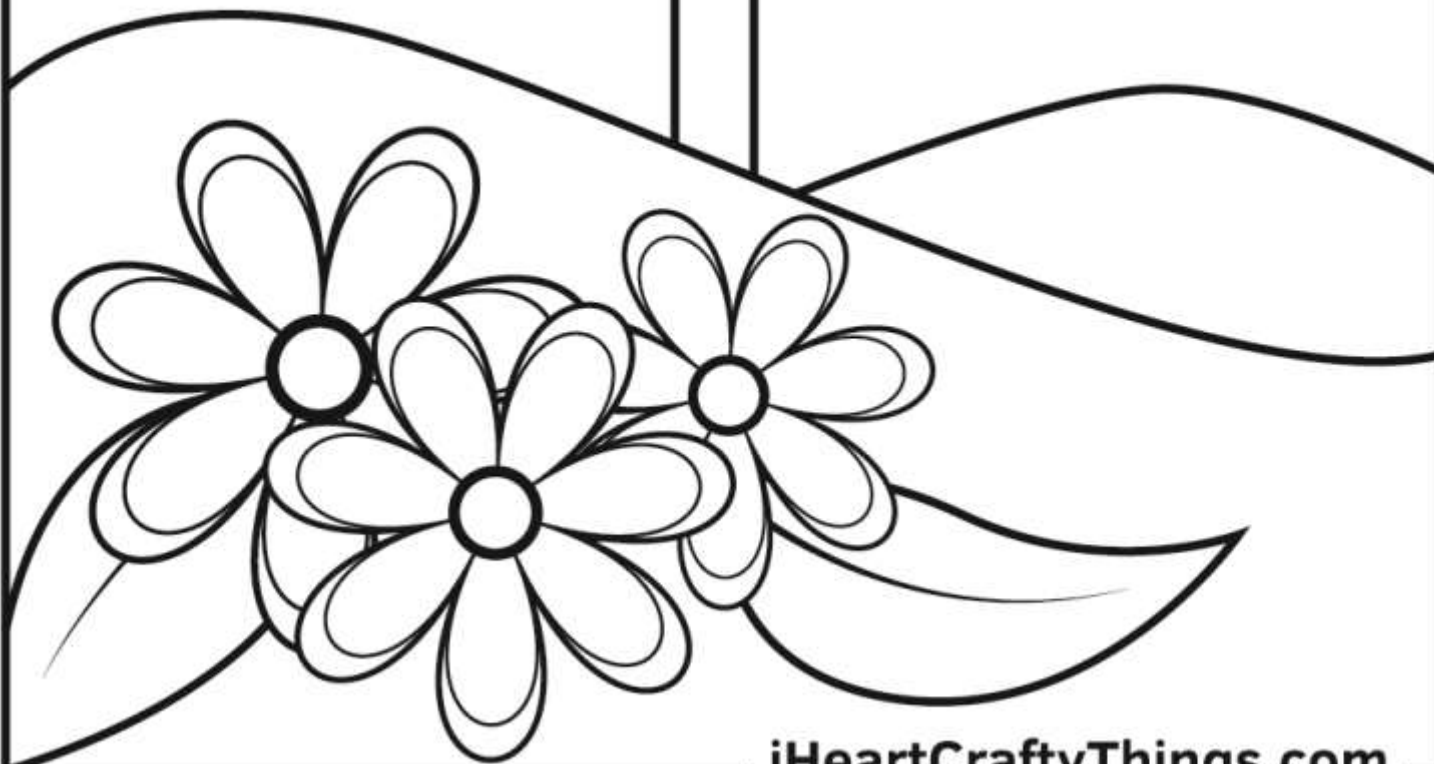
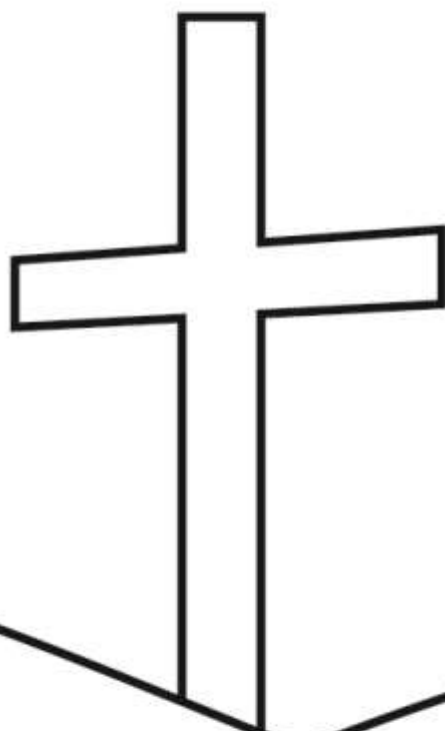
"A leading spiritual teacher reveals how Celtic Spirituality—listening to the sacred around us and inside of us—can help us heal the earth, overcome our conflicts, and reconnect with ourselves." (Google Books)

