



## Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ

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

# The Happenings

# May

## 2025

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE  
FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY  
AND PEACE  
IN BELIEVING, SO THAT  
BY THE POWER OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT YOU MAY  
ABOUND IN HOPE.

ROMANS 15:13



## Pastor's Porch

### *What's the Word?*

#### Reflections From Easter Morning

As we walk through this Easter season, let us remember: the story of Easter is not just something we celebrate, it's something we live. On that first Easter morning, the women went to the tomb expecting grief and silence. Instead, they found confusion, awe, and a space that speaks volumes. "Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and all the rest." (Luke 24:8-9)

This Easter, our worship asked the question: *What is the Word?* It's a playful question, one that reminded me of the old song from *Bye Bye Birdie*: "What's the story, morning glory? What's the word, hummingbird?" In the musical, the phrase is all about finding the latest gossip. But for us, that question is spiritual. It's about listening for God's voice in a world that's constantly changing.

Language shifts. The way we talk about relationships has changed—just like "getting pinned" no longer means what it did in the 1950s. But while the words may change, the *meaning* remains. And on Easter, the meaning is clear: **Resurrection. Restoration. New Life.**

Easter tells us that resurrection isn't just about a moment 2,000 years ago. It's about what we do with our empty tombs. It's about how we care for each other, how we seek to make things whole, how we show up even when we don't have all the answers. It's about becoming a people of **restoration**, not just remembrance.

I also shared something personal: sometimes, when I read the Easter story, I bristle a bit at Peter's return to the tomb—like he couldn't believe the women's word. In choir rehearsal, I half-joked that Peter was the first mansplainer. The laughter was real, but so is history. Women's voices, especially in faith, have often been overlooked. But if the women hadn't spoken up that morning, we might not know the story of the Resurrection at all.

That's why I keep returning to this Easter truth: **Life is restored from the empty tomb.** We are invited to live as resurrection people. Not just to celebrate once a year, but to live out the Gospel by:

**Loving deeply** – because God's love is expansive and inclusive.

**Showing Up** – because being present in the hard places is how healing begins.

**Hoping Beyond Hope** – because without hope, we forget the promise of new life.

St. Catherine of Siena described the soul as a tree rooted in love, growing within a circle without beginning or end. That image grounds me. It reminds me that God's work in us never ends—it keeps growing, restoring, blooming again and again.

So, what's the word this Easter season?

**Love. Show up. Hope.**

Let's carry that word into the world, as we enter May, worshiping together.

May 4 – Confirmation Sunday: Confirming Doubts—John 20:19–32

Focus Verse: John 20:28 (NRSVue)

"Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'"

Faith is not the absence of doubt, but the courage to keep reaching out for Christ even with questions in hand.

May 11 – Breakfast Blessing—John 21:1–19

Focus Verse: John 21:17b (NRSVue)

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Christ calls us from our daily routines into lives of care, purpose, and shared nourishment—both spiritual and tangible.

May 18 – Music Sunday—John 13:31–35

Focus Verse: John 13:34 (NRSVue)

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

The music of faith is love in action—harmonizing compassion, community, and the rhythm of God's grace.

May 25 – Hearts of Peace—John 14:23–29

Focus Verse: John 14:27 (NRSVue)

"Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you... Do not let your hearts be troubled."

The peace of Christ is not escape from the world but strength within it—a steady heart amid unrest.



## From the Desk of the Chair

*"...he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." Titus 3:5*

**Calling all members. Calling all members.**



The annual meeting is Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> following worship. Amid our ever-changing economy, you will also see an increase in the budget needs of the church. As your appointed chair, I will bring up the hard conversation. This congregation is very good at rallying together to raise funds for a specific need such as the roof, a boiler, tables or solar panels. When asked, we have been truly blessed to be answered. As we look to the future, however, I ask you to think about sustainability and what that may look like.

