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

The Happenings

February 2025

Be patient.

Be gentle.

Be humble.

Be loving.



Ephesians 4:2-3



Pastor's Porch

Dear Church Family,

As we begin the new year together, I am inspired by the Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, which beautifully connect the body of Christ—Christ's beloved community—to the human body. Paul writes:

"Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into

one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink."

This passage reminds us that each community member is vital to the whole. When one part of the body hurts, it impacts the entire body. Similarly, when one part of the body rejoices, we all rejoice together. Paul's metaphor calls us to care for one another with compassion, recognizing that our spiritual health is tied to the health of the community as a whole.

In the spirit of this passage, I'm excited to share a personal opportunity for growth that I believe will enrich our shared worship life. This year, I am taking a Doctor of Ministry course titled *"Stand-Up Preaching,"* which offers a unique lens to explore the intersection of faith, storytelling, and practical theology. The course name is a playful nod to the art of stand-up comedy and the preacher's call to stand up for the least of these—bringing God's justice, peace, and love into the world.

While comedy and preaching may seem worlds apart, they share a decisive common goal: engaging people's hearts and minds to reveal deeper truths about our lives and communities. Preaching is not about entertainment—it's about connection. It takes God's living Word and proclaims it in ways that inspire and transform, helping us recognize God's presence in moments of joy, challenge, grief, and change.

Just as stand-up comedy often shines a light on parts of society that are overlooked or hurting, preaching illuminates the areas of our lives and communities that need healing, hope, and renewal. Both rely on storytelling to hold a mirror to our world, revealing the grace and justice God intends for all creation. In this course, I will focus on storytelling and the embodiment of God's Word, learning to connect more deeply with those who hear the Gospel. I'll even have the chance to analyze stand-up routines, exploring how the rhythms and cadences of comedy can inspire more engaging and effective preaching.

This learning journey is not just for me—it's for all of us. As I grow as a preacher, I hope to bring fresh energy and insights to our worship life, reminding us that God's Word is alive and relevant to every corner of our lives. As we step into this new year, I invite you to consider how God's Word might call you to engage more deeply with your own story and the story of our faith community. Together, we are the body of Christ, and each of us has a part to play in proclaiming God's love and justice to the world.

In February, we will continue our sermon series, *"Currents of Faith,"* exploring how God's guidance, provision, and joy flow through our lives. Each week, we'll reflect on how God meets us in life's challenges, nourishes our spirits, and calls us into deeper trust and action.

February 2, 2025 – Creating Springs of Welcome

Scripture: Psalm 84; Matthew 25:44-45

Focus Verse: Psalm 84:6 – "As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools."

We'll begin by reflecting on how God transforms our dry and weary places into springs of renewal. This week, we'll consider the divine call to create spaces of welcome and care in our lives and community.

February 9, 2025 – Cast into the Depths

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Focus Verse: Luke 5:4 – "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."

Jesus' invitation to cast out into the depths is a bold call to faith and trust. This Sunday, we'll explore what it means to step beyond our comfort zones and dive into the deep waters of discipleship.

February 16, 2025 – Roots by the River: Flourishing in Trust

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:8

Focus Verse: Jeremiah 17:8 – "They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream."

In times of uncertainty and challenge, God offers us deep roots of faith that sustain and nourish us. This message will encourage us to embrace resilience and trust as we flourish in God's care.

February 23, 2025 – Delighting in God

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Focus Verse: Psalm 37:4 – "Take delight in the Lord who will give you the desires of your heart."

To close the month, we will be blessed by the leadership of guest preacher Rev. Jeffrey Phillips. Together, we'll reflect on the joy and fulfillment of delighting in God's presence and promises.

Let us begin this new year with curiosity, compassion, and a shared commitment to being the body of Christ. May God's love and justice flow through us like a mighty current, carrying us forward into the fullness of life together.

Peace in God's Love,
Pastor Elizabeth



From the Desk of the Chair

"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it." Proverbs 3:27

The winds of change continue to blow through this Congregation causing yet another change in the month of January. The current Vice Chair of the SLT, Lea Ann Skogsberg, has stepped down from her position. Thank her for her support and expertise these past several months and wish her well in her future endeavors. Sue Kimes, previously the Children and Youth Shepherd, has graciously agreed to step into this role.