The discussion will be **Apr 18, 2024** at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Please contact Aimee List 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 there are no copies in the Libby app. Numerous online stores, including several used bookstores, carry the book. Contact Aimee List if you need help purchasing a copy.

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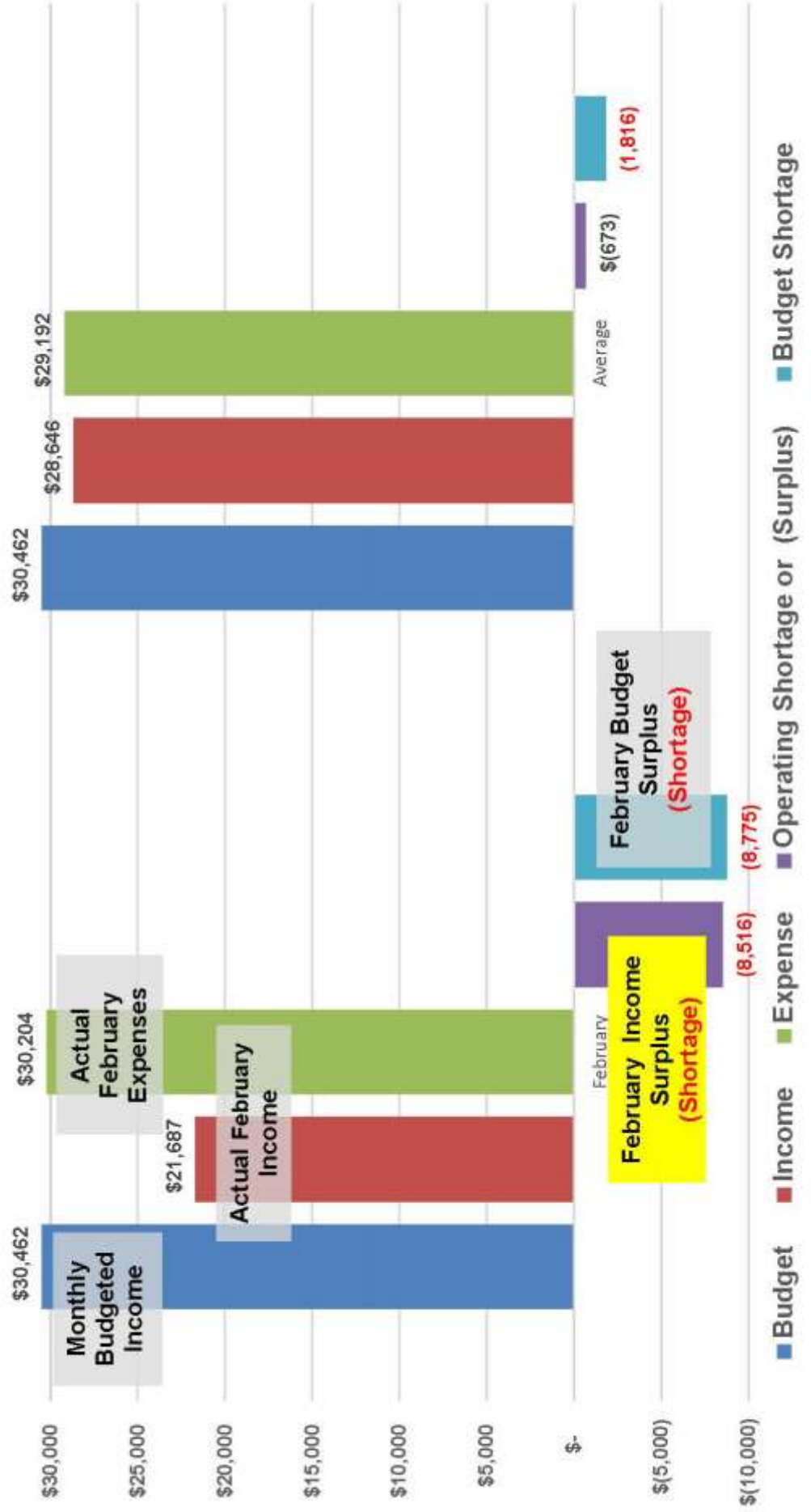