**Laugh, Give, Hope, Sing, Care, Sew, Bake, Hike, Pray, Eat, Gather, Think Green, Learn**

These are just some of the things that the ministries around this church do with sustainable income. They cannot continue if our giving does not support them, so I ask, can you give more? Is this place of worship a place that you want to see open and thriving, and available for you to find comfort and healing, fellowship and longevity. If the answer is yes, then I ask you to look to God, look in your heart and then to look at your checkbook and see what else you may be able to give. Without regular sustainable giving, all the things this family of worship offers may not be possible in the years to come.

On a lighter note, the Free Little Library has been installed and has been seeing quite a bit of foot traffic already in its first days in the ground. The Free Little Pantry is expected to be installed within the next few weeks with the same, if not more activity. There have been two bins placed at the rear of the narthex, under the coat racks, for donations to each of the "Littles" should anyone feel so inclined. The Care Team thanks you all for your support in this ongoing community outreach ministry. If you see Tony Houle, give him a big Thank You for his time and talent in building and thank all the guys of B&G for helping to get these in the ground so fast for us.

Upcoming events to be aware of:

May 1: Rain Garden Presentation 6pm  
May 4: Confirmation Sunday (during service)  
May 4: Tower Hill Parent Meeting (following service)  
May 11: Muffins with Moms (following service)  
May 18: Music Sunday (during service)  
May 18: **Annual meeting** (immediately following service)  
May 26: Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday  
May 27: Boy Erased movie discussion (online) 7pm

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

Blessings,

Carrie DeFuss

SLT Chairperson



## What's happening in Building and Grounds?

By Alex Houle, Admin Assistant

What a wonderful season of service it has been! The Building and Grounds Team is excited to share all that's been accomplished over the past few weeks, especially surrounding our annual Rummage Sale.

This year's rummage sale was a huge success, and it couldn't have happened without the dedication and hard work of so many volunteers. Our team was busy from start to finish:

**Set Up:** We transformed our fellowship hall into a bustling marketplace, arranging tables, sorting donations, and making sure everything was clean and organized for shoppers.

**Pick Ups:** Many generous church members and neighbors donated items, and our team coordinated pick-ups for larger pieces, ensuring everyone's contributions made to the sale.

**Tear Down & Clean Up:** After the last bargain was found, we rolled up our sleeves to pack away unsold items, return the space to its original state, and make sure everything was spotless for Sunday worship. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped move tables, haul boxes, sweep floors, and lend a hand wherever it was needed. Your efforts not only raised important funds but also strengthened our community.

B&G continues to meet each Tuesday morning at 9:00am. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

This year the fifth and sixth grade Sunday School class was learning that God wants us to show love to people who need help. They decided to hold a food drive during February and March. After the class spoke about the collection, church members donated many, many pounds of food which was given to the Kendall County Community Food Pantry. Shown with some of the donations are class members Benjamin DeFuss, left, Rhylen Rebsom, back, and Jacob DeFuss, front.



## GREEN KITCHEN AT YCUCC

Several people who often oversee activities in our church kitchen got together in February. Conversation covered current practices. Good ideas surfaced for new environmentally sustainable initiatives. The discussion led to a document listing “green” practices and a mission statement.

*“Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ strives to be good stewards of the Earth using good environmental practices preparing, serving, storing foods and cleaning.”*

Some of the recommendations for “Green” actions regarding drinks

To fill your personal bottles: One sink now has a filter for drinking water. Also, anyone may get filtered water from the pitchers kept in the refrigerator.



Mugs, rather than, disposable products, are available for hot drinks during coffee fellowship. For cold drinks, we will have reusable plastic glasses.



Use your own cold-water bottle and hot-drink thermoses while at church for meetings or work projects - adults, youth, and children.



Additionally, several Green Team members have been working in the labyrinth to clear away winter debris and make the way for spring flowering. Please take an opportunity to walk out to the labyrinth and enjoy all the daffodils, bluebells, celandine poppies and more.



April showers bring May flowers.

**NO RAIN – NO FLOWERS!**

Let Care Team be there for your showers or flowers. We are here for you.

