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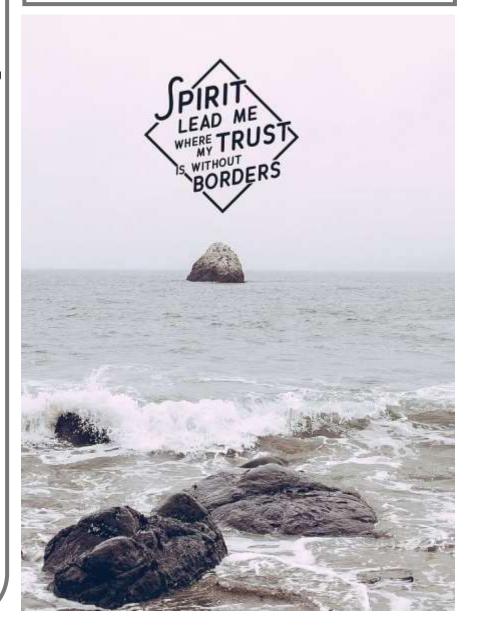
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Worship & Sunday School: 10:00 am Voyageurs: 9:00 am

The Happenings

AUSUSt 2024





August is here! And the program year begins in a little over a month. I want to share a new, inclusive worship opportunity on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting **September 10 at 7 pm** in the Sanctuary. "**Reverent Worship**," a time to revere God's incredible creation and to engage in conversational, reflective, and informal worship. This is a unique chance for us, as a community, to come together, pray, and consider God's relevant word for us in today's troubled world. Communion will also be served. (Reverent Worship will be similar in format to Good Friday's worship.)

Karl Barth's quote, "Take your Bible and take your newspaper, and read both. But interpret newspapers from your Bible." (Time Magazine, May 1, 1966.) has been living at the tip of my tongue as the news continues to be turbulent. This summer, we are embarking on a journey of learning and growth as we study the book of Ephesians during Sunday morning worship. The book of Ephesians, with its themes of unity, love, and faith, provides a powerful lens through which we can interpret and respond to the turbulent news. Barth's charge to be informed of our communities' concerns and use our faith to guide our choices is one of the many themes in the book of Ephesians.

As I read and prepare for our worship together, I am reminded that community building, God's loving community filled with God's beloved, is enacting God's goodness in our world. We are going to hear our church family have different opinions about different concerns of the community. God's hope for us is to actively engage each other to build a stronger, more loving community.

My recent class for my Doctorate of Ministry program is a testament to the beauty of unity in diversity. In my gender and sexuality class, I was with someone from the Caribbean who belongs to a Presbyterian church in GA, a person who immigrated from South Korea as a child and was raised in a traditional Korean church now serving the Presbyterian USA, and a monk from Georgia. We grew our perspectives together, knowing we were working towards one goal: understanding Christ's justice as a beautiful unity in diversity.

I look forward to our further study of Ephesians this summer and the joy and excitement around a new program year starting.

Sermon's for August

August 4: Engaged Living: Cooking Spiritual Growth

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

Like cooking a meal, spiritual growth requires various ingredients and time. We'll explore how each member's unique gifts contribute to a thriving church. By speaking the truth in love, we can grow together in Christ and build a unified body.

August 11: Engaged Living: Love and Forgiveness

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Examples: Under the Lemon Moon / Restorative Justice / Movie "Sing Sing"

Inspired by "Under the Lemon Moon" and restorative justice, we'll discuss the power of love and forgiveness. Letting go of bitterness and anger, we learn to be kind and forgiving as Christ forgave us.

August 18: Engaged Living: Walking in a Fallen World

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20 Example: Patch Adams

In a challenging world, we'll explore living wisely and maximizing our time. Drawing from "Patch Adams," we learn to navigate life with joy and purpose, becoming beacons of hope and love.

August 25: Engaged Living: Equipped for Spiritual Challenge

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20 Example: The Scarlet Letter

We'll discuss how to equip ourselves with the armor of God to face spiritual challenges. Inspired by "The Scarlet Letter," we'll explore truth, righteousness, faith, and the word of God to stand firm against adversities.