Here's a little tidbit about Sue you may or may not know. Sue can be found spending time with family, her favorite book, or a nice cup of coffee on any given day. She organized and rebuilt the beautiful children's library that we have available for the kids to enjoy. After church on Sunday evenings, her family has "Sunday night dinner" a tradition that has been in place since 1972. This, of course, means we had to fill the Children and Youth Shepherd. Rachel Rebsom has agreed to step into this role. A few tidbits about Rachel. Rachel's love of teaching can be seen in her classroom where she's been for the past 16 years or through the eyes of her daughters, Rhylen and Renley, as she graciously leads them in the MANY boxes of girl scout cookies they love to sell each year. You may also notice her running around the parking lot as those lovely girls are occupied within the church as she trains for one of the numerous races/runs she participates in throughout the year.

A huge thank you to Sue and Rachel for stepping into their new leadership roles.

The organist/choir accompanist position remains open. We are also open to a part time pianist to split the position if interested. We are extremely grateful for the time and talent of Lori Runkle, but she is only available through Easter.

Upcoming events to be aware of:

February 14: Parents Night Out 5:30pm-8pm

February 16: Soup Sunday

As always, do not hesitate to reach out for any specific comments or concerns.

Blessings,
Carrie DeFuss



What's happening in Building and Grounds?

By Alex Houle, Admin Assistant

Christmas was glorious with beautiful decorations that magically showed up and were smuggled back into all their nooks and crannies. This new year we began with our standard annual maintenance, and we decided to replace the toilets. Of course, when you make an expensive decision, more expenses will come into the light. We decided to tackle a leak in one of the urinals at the same time and it turns out there was something hiding in the darkness. It was a bunch of mold growing behind the urinal. After removing a large portion of the wall, we reached the end of the fungi trail. Everything was cleaned, disinfected, and dried as soon as possible. We are working to repair the bathroom situation as quickly as possible. Please bear with us and let us rejoice in the knowledge found, so that we all stay safe and healthy.

The building and grounds team also spent a Tuesday morning visiting Andy Hamblin in the hospital. Andy was recently hospitalized due to a brain bleed. He did well in surgery and was released to continue recovering at home. Please keep a healthy Andy in your prayers.

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



..... **about YOU**

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

Christmas Poinsettias Delivered to Homebound Submitted by Kathy Wickens

I delivered many Christmas poinsettias last month to our home bound members.

I was especially touched by the happiness it brought them. I believe there are currently about 12 of these folks out there. It was so enjoyable to speak with them about nothing in particular and Mr. Bushnell was especially happy to receive his flowers.

Last year at this time we only received enough money to purchase two Easter flowers.

When you order your Easter flowers this year, please consider buying an extra Easter Lily for one of our homebound members. Thank you for your help.

YCUCC and the Yorkville Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a candidate forum for Yorkville School Board candidates, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27.

All seven candidates running in the April 1 election will be invited to introduce themselves and answer questions from the audience in Fellowship Hall.

Bob McGee's brother, Dr. Glenn McGee, a previous Illinois State Superintendent of Education, has agreed to serve as moderator of the panel.



The forum will be open to the public.



Do you need transportation to and from appointments? What about the grocery store? Maybe a ride to church on Wednesday or Sunday? The Kendall Area Transit provides affordable transportation for individuals around and in the Kendall County area.

For more information about their hours, rates, and how to reserve a spot, call 630-822-6970 or visit their website <https://vacdk.com/transportation/kat-kendall-area-transit/>

Information regarding the Kendall Area Transit can be found at the welcome center located in the Narthex.

**Kendall Area Transit (KAT)
Dial-A-Ride-Services**

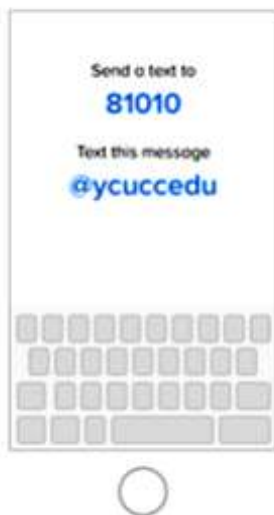
Phone: (630)822-6970
TTY: (800) 526-0844 or 711
Voice: (800) 526-0857 or 711

Missions Ministry

The 5 for 5 "The Christmas Fund" collected in December amounted to \$400.00. Missions thanks all who contributed.

Our next Soup Sunday will be on Sunday, February 16th, with funds raised going to the senior services in Yorkville. Look for the sign-up sheet to be posted on February 02, 2025.

Stay in the touch with YCUCC Children and Youth Education!