Contact Pastor Elizabeth, Carrie DeFuss, or Salli Walden.

# Need a new church photo directory? Extra copies are available for purchase in the office for \$20.

**Join us for BINGO the first  
Thursday of the month!**

1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

No RSVP needed!



## **Help provide lunch for the homeless May 16**

It will be our church's turn to provide lunch at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet on Friday, May 16. We will again be serving sloppy joe on buns, with green beans, applesauce, potato chips and dessert. The number of lunch guests at Daybreak has grown so more food is needed.

If you would be willing to help provide the May 16 meal by making 3 pounds of sloppy joe or a dessert for 18 to 24 people, let Kathy Farren ([ednpub@earthlink.net](mailto:ednpub@earthlink.net)) know. Not a cook or baker? You could donate buns or the applesauce or green beans. We have a standing donation of the needed potato chips.



Once again church members stepped up in March and provided the Daybreak meal. Many thanks to Tim Andrus, Linda Melhouse, Sandy DeRidder, Sandy Lindblom, Jill Mickelson, Mary McCracken, Connie Pierrepont, Kathy Farren, Jean Anderson, Goldie Behrens, Lori Redmon and Salli Walden for generously donating the food. The serving crew was Salli and Duane Walden, Kathy Farren and Nancy Flowers from Cross Lutheran. Brian Bazan joined us to serve food in April when Cross Lutheran provided the food.

## **MISSIONS MINISTRY NEWS MAY 2025**

Soup Sunday for our youth to go to Tower Hill Youth Camp in June netted \$472.00. The 5 for 5 offering "One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)" came to \$345.00.

Our next 5 for 5 offering "Strengthen the Church" will be collected on Pentecost (birth of the church) Sunday, June 08, 2025. This offering grows the United Church of Christ future funding, new and renewing churches, youth and adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation.