## February 2024 Financial Status



2023 - 2024 Monthly Average Financial Status





**Those Grieving:**

**Those in Cancer Treatment:**

Pat Dietz	Dean Lohrbach	Pearl Undesser
Tom Lindblom	Terri Patterson	
Sandy Lindblom	Coulson Taylor	

**Health Concerns:**

Deb Bezroukoff  
Dave Encinas  
Gayle Jacobs  
Wyatt Jones  
Jonathan Lamp  
Finley Walker

**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
	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Team Mtg 11:00 am LYN	6:30 pm Green Team	9:00 am B&G MTG 10:00 am Pastoral Care 7:00 pm Spiritual Development	1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:15-6:30 Spaghetti Dinner 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 Trip to the Morton Arboretum
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21 Earth Sunday 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School 11:00 am New Members Class 11:15 am Care Team Mtg 1:00 pm Confirmation	22	23 9:00 am B&G MTG 7:00 pm Spiritual Development	24 9:00 am Newsletter Mailing 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Youth Choir No Youth Group 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice NO CHILDCARE	25	26	27
Rummage Set-Up and Sale						
28 Teacher Recognition and Bible Dedications 9:00 am Voyageurs 10:00 am Worship Sunday School New Members 11:00 am Pancake Breakfast	29	30 9:00 am B&G MTG				



### April Birthdays

Jill Mickelson	02	Tim Strong	18
Jim Stott	02	Sara Gelsomino	19
Leslie Hart	03	Elodie Heffernan	19
Bob McGee	03	Mariela Olvera	19
Andrew Goss	05	Artie Prochaska	19
Layla Kage	05	Adam Morello	20
Hudson Martinez	05	Samantha Keith	21
Kirk Brown	06	Craig Pottinger	21
Elisabeth Mallon	08	Brant Corwin	22
Owen Shatters	08	Julie Gawne	24
Colton Kolowski	09	Aubrey Salyer	24
Collin Snow	10	Dee Brown	25
David Snow	10	Fred Wayne	26
Jacob Snow	10	Mackenzie Brewick	27
Raegan McLeod	11	Beth Goss	27
Jacob Reeder	12	Sarah Pottinger	27
Dan Melhouse	13	Robin Campos	29
Chase Pranga	13	Jo Pierce	29
Rev. Timothy Rhodes	13		
Linda Haan	15		
Donna Fatten	16		
Matt Skinner	16		
Stacy Skinner	17		
Carole Munson	18		

### Second Sunday of Easter

WHITE

John 20:20-29

### Third Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Luke 24:36b

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

WHITE

John 10:11-18

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

WHITE

Ezekial 37:1-14

### April Anniversaries

4/06	Tony & Pam Campos	33 Years
4/12	John & Ruth Morello	38 Years
4/15	Ron & Deb Bezroukoff	29 Years
4/26	Tim & Laurie Strong	38 Years



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
4/07/2024	Cayla Pottinger	June Davis	Journey of Faith: Doubt
4/14/2024	Ronan Heffernan	Youth Sunday	Journey of Faith: Joy
4/21/2024	Evan Griffin	Green Group	Journey of Faith: Care
4/28/2024	Avery Ramirez	June Davis	Journey of Faith: Breathe

**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

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