Want to stay up to date with all things CE? Join our FREE reminder program.

Anyone wanting to stay in touch with CE is invited to join using the code to the **left**. It is strongly recommended for parents and teachers to join with this code.

Parents and students involved with the youth group or students in 6th-12 grade are encouraged to join with the code to the **right**.



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 2025 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale.



Refugee Vouchers are available on the Giving Tree in the Narthex. Donations are accepted through Sunday, March 9, 2025.

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



Attention all 6th to 12th graders (and parents)!

We are so excited to invite you to join us for **Summer Camp 2024!** This is your chance to experience an unforgettable four days filled with fun, friendship, and opportunities to grow in your faith. This camp will replace our annual mission trip for 2025.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- **Exciting Activities:** From outdoor adventures like swimming, hiking, and team games to creative workshops, there's something for everyone! Don't worry, there will be indoor activities like crafts and game nights.
- **Worship & Inspiration:** Uplifting worship sessions and meaningful discussions to help deepen your connection with God.
- **Friendship & Fun:** Create new friends and strengthen bonds with old ones in a positive, encouraging environment.
- **Memories to Last a Lifetime:** Campfires, late-night laughter, and moments that will stick with you forever.

Details:

- **When:** June 18-21, 2025
- **Where:** Tower Hill Camp (12173 Tower Hill Rd, Sawyer, MI 49125)
- **Who:** All students in grades 6–12 (invite your friends!)
- **Cost:** \$50 per student (scholarships available)

Students, this next part is for your parents...

This retreat style camp will replace our annual mission trip for 2025. With the large amount of 6th-12th grade students in our congregation, it did not seem smart to take them out on a mission trip, for many of them it would be their first time.

If chaperoning seems like something you may be interested in, please let me know by February 2, 2025. Students may also invite their friends, but they will be required to attend future workshops and complete a commitment form and provide payment.

The commitment form and payment are due by February 2, 2025. If you have any questions or need help with the cost, feel free to reach out by email at ced@yorkvilleucc.org or you may call 630-553-7308.

Blessings,
Robin Campos
Christian Education Director and Camp Director



2025 SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE



APRIL 11TH & 12TH



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

Donation Acceptance Dates:

Sunday, April 6th: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Monday & Tuesday, April 7th & 8th: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Furniture Donation Guidelines

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

Electronics Accepted

Speakers; 'Working' Flat Screen TVs up to 48" with plug & USB port
(TV donations are **ONLY** accepted on Sunday, April 6th from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Items we 'Cannot' Accepted as Donations

Oversized entertainment centers; Construction debris; Large appliances;
Electronics: Tube TV and/or flat screen larger than 48", computers, monitors, printers, typewriters,
land/cell phones, fax equipment; Infant/Child car and/or booster seats; All mattresses, box springs, cribs

**** More information will appear in *The Happenings* 2025 March Newsletter. ****



Thank you!

Peg Trumble

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



MLK Jr. Essay Winners!

Winners have been announced in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day essay contest. Hailey Shatters and Luke DeFuss tied for first place in the high school division and shared the \$50 prize. Isabelle Shatters won the middle school division, winning \$50. Hailey and Luke read their essays during worship Sunday, Jan. 19. The Outreach Committee has decided to hold the essay contest again next year.

Isabelle Shatters' essay:

Martin Luther King Jr. is an inspiring person who started boycotts and gave his "I Have a Dream Speech". When Martin Luther King Jr. gave his speech he stood up in front of hundreds of people and confidently said people shouldn't be judged by color.

When I think of MLK I think of a powerful, smart, and confident man who has changed the way some of most people act. Sadly, MLK was shot because a person didn't believe in the power of being equal. People are people no matter what stops them.

We all have equal power no matter what, that is what Martin Luther King Jr. taught me. Telling me even if someone is rude or annoying, just be a nice person.



Despite multiple school closings, along with YCUCC closed due to the frigid, cold weather, 16 very determined women persevered the sub-zero weather on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL. **'Superstars'** of the Day were: Anne Engelhardt, Diane Dillow, Kathy Farren, Linda Haan, Pastor Elizabeth Hartung, Sue Kimes, Mary McCracken, Linda Melhouse, Jill Mickelson, Jo Pierce, Connie Pierrepont, Lori Runkle, Diane Stablein, Peg Trumble, Salli Walden, & Lark Willmann.

Following FMSC, everyone enjoyed lunch at the Pomegranate Restaurant & Café in Aurora.