Peace and Love to All from your Missions Ministry



## YCUCC's 2025 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale

**We thank all  
volunteers who  
helped support  
the 2025  
Spring Rummage  
& Bake Sale!**



**You graciously  
demonstrated  
'It Takes a Village'  
to be successful!  
Thank you,  
one & all!**



### J.O.Y. Circle Meeting

**12:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025 in YCUCC's Fellowship Hall**

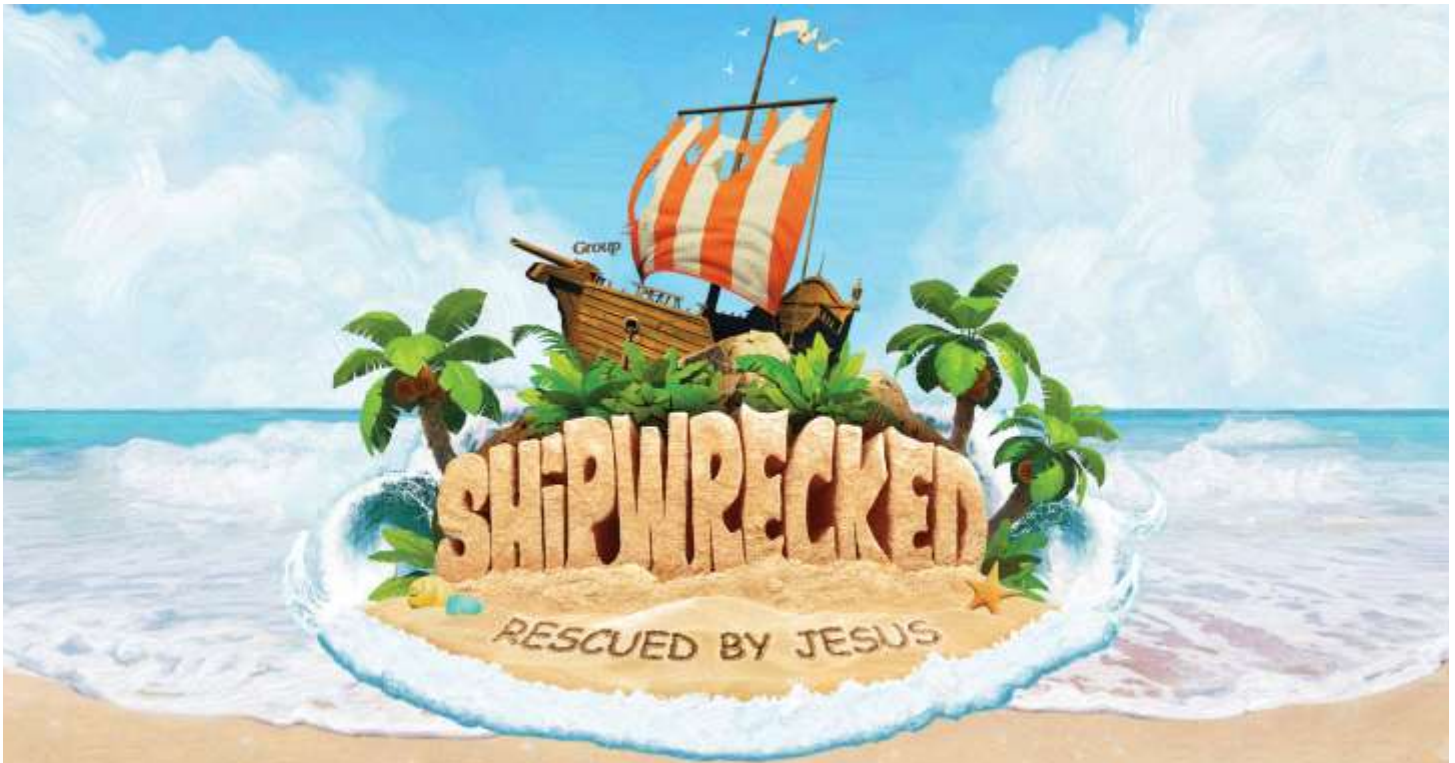
**meeting**

**Agenda**

**TUESDAY**

- **Determine Recipients of the 2025 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale's Proceeds.**
- **Share suggestions/ideas for future meetings!**

**We welcome new members, so please join us!**



**Join us for Vacation Bible  
School 2025!**

**July 6-10th  
5:00-7:30 pm  
NOW FREE!**

**Registration is now OPEN for  
all students ages 3-12.**

**Visit [www.yorkvilleucc.org/education](http://www.yorkvilleucc.org/education)  
to register.**



**YCUCC's 'Record-Breaking'  
2025 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale  
'Final' Total: \$18,323.12**

Included are a few photos of the 2025 Spring  
R&B Sale Set-Up, Work Week, Sale Days,  
& Tear-Down.



Many thanks are extended to our YCUCC Church Family, Pastor Elizabeth, Robin Campos & Alex Houle, Tony Houle/B&G Team, and J.O.Y. Circle for volunteering your time, energy, donations, and baked goods toward the 2025 Spring R&B Sale. Proceeds from the Bake Sale (\$2,359.60) benefit CE/VBS. Proceeds from Collectibles/Jewelry (\$2,741.11), Knit & Crochet (\$354.00), and General Merchandise (\$12,868.41) benefit both YCUCC's Capital Fund and multiple, charitable organizations. Proceed disbursements will be finalized at J.O.Y. Circle's May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In cooperation with Erik Ostrem (World Relief), Love Your Neighbor Ministry, Refugee Voucher donations, Ron Anderson (provided transportation), and J.O.Y. Circle, 20 refugee families attended the 2025 Spring R&B Sale! Thank you, everyone, for helping make the 2025 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale another HUGE Success!