Peace,

Pastor Elizabeth



Monthly Medical Minute (formerly Desk of the Chair)

Why are vaccines important? Vaccines are one of the most valuable tools to prevent a variety of diseases across the life span particularly for the most vulnerable populations.

- 1 million adults get Pneumonia each year; there are two types of vaccines recommended
- 60% of high-risk individuals report never being advised to get vaccinated
- 15-45% decreased incidence is seen in heart attacks with influenza vaccines
- The CDC is recommending everyone receive and update COVID-19 vaccine if received prior to 2/2023 or not at all and those 65+ should get a second 4 months from their last.
- Those who received updated vaccines are 3x less likely to die from the disease than those who have received vaccine prior to 2/2023 and 14x less likely to die than those unvaccinated

"Put away from you all bitterness and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:31-32

For decades health scholars have held vaccinations as one of highest achievements in the profession while opposers have been in controversy calling them "unchristian", ineffective, or toxin containing. From the 1800's and the time of smallpox, to the 2020 COVID pandemic; we came together put away the bitterness and the incidence of these diseases has been decreased.

Blessings in Christ, Carrie DeFuss SLT Chairperson

Staff Verse of the Month

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What's happening in Building and Grounds?

By Alex Houle, Admin Assistant BUILDING & GROUNDS During the month of July, Building & Grounds has been working hard. We built new support

structures for the Vacation Bible School backdrop. We painted the southern wall of the church and the garage. We also rented a lift an caulked all the windows on the eastern side of the church. We have J&E Exteriors coming to replace the siding on the west side gables with vinyl. We also have R&G Asphalt coming to repair, sealcoat, and paint the parking lot on

August 1st.



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



MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS AUGUST 2024

The Kendall County Community Food Pantry thanks everyone who continues to bring in egg cartons and plastic bags. Keep Them Coming.



Sunday, October 13, 2024 will be our next Soup Sunday. Save the Date.

In Loving Memory...

Clara Rezash, wife of former YCUCC pastor Rev. Lawrence Rezash, died July 12, 2024. Larry served as our pastor from 1971 to 1982. Clara and Larry have three children, Ann Morrissey (Tony), Timothy (Ted), and Tina Rogal (Mark), two grandchildren, Kristen Tomlinson (Tory) and Zachary Rogal (Clancy), and three great-grandchildren, Arya, Leland, and a baby boy coming in September. Clara loved being the pastor's wife in churches in Hamburg, NY, Hinsdale, Yorkville, and Dayton, OH.

During the 42 years Larry and Clara lived in Dayton, they were co-presidents of PFLAG, the first and largest organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people, their parents and families, and allies.

Along with Larry, Clara won numerous awards over the years, including the Elaine Fultz Community Award from PFLAG, the 2020 Ben Herbster Award from United Church Homes, the Dayton Peace Hero Award from the Dayton Peace Museum, and the Community Service Award from the Greater Dayton LGBTQ Her/History Awards. Harmony Creek Church recently created the Clarry Award in Larry and Clara's honor, given to an individual who embodies the love and acceptance they shared with everyone they met. Clara was a long-time, active member of the Centerville Diversity Council.

Donations may be made in Clara's memory to PFLAG Dayton, P.O. Box 3721, Dayton, OH 45401-3721, toward the Larry Rezash Scholarship Fund; to Ohio's Hospice, 7575 Paragon Road, Dayton, OH 45459; or to Harmony Creek Church.

A memorial service will be held on Aug.10 at 1 p.m. at Harmony Creek Church at 901 E Stroop Road, Kettering, Ohio.

Caregivers of the Care Team will strive to be:

Just as near as the phone
Eager to be helpful
Sympathetic of your pain
Understanding to your needs
Sensitive to your feelings

Caregivers will strive to show:

Compassion and confidentiality at all times Helpfulness in allowing you to resolve your own situations Sharing of our time and love by listening and caring Trust in God to sustain and guide us through it all.