Results of all Volunteers' Packing Session
Boxes packed: 75; Meals: 16,200; Kids fed a daily meal for a year: 44; Cost: \$4,698.00



Green Team Plans Exciting New Year

The Green Team will be meeting on Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at church. We will review goals and action plans for 2025, which were determined at the January meeting.



If you are interested in learning about the upcoming projects and several social events of Green Team, please join us! We have a lot of fun learning, doing, and socializing. Do a little or more — whatever fits your time and abilities. Green Team is a great way to be involved with the church and caring for God's creation.

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.

Winter Fuel Economy Tips to Make Gas Dollars Go Further



When it comes to winter fuel economy, how much can you save? **Try these 8 tips to reduce fuel consumption this winter and reward both your wallet and the environment.** by Pauline Milner

1. Slow Down.

If you drive 50 MPH as opposed to 60 MPH, your fuel usage can drop by as much as 7%.

2. Don't sit idly waiting.

Depending on the type of car you have, you may burn about 1/8 gallon of gas for every 15 minutes of idling. Depending on the gas prices in your area, you can do the math to determine how much idling for 10 to 15 minutes costs you. *Tip: Remember never to idle backed up to a snowbank, even with the window cracked open. Carbon Dioxide re-entering your vehicle from exhaust can be fatal.*

3. Keep your windows up and the sunroof closed.

When you drive with the windows rolled down or the sunroof open, you create aerodynamic drag that will drive your fuel costs up by 10%.

4. Watch tire pressure.

You can use up to 4% more fuel if your tire pressures are uneven. Tire gauges are easy to use, and the recommended tire pressure can be found on the sticker inside the driver's door.

5. Plan your stops for errands

Take a moment to plan stops when doing errands. Choose the route that makes the shortest loop back home.

6. Avoid premium fuels.

Ample studies have demonstrated that premium fuels perform just as well as economic options, with the only real payoff being, possibly, less environmental impact. Even car manufacturers admit that the stated requirement for premium fuel use is merely a suggestion. Premium fuels can cost as much as 40 cents more per gallon.

7. Keep vehicle maintained.

Do not neglect to keep your vehicle well-tuned. Purchasing a winter preparation package from your local garage can result in 30% better fuel efficiency, depending on the age and type of your car. Air filters, worn brakes, residue in the fuel lines, and deteriorated oil will reduce fuel performance.

Related: [4 Ways to Extend the Life of Your Car](#)

8. Stay in line.

Misalignment of your vehicle can increase drivetrain drag, translating into a cost of up to 21 cents a gallon or more in fuel usage.

<https://thedollarstretcher.com/auto/winter-fuel-economy-tips/>

Electric Vehicles - Cold Weather Energy Saving Tips

* Plug into electric 5 minutes before driving. Turn on vehicle and touch "heat" with temp to 80 and high fan. Let it run for 5 minutes. Cabin will be warm AND battery will be warmed. Turn off the heat and fan; use only the heated seat and steering wheel. You will be comfortably warm, and the battery will perform well giving you the best miles per kW of energy.

Tower Hill Pancake Breakfast!

March 2nd after Worship

All proceeds will go towards the youth's trip to Tower Hill this summer.

Thank you for your continued support for our children and youth!



Confirmation Class Styrofoam Project Submitted by the Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class, with the help of the Green Team, is hosting a Styrofoam collection project to help the environment, Styrofoam is one of the most widespread waste products, filling up 30% of landfills globally and it takes approximately 500 years to decompose! It releases harmful chemicals into the environment and it is unhealthy for animals and other wildlife.

Styrofoam contains chemicals that can spread into food packaging. Styrofoam is also lightweight and can easily break into small pieces, choking animals and birds.

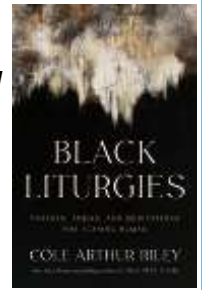
After we collect the Styrofoam we will take it to a local plastic fabrication company where it is recycled into new products. When the collection starts, we will have two large labeled cardboard boxes at the entrance where can drop off Styrofoam to help with the projects.

After the project, we will publish an article with photos in *The Happenings* church newsletter, which will have the amount of Styrofoam collected, and thank the congregation for their support.