# VOLUNTEERS



THANK YOU  
**Volunteers!**  
We couldn't do it without you

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



**My much-loved friends, love each other, for love comes from the Great Spirit. All who love have been born of him and know him.**  
*-1 John 4:7 (First Nations Version)*

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, several members of LYN participated in Exodus' Celebration of Hope dinner. The picture on the left captures the members who participated in the dinner. Starting from the left: Anne Engelhardt, Mary Ann Doetschman, Jo Pierce, Doug Trumble, Diane Stablein, Peg Trumble, Chuck Steinbach, & Deb Steinbach. Before the program started during the dinner, our table had two guests join us. The gentleman is a volunteer with Exodus and the lady with him came from Nigeria. The volunteer is her Friendship Partner helping her adjust to life in the USA.



With the current administration not allowing any refugees to come into the United States, Exodus has turned its focus on the refugees in the community. The opened up a community center focused on helping refugees called Heidi's House. Because Heidi's House has been so successful, Exodus is opening a center in the city of Chicago. The picture below is a watercolor painting done by a refugee at Heidi's House.



*Thank you for caring for refugees!  
 Your Exodus Team*

Painting by Mahmoud, a refugee from Sudan

The landscape symbolizes both the promise of a new beginning, as well as the weight of an uncertain journey. Light in the painting reflects resilience, hope, and the search for home, while dark colors speak of loss and hardship left behind. -Dawn and Elizabeth, watercolor group volunteers

**EXODUS**  
and its partners



## Muffins with Mom Mother's Day (May 11th) After Worship in the Fellowship

### Thank you Teachers!

On April 27th, we recognized our Sunday School teachers, childcare team and Christian Education team. Without the dedication of the CE Team our students would not be able to have the successful education and opportunities that they have here at YCUCC. Thank you!

#### PreK/Kindergarten

Luke DeFuss  
 Lindsay Martinez  
 Alison Strandell

#### 1st/2nd Grade

Aaron Shatters

#### 3rd/4th Grade

Sandy Ramirez  
 Stay Skinner

#### 5th/6th Grade

Louise DeFuss  
 Kathy Farren

#### 7th-12th Grade

Deanna Bazan

#### Youth Group

Bob McGee

#### Childcare Team

Abby Goniwicha  
 Dakota Shatters  
 Hailey Shatters

#### Children's Choir Director

Sondra Shatters

#### CE Shepherds

Sue Kimes  
 Rachel Rebsom (current)

## Adult Education

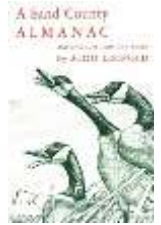
### Book Review

Aldo Leopold: Where Ethics Meet Earth *A Sand County Almanac: And Sketches Here and There*

Last summer, Troy and I went on a trip I have long wanted to go on. We went up the Mississippi River, over to Lake Superior, down to Pepin, Wisconsin (the birthplace of Laura Ingalls Wilder), and finally to the Aldo Leopold Foundation outside Baraboo, Wisconsin. Aldo Leopold is "considered by many to be the father of wildlife ecology and modern conservation, Aldo Leopold was a forester, philosopher, conservationist, educator, writer, and outdoor enthusiast." He died helping to fight a fire on his neighbor's property in 1948 at the age of 61. We toured the visitor's center and the grounds and then drove down the road to the Leopold farm shack site. The Aldo Leopold Foundation's website states its mission: "We aim to bridge the wisdom of pioneering conservationists with the pressing needs of the present. Our approach is rooted in inspirational storytelling, promoting a land ethic and celebrating successes that inspire and empower individuals to make a difference. We value diverse perspectives as we work to preserve the natural world for future generations." The grounds were beautiful, but the mosquitoes were plentiful, so don't forget to bring mosquito repellent if you ever go.

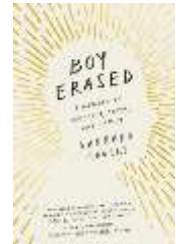
This March, while visiting my mother in Arizona on spring break, I finally read Aldo Leopold's seminal work, *A Sand County Almanac: And Sketches Here and There*. The book was amazing. I loved Mr. Leopold's writing about the wildlife in his backyard in Wisconsin. The middle third of the book is about other places in North America, but the entire first third of the book is about nature right here in the Midwest, a place often not appreciated or highly thought of when people think of inspiration. While the entire book was stuffed with poetic, thoughtful descriptions of nature and ideas about land use ethic (which was amazing when you think that the book was published in 1949), the Almanac, with its monthly descriptions of life in and around his small cabin in Wisconsin, was wonderful. I highly recommend both the book and a trip to the center.