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

Summer Collection

All items for our collection is due Sept. 8th. Thank you all for the donations.

International Tasting of Our Refugee Neighbors

Come and participate in our International Tasting to celebrate World Refugee Sunday as well as World Communion Sunday, Oct 6th in Fellowship Hall. Please stay and enjoy foods from regions where refugees come from. This tasting will be in the format as Soup Sundays. You do not need to bring a dish to enjoy the food. However, if you are adventurous and want to try a recipe we will have some recipes for you to try from the different areas or bring one that you know!

Happy 100th Birthday, Earl!

Earl Bushnell is turning 100 on August 19th! Lets shower him with cards! *HAPPY*
BIRTHDAY!

Earl Bushnell Bickford of Oswego 3712 Grove Rd Oswego, IL 60543

Stewardship Thought for August 2024

God invites us to give! God gives us the opportunity to share what we have been given, and for that we are deeply thankful. Made in God's image, we are all givers-if only we let it happen, if only we hear the invitation, to give and to give thanks.



Come share the news about YCUCC at Touch a Truck at Hometown Days!

We have an opportunity to meet dozens of community members- particularly young families- when YCUCC once again sponsors Touch A Truck at Yorkville Hometown Days on Saturday, Aug. 31 from noon to 4 p.m. The event is set up in the parking lot in front of the Beecher Community Building on Game Farm Road in Yorkville.

While youngsters get to climb onto fire trucks, police cars and other interesting vehicles, church members can hand out information on our upcoming programs to their parents.

You can volunteer for an hour or hour and a half that day and help promote Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ. We will have a tent set up to provide shade, and bottles of nice, cold water for volunteers.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so you can be a part of this fun afternoon. If you know someone with an interesting vehicle you think should be on display that day, call the office or let Kathy Farren know at 630-803-0514.



YCUCC Ministry Fair 2024

Have you ever wondered what some ministries at YCUCC do? Are you wondering how to join a group at our church? You will be able to find out at the upcoming Ministry Fair on Sunday, Sept. 29 right after worship.

Tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall with information on many, many organizations. You will be able to visit as many as you like while a light lunch is served. You might even win a prize!

Put this date on your calendar. And if you are part of a YCUCC ministry or group that would welcome more members, start planning your table now! More information will be in next month's newsletter.

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Vacation Bible School 2024!

On July 7-11th, 28 students and a countless amount of volunteers joined us for Camp Firelight! Our students, or campers as we called them, got to learn about Jesus and how much love he has for us. Throughout the week our campers got to participate in games, crafts, bible stories, science and music!

Thank you to everyone who gave their time, dedication and monetary donations to Vacation Bible School this year. We all had so much fun!

"Whenever I am afraid, I put my trust in you."- Psalm 56:3









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

We welcome new members, so please come join us!

Guest Speaker:

Jennifer Hall, Caregiver Support Coordinator for We Are Called To Care, will share the organization's mission with our group, and explain how our past contributions from rummage sale proceeds have benefited We Are Called to Care.

Time: TBD

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

Furniture Donation Guidelines:

<u>Furniture accepted</u>: living room (sofas up to 8' in length), bedroom, dining room, office, and outdoor furniture

Items we 'Cannot' Accepted as Donations:

Oversized entertainment centers; Construction debris; Large appliances; Electronics (TVs, computers, printers, typewriters, land/cell phones, fax equipment); Infant/Child car and/or booster seats; All mattresses, box springs, cribs

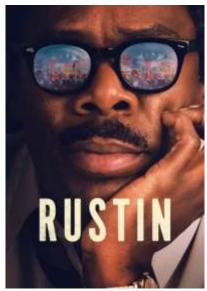
All donations must be clean and in good, working condition.

** More information will appear in The Happenings 2024 September Newsletter. **
Thank you!

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.



Summer Movie Series

Our final movie discussion this summer will be *Rustin*.

Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Conference room.