Adult Education Black History Month

This month, I encourage you to pick up a copy of *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Mediations for Staying Human* by Cole Arthur Riley. It is part of the United Church of Christ's 2024 All Church Read. "Black Liturgies is a prayer book, including a section of prayers and reflections based on themes and another section of prayers and ritual practices based on seasons, celebrations, or times." (<https://www.ucc.org/all-church-read-launches-with-emphasis-on-staying-human-as-we-build-a-just-world>)



I also recommend the 1619 Project: A New Origin Story by Nikole Hannah-Jones. It is available in book format and as a Limited Series on Hulu. The series is six one-hour episodes. The book has been banned in several states. In 2020, then President Trump stated "This project rewrites American history to teach our children that we were founded on the principle of oppression, not freedom" and then proposed creating a new 1776 commission to "reinstate "patriotism" in American schools." (CBS News) Now it is more important than ever to keep reading and learning. Read the book, watch the series, and decide for yourself. I would also love to have an intensive book study on the 1619 project. If anyone is interested, email me—ajlsan1@hotmail.com and we can plan something.



Finally, I have found great comfort in these troubling times by listening to and reading African-American preachers, authors, and activists. They speak biblically about what is happening in the world, but help us remember to turn to God, not despair. I recommend: Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, author, and co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign; Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ; and Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock, Senator from Georgia and Senior Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

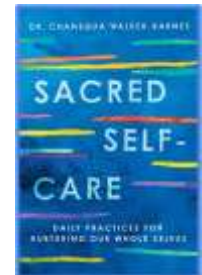


Book Study

***Sacred Self-Care, Daily Practices For Nurturing Our Whole Selves* by Dr. Chaniqua Walker-Barnes**

"A seven-week guide to help you shift your behaviors and create lifelong habits to care for your whole self— mind, body, and soul." (Goodreads)

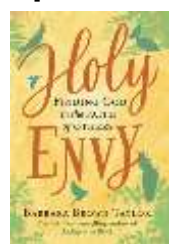
- We are continuing our journey through *Sacred Self-Care*.
- We will meet each Sunday at 7:00 p.m. using video conferencing for a short check-in and discussion.
- Check-in dates are: **February 2, 9, 16, and 23.**



Spiritual Development Group

The Spiritual Development Group is reading and discussing *Holy Envy, Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. The discussions will be on Google Meets. Anyone is welcome to join!

- February 4: Chapters 4, 5, and 6
- February 18: Chapters 7, 8, and 9
- March 4: Chapters 10, 11, and 12



Lent

The Spiritual Development Group will be discussing the United Church of Christ's Still Speaking Writer's group 2025 Lent Devotional, *Into the Deep*. Devotionals are \$5.00. Contact me by February 1 if you want me to order you a copy. **Discussions will be on March 18, April 1, and April 15** on Google Meets. Anyone is welcome to join the discussion.