I read many different genres of books for many different reasons, but I am telling my church family about this book because finding inspiration and wonder in our backyards and nature is a good antidote to our stressful lives and the politics of the moment. And for many of us, finding inspiration in nature is spending time with God. If you read the book or visit the Center, let me know. I'd love to hear your thoughts.



### Spiritual Development Group

The Spiritual Development Group will read and discuss *Boy Erased* on April 29 and May 13. The book is a beautifully written memoir of a college student desperately trying to please his fundamental Baptist parents by attending a church based gay conversion therapy program after he was forcibly outed to his parents. The *Boy Erased* movie discussion will be on May 27. The movie *The Boy Erased* is playing on Netflix.



### Summer Movie Discussion Series

Just because it is summer doesn't mean we should take a break from stretching our knowledge and understanding. That is why I am launching the second annual Summer Movie Discussion Series! Again this year, I am featuring movies from Barack Obama's Favorite Movie list. The discussions will be on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in person at church. I hope to see many of you there!

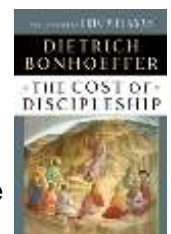
June 11--*Sugarcane*--This 2024 documentary film follows an investigation into the Canadian Indian residential school system. The movie is on Hulu or can be rented on Amazon.

July 16--*The Piano Lesson*--This 2024 movie is an adaptation of a 1987 play. It takes place in 1936 and is about an African-American family's struggle with a piano that represents both a legacy and a painful past. This movie is available on Netflix.

August 6--*The Seed of the Sacred Fig*--This is a 2024 Iranian drama about a family thrust into the public eye as political unrest erupts in Tehran. It was shot in secret and is a commentary on the Iranian regime. This movie is available to rent on Amazon.

### Summer Classic Christian Text Study

Earlier in the year, we watched the latest movie about the life of pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This summer is the perfect time to take a slow and careful read through his most famous book, *The Cost of Discipleship*. We will meet once a month to discuss the book. Watch the announcements and Facebook for a reading schedule. If you are interested in attending the book study, email me at [ajlsan1@hotmail.com](mailto:ajlsan1@hotmail.com) so I can put you on the email list.



Summer is almost here. Traditional Sunday school is on break until September... but Christian reading options are still available! In case you didn't know, or haven't been to one of our two libraries in a while, we have secular and religious books in our library for you to check out. You choose; we have some great selections for all ages. The no fee libraries are open anytime the church is open, so come visit! You can also view the children's books selection on our website.

Turn left for adult books, turn right for children's books! We got you covered!

And speaking of the website, did you know you can put an icon on your iPhone home screen that will take you directly to the church website!! It is very cool for me to go directly to the website without having to use Facebook or type [yorkvilleucc.org](http://yorkvilleucc.org) in your browser. Thanks, Robin, for helping me!



On Thursday, June 19 from 4 to 8 p.m., Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ will host the local Juneteenth celebration. The holiday commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

The committee planning the event has asked our church to set up a crafts/coloring table for kids and some games for kids.

Additional help will be needed for set up and during the event. Signup sheets are in the Narthex.

**HELL'S BBQ** family owned and operated

**Sugar Therapy** Est. 2023 773-222-7979

**DJMIKE23 ENTERTAINMENT**

**The Hurricane Project**

# Juneteenth

## in Kendall County

### A CELEBRATION OF LOVE & EDUCATION

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Live Performances, Games, Music, Food, Prizes, Vendors & Community!