"The film tells the story of the gay civil rights activist Bayard Rustin. Rustin encourages Martin Luther King Jr. to lead a protest in Los Angeles ahead of the 1960 Democratic National Convention." (Wikipedia)

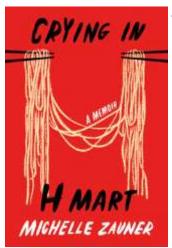
For more information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rustin_(film) To watch the Trailer on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lBqMhZ3NBg

Spiritual Development Group (SDG)

The SDG will begin meeting on September 17 at 7:00 p.m. on Google Meets.

We will begin studying the Listen Up! Genesis 37-47 bible study. God's word is alive. God always has something new to say to us. That's why the purpose of the LISTEN UP! Bible Study series is not simply learning information about the Bible; it is hearing God speak. There is a difference. To join us, send an email to Diane Stablein at infoshep@yorkville-ucc.org.

Book Discussion



A memoir by Michelle Zauner about growing up Korean American, losing her mother, and forging her own identity.

Save the Date!

November 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Aimee List ajlsan1@hotmail.com Adult Education Shepherd

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July 25, 2024

Hello Ministry/Committee Leaders!

In an effort to keep the church calendar updated and well communicated, a new form was created for meetings and events. The new form is separate from the rental forms for private family events.

This form should be completed at least two weeks prior to your event or meeting. By doing so allows us to confirm that your meeting/event has been added to the church calendar and our building and grounds team is aware of building use.

Last-minute meetings and events will still require a completed form. Please submit the form prior to the meeting/event. Meetings and events that are scheduled at the last minute may not be able to use the requested room if another meeting/event is scheduled at that time. You will be notified of available rooms in the event of double bookings.

We understand that sometimes you may need to stop by the church to make copies, prepare for Sunday Worship, change banners, water plants, etc. and these are usually unannounced. These are times that do not require completed event forms.

If you have any questions about the new form, please feel free to contact Pastor Elizabeth Hartung, Robin Campos, or Alex Houle.

Blessings,

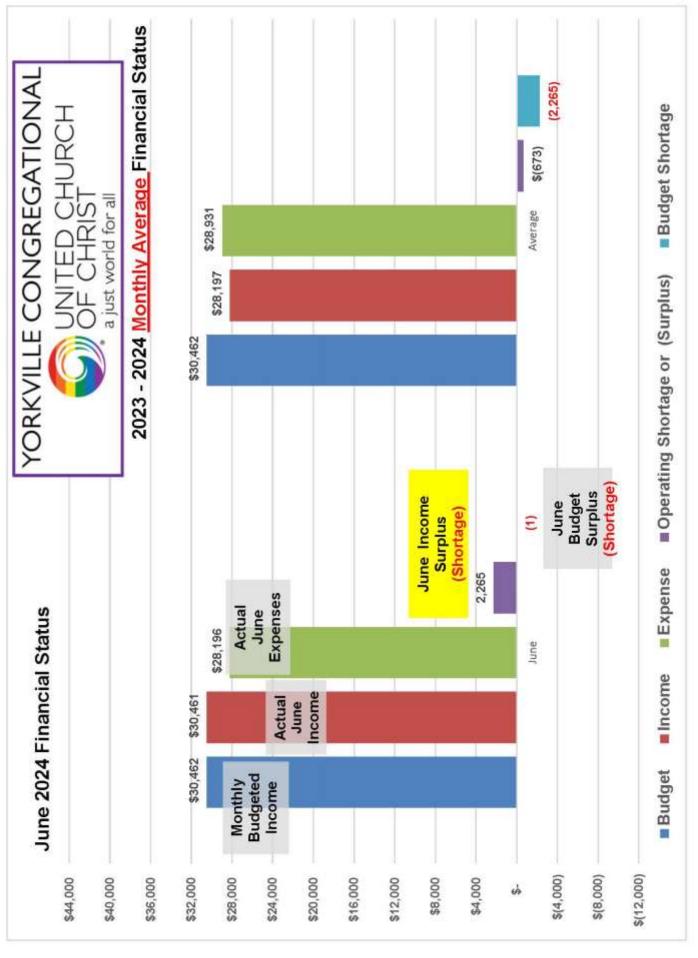
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Ministries Event/Meeting Notification Form