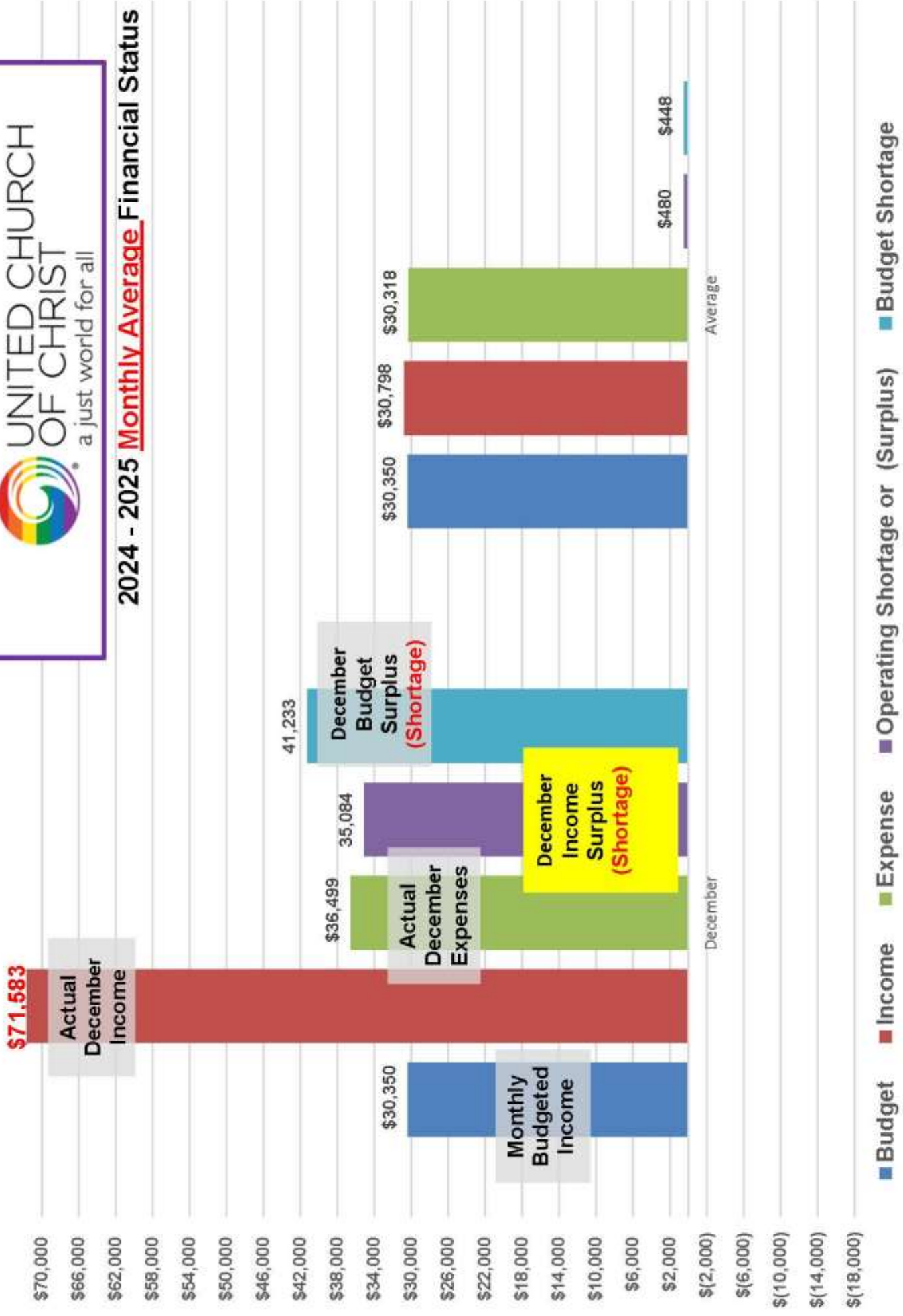


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December 2024 Financial Status



2024 - 2025 Monthly Average Financial Status



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

Those Grieving:

The Bushnell Family
The Obenauer/Johnson Families
The Prince Family

Those in Cancer Treatment:

Pat Dietz
Pearl Undesser

Health Concerns:

Fred Anderson Finley Walker
Deb Bezroukoff
Rick Falato
Andy Hamblin
Gayle Jacobs
Wyatt Jones
Jonathan Lamp

General Concerns:

Prochaska Family
Mendell Family
The Hughes Family



Homebound/Assisted Living:

Fred Anderson, Myrah Baldwin, Delores Cruise, Pat Dietz, Dave Encinas,
Rick Falato, Gayle Jacobs, and Fred Wayne

Do you have an event or a memory from a past church event that you would like to feature on the YCUCC Facebook and Instagram?

Let us know by completing the Google Form.

There is no deadline for requesting a social media post. However, we ask that you complete one form for each posting with at least one week's notice.

<https://forms.gle/5tmLwfyAyosiXAGz9>

If you have any questions, you may reach out to Pastor Elizabeth, Diane Stablein, Robin Campos, or you may call the office.



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February Birthdays

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

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

GREEN

Psalm 84; Matthew 25:44-45

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

GREEN

Luke 5:1-11

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

GREEN

Jeremiah 17:8

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

GREEN

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

February Anniversaries

02/07 Justin & Jean Heffernan	16 Years
02/10 Doug & Peg Trumble	52 Years
02/10 Louise & Carrie DeFuss	13 Years
02/21 Chris & Stacy Skinner	16 Years
02/26 Matt & Courtney Skinner	3 Years



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
2/2	Jacob DeFuss	Pam Campos	From Valleys to Springs: Wells
2/9	Penelope Skinner	Pam Campos	Joy as Our Strength: Streams
2/16	Gabe Keith	Fred Gaebler	Roots by the River: Flourishing
2/23	Isabelle Shatters	Fred Gaebler	Delighting in God

Our Mission Statement

*To live as Jesus lived: Love without Judgement, Welcome without Exception,
Serve with Compassion, Teach by Example.*

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God's community of unconditional love, made real for everyone, everywhere.

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Valentine's Day