**Hosted by:**  
YORKVILLE CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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409 Center Pkwy, Yorkville, IL 60560

**June 19, 2025  
4-8PM**

## Those Grieving:

## Those in Cancer Treatment:

Pearl Undesser

## Health Concerns:

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

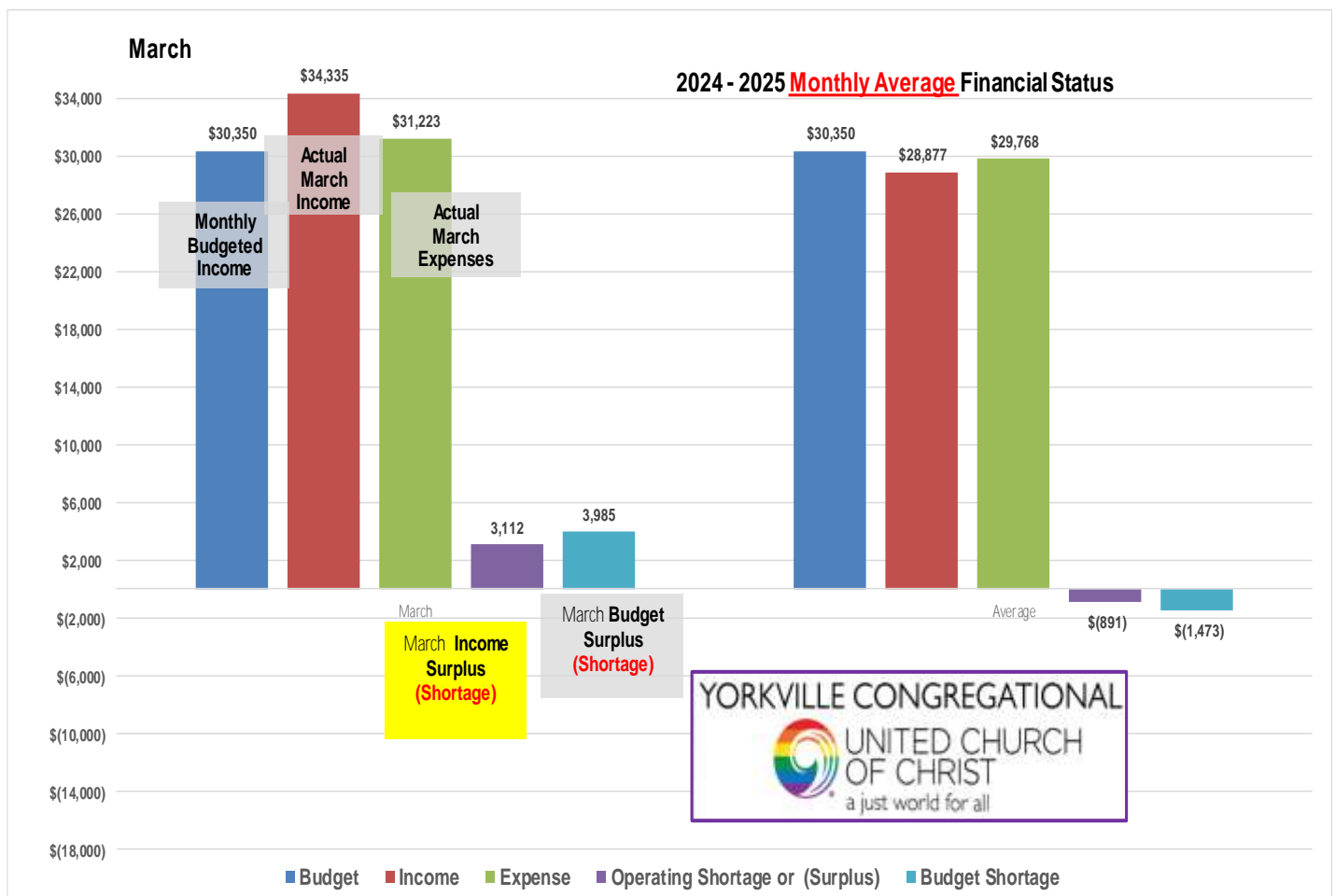
Dale Perkins  
Larry Savage  
Finley Walker