Date:
Submitted By:
Ministry:
Contact Information (Email and Phone):
Event Details: Number of expected attendees:
Event Overview: (Brief description of the event and its purpose.)
Location(s) Involved: (Specify which rooms and parts of the building or grounds will be used.)
Event Setup (if needed): (How many tables and chairs are needed? How should they be set up?)
Timeline: Start Date: End Date:
Start Time: End Time:
Potential Impact: (Describe any potential impact on daily operations, facilities, or occupants.)
Supporting Documents (if any): o Attach relevant plans, diagrams, or approvals.
Additional Notes:
By submitting this form, I acknowledge that I have reviewed and agree to comply with all relevant policies and procedures regarding projects within the building or grounds.
Signature:

Submission:

 $Submit\ form\ to\ Robin\ Campos\ at\ adminasst@yorkvilleucc.org\ or\ place\ in\ her\ mailbox.$



Those Grieving:

The Rezash Family The Lindblom Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

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



Health Concerns:

Deb Bezroukoff LouAnn Hoffman Gayle Jacobs Wyatt Jones Jonathan Lamp Finley Walker

General Concerns:

Prochaska Family Mendell Family

Homebound/Assisted Living:

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

Have you ever felt like you might want to take a more active role in Sunday morning worship activities, but feel intimidated or just don't know what to do?

Have you already participated as a greeter, liturgist, usher or communion server but still do not feel comfortable in that role? The Worship and Spiritual Growth Group in conjunction with the Outreach/Welcoming Ministry is holding an information session on Sunday, 8/25 immediately following worship to give guidance and pointers on serving in these roles.

We'll review what each role entails, practice communion serving and have people who currently fulfill these roles available to answer questions and give helpful suggestions.

A light lunch will be provided. Whether you are someone curious about these roles or someone who would like to feel more comfortable in a position you have already tried, please join us!

Lori Redmon & Kathy Farren for Worship & Spiritual Growth and Outreach/ Welcoming Ministries



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Sam - Building and Grounds 10:30am - Staff Meeting	Sam - Building and Grounds 10:30am - Staff Meeting 1pm - FROG	9am - Building and Grounds 10 10am - Pastoral Care 10 30am - Staff Meeting 7pm - Movie Discussion	9am - Building and Grounds 10:30am - Staff Meeting 12pm - JOY Circle	Sam - Building and Grounds 10-30am - Staff Meeting
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02	Isla Pansera	16
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost GREEN

Eph 4:1-16

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost GREEN

Eph 4:25-5:2

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN Eph 5:15-20

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREEN Eph 6:10-20

August Anniversaries				
08/01 Kevin & Lauren Vaclavik 08/02 Rev. Tim & Cheryl Rhodes	15 Years			
08/08 Jerry & Anne Engelhardt	54 Years			
08/08 Andy & Pam Hamblin	33 Years			
08/08 Tim & Monica Sartori	27 Years			
08/09 Craig & Sarah Pottinger	21 Years			
08/12 Tony & Laurie Houle	46 Years			
08/20 Mike & Sandy Ramirez	19 Years			
08/25 Dan & Lori Melhouse	17 Years			
08/26 Harold & Mary McCracken	67 Years			



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
8/04/2024	On Break	Coral Clevenger	Engaged Living: Cooking Spiritual Growth
8/11/2024	On Break	Carrie DeFuss	Engaged Living: Love and Forgiveness
8/18/2024	On Break	John Morello	Engaged Living: Walking in a Fallen World
8/25/2024	On Break	Carrie DeFuss	Engaged Living: Equipped for Spiritual Challenge

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.
- 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".
- 3. Click on the channel.
- 4. Select the appropriate sermon date.
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