## General Concerns:

The Prochaska Family  
The Mendell Family  
The Hughes Family

## Homebound/Assisted Living:

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
10am - Worship w/ Communion 11am - Coffee Fellowship 11am - Tower Hill Parent Meeting 11:15am - Sermon	6:30pm - Green Team	9am - Building and 9:30am - Breathe Life Tai 10:30am - Staff Meeting 1pm - FROG 7pm - SDG	3:30pm - Homework Club 5pm - Bible Study 5pm - Dinner 5:30pm - Sonshine Choir 6pm - Youth Choir 7pm - Adult Choir 7pm - Youth Group	6pm - Rain Garden 6pm - Finance Meeting 7pm - SLT Meeting		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mother's Day 10am - Worship w/ Grad 11am - Muffins with 11:15am - Worship Team		9am - Building and 9:30am - Breathe Life Tai 10am - Pastoral Care 10:30am - Staff Meeting 12pm - J.O.Y. Circle 7pm - SDG Book	3:30pm - Homework Club 5pm - Bible Study 5pm - Dinner 5:30pm - Sonshine Choir 6pm - Pastoral Care 6pm - Youth Choir 7pm - Adult Choir 7pm - Youth Group		9:15am - Daybreak	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10am - Worship (Music) 11am - Annual Meeting 11am - Coffee Fellowship	7pm - Outreach	9am - Building and 9:30am - Breathe Life Tai 10:30am - Staff Meeting 12pm - J.O.Y. Circle 6:30pm - FROG 7pm - SDG	3:30pm - Homework Club 5pm - Bible Study 7pm - Youth Group	Newsletter Articles Due		2pm - Private Party-FH
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Fellowship 11am - LYN	OFFICE CLOSED-	9am - Building and 9:30am - Breathe Life Tai 10:30am - Staff Meeting 7pm - Boy Erased Movie	9am - Newsletter Mailing 5pm - Bible Study			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### May Birthdays

Justin Sartori	01	Megan Rhodes-Johnson	23
Delores Lies	03	Max Morello	28
Brian Bazan	03	Carol Seibel Falato	29
Paul Myers	03	Rachel Hughes	29
Lynn Goins	07		
Robbie Strandell	07		
Salli Walden	08		
Anne Engelhardt	09		
Gere' Ryerson	09		
Kathy Reeder	10		
Matt Strong	10		
Vanessa Strandell	10		
David Encinas	11		
Emily Springer	11		
Lea Ann Skogsberg	13		
Morgan Sleezer	13		
Zachary Seibel	14		
Reagan Ramirez	15		
Jerry Engelhardt	16		
Barbara Hofmann	18		
Joyce Pratt	19		
Rev. Elizabeth Hartung	19		
Bethany Harbour	19		
Natalie Culberson	22		

### Third Sunday of Easter

WHITE

John 20:19-32

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

WHITE

John 21:1-19

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

WHITE

John 13:31-35

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

WHITE

John 14:23-29

### May Anniversaries

5/02 Terry & Christine Keith	10 Years
5/11 Tyler & Krista Wilson	6 Years
5/11 Jerry & Rachel Hughes	1 Year
5/12 Dan & Julie Gette	35 Years
5/18 Jeff & Diane Dillow	47 Years
5/25 Keith & Terri Frisk	40 Years
5/27 Matthew & Katelyn Pansera	7 Years
5/28 Salli & Duane Walden	20 Years



Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
5/04	Evan Griffin	Kathy Farren	Confirming Doubts
5/11	Isabelle Shatters	Kathy Farren	Breakfast Blessing
5/18	ON BREAK	None	Music Sunday
5/25	ON BREAK	TBD	Hearts of Peace

### **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!!

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1. Go to our YCUCC Facebook page.
2. Click on the videos tab on the left side of the home page.
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3. Scroll down to select the appropriate sermon date.
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1. Go to the search bar.
2. Type in "Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ".
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