

YORKVILLE CONGREGATIONAL



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The Happenings

March 2026



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Pastor's Porch

There is an old story about the wind and the sun that simply feels true. It feels good. It feels like something we already know deep down about God.

In one of Aesop's Fables, the North Wind and the Sun argue about who is stronger. They decide to test their strength on a traveler wearing a cloak. The North Wind blows hard. The wind howls. It pushes and presses. But the harder it blows, the tighter the traveler pulls his cloak around himself. Then the Sun shines. Not harshly. Just steadily. The air grows warm. The traveler relaxes. And on his own, he removes his cloak.

The lesson is simple: force makes us grip tighter. Warmth helps us let go.

That feels like God.

While Aesop's fables are not Scripture, Christians have always recognized that truth can show up in ordinary stories. When we pay attention, we hear echoes of the Gospel. In the Gospel of John, we read, "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17).

Condemnation feels like the North Wind. It makes us defensive. It makes us brace. It makes us hold tighter to our fear, our pride, our old habits. We shut down when we feel pushed.

Grace feels like the Sun. It creates space. It softens us. It gives us room to breathe. When Jesus meets Nicodemus in the night, he does not shame him. When he speaks to the woman at the well, he does not expose her. When he heals the man born blind, he does not blame him. When he calls Lazarus from the tomb, he weeps first. Christ does not force transformation. He draws it out of us.

That is the heart of our Lenten series, "Drawn & Held." Lent is not about spiritual pressure. It is not about proving ourselves. It is about noticing where Christ's steady warmth is already at work in us. It is about trusting that we are drawn by grace and held by love.

Here is where we are headed in March:

March 1 — *Drawn by Grace, Not Condemnation*
John 3:1-17

"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him."

March 8 — *Held by Living Water*
John 4:5-42

"Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty" (John 4:13-14).

March 15 — *Drawn into New Sight*
1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-7, 35-41

"He was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him" (John 9:3).

March 22 — *Held in Rebirth*
Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:33-44

"I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live" (Ezekiel 37:14).

"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43).

March 29 — *Drawn by a Different Kind of King*
Matthew 21:1-11

"When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'" (Matthew 21:10).

As we move toward Lent, I invite you to ask one simple question each week: Where is God warming my heart instead of pushing me? Come ready to notice. Come ready to be drawn. Come ready to be held.

**Peace in God's Love,
Pastor Elizabeth**

From the Shepherds Leadership Team

Who sets the church budget? Who makes decisions about the church building and events and ministries? In effect, you do- through the Shepherds Leadership Team, or SLT. That is the board that meets monthly to guide the activities of the church and make decisions to support its vision, mission, core values and core beliefs.

SLT members are elected by the congregation at our annual meetings. They serve two or three year terms, depending on the position, and not all SLT positions are up for election in one year.

When the church constitution was adopted in 2012, the structure of the SLT was established based on what the church's roles are- providing worship and education, serving the community and our church family, and managing our finances, building and personnel. Eleven shepherds represent these areas. A chairperson, vice chair and recording secretary are also part of the SLT, along with the pastor- all four as non-voting members.

Each shepherd guides committees within their ministries and brings information and concerns about those ministries to the full SLT. They work together to set the annual church budget and approve major decisions, as well as many smaller ones. Shepherds are recruited by a Nominating Committee and have usually already worked on the ministry in some role.

Currently, Carrie DeFuss serves as chair, conducting the monthly SLT meetings and annual congregation meeting. She is assisted by Sue Kimes, the vice chair, who also leads the Visioning Team. Two shepherds work on aspects of our worship. Louise DeFuss is the Worship Preparation Shepherd charged with getting the sanctuary ready for worship with appropriate banners or seasonal displays such as Christmas poinsettias.

As the Worship Serving Shepherd, Deanna Bazan leads a committee that works with the pastor on the worship service itself- from music to recruiting liturgists. Rachel Rebsom is the shepherd for Christian Education for Children and Youth, helping select curriculum and recruit teachers and volunteers. Aimee List, as the shepherd for Christian Education for Adults, selects books and films for study groups and leads those discussions. Community Missions shepherd June Davis promotes the Five for Five offerings as well as other mission projects, from Soup Sundays to the AID collection at Christmas. The Community Outreach and Evangelism Committee with shepherd Kathy Farren promotes the church's missions at community events and in church, as well as greeting visitors. Church Family Caring shepherd Salli Walden and her team respond to the needs of members and their families in time of illness or crisis. Church Family Fellowship shepherd Laurie Houle and her team provide coffee and refreshments after worship and hold other events like the chili cook-off and Thanksgiving dinner. Finance Shepherd Tim Andrus oversees bill paying, managing church investments, tracking contributions and budgeting. Building and Grounds Shepherd Tony Houle leads the B and G committee in maintaining our church building by repairing and updating as needed. Bethany Harbour, the Personnel Shepherd, heads a committee that hires, evaluates and determines pay for church employees. Over the next five or six weeks, the entire SLT will be working on the next fiscal year budget which will be sent to members in advance of the annual meeting- where you will vote on it.

Love Your Neighbor Ministry

Christian Advocacy on Behalf of the Poor and Needy

On March 15 and 22, we will have an opportunity during the Coffee Fellowship time to learn more about how we can advocate on behalf of the poor and needy both in our country and globally. We can speak as Christians to our representatives in Washington, D.C. We can pray and write letters showing our support for bipartisan legislation to improve our world. Here's how:



Who Is Bread?

Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization that urges U.S. decision-makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Our mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

50 Years-- For five decades, Bread has advocated for government policies and programs that will end hunger for good, in the U.S. and around the world.

We bring together the voices of churches, organizations, individuals, and other groups to change laws and systems that allow hunger to persist.

Offering of Letters 2026

This year, the annual Offering of Letters asks Christians to write to their representatives to support programs nationally and globally that have been effective in reducing hunger and poverty. Bread provides a sample letter about the bipartisan legislation and encourages each writer to personalize it. We each are encouraged to write 3 letters: to our House Representative and to our two Senators. This year's legislation supports:

- Nationally: Improved funding for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) that reaches 41 million people and ensures nutritious food. 80% of the households had members who were children, older adults, and non-elderly adults with disabilities. Also, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is the premier public health program for pregnant women, mothers, and children up to age 5. The last part of this national legislation is the Farm Bill, usually authorized every 5 years, but has not been reauthorized since 2018. The Farm Bill protects and strengthens federal nutrition programs, U.S. farming and food systems, global nutrition, and research.
- Global Nutrition and Health: Undernourished children suffer from stunting, anemia, acute malnutrition, or worse, early death. These conditions are exacerbated by conflict, climate disasters, and economic disparities. Programs supported include Food for Peace, Feed the Future, and Global Health Programs.

More information about these legislative bills will be available as handouts on March 15 and 22. Also, sample letters and how to write your representatives will be available. We ask that you read the handouts and pray about how you can advocate for the poor and needy.

Adult Education

Honoring the Visionaries: Women's History Month at the Movies

As we enter March, we take a moment to celebrate Women's History Month. This year's national theme, "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future," invites us to look back at the women who built the foundations of our communities and forward to those ensuring a just, resilient world for generations to come. For our community of faith, these stories offer more than just history; they provide a profound look at how courage, conviction, and a sense of calling can move mountains. Whether through quiet service or bold leadership, the women featured in these films remind us of the biblical call to seek justice and love our neighbors with tireless devotion.

We invite you to gather with friends or family to watch these stories of faith, perseverance, and transformation:

The Philadelphia Eleven (2023): A powerful documentary detailing the first women to be ordained as Episcopal priests in 1974, exploring what it means to break barriers with grace.

Harriet (2019): The stirring true story of Harriet Tubman, whose faith and determination led her to free hundreds of enslaved people through the Underground Railroad.

Hidden Figures (2016): An inspiring look at the brilliant Black women mathematicians at NASA who were instrumental in the early days of the U.S. space program.

Queen of Katwe (2016): A heartwarming, true story of a young girl in Uganda who discovers her talent for chess, showcasing how mentorship and community can change a life's trajectory.

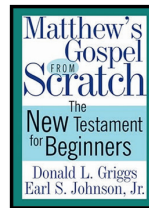
Frida (2002): Follows the life and art of Frida Kahlo.

He Named Me Malala (2015): A documentary on Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who stood up for girls' education against the Taliban, demonstrating incredible courage in the face of opposition.

On the Basis of Sex (2018): Details the early career of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

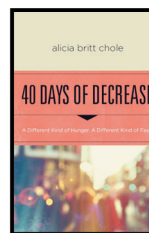
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (2017): Story of the woman whose cells changed modern medicine.

Pastor's Bible Study

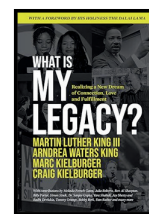


A study of Matthew on Wednesday, February 4. The class meets at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room. Books are available in the office for \$15.00.

Spiritual Development Group (SDG)



The SDGs lent reading 40 Days of Decrease: A Different Kind of Hunger: A Different Kind of Fast by Alicia Britt Chole. Discussions are on March 10 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. The SDG meets every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. online via Google Meet. Contact Diane Stablein at ycucctech@yorkville-ucc.org for the joining link.



Join the MLK committee and the Yorkville Area Social Justice Book Group as we read What Is My Legacy? Realizing a New Dream of Connection, Love and Fulfillment by Martin Luther King III, Arndrea Waters King, Marc Kielburger, and Craig Kielburger. Bring a dish to share for the Potluck dinner; the discussion begins at 6:00 p.m., March 19, at the church.

Aimee List
ajlsanl@hotmail.com

Worship Team Ministry

Music Sunday Expanded

If Music Sunday is one of your favorite worship services, then mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3. Expect featured selections from our Chancel, Youth, and Sonshine choirs, and don't be surprised by some special instrumental interludes as well.

In addition to celebrating our many musicians, we are also recognizing the amazing gifts God has granted to so many of us. Are you a painter? A quilter? A photographer? A woodworker? Do you design stained glass? Do you create floral arrangements? Do you knit, crochet, or stitch? Are you an author? We invite you to share your God-given talents with your church family by displaying a sample of your work in the Narthex on May 3.

Because we may not know your talent, you are encouraged to let us know what you intend to share. Please contact Deanna Bazan to confirm a table space reserved just for you. Again, Sunday, May 3, is the day we celebrate our God-given gifts. What will you share?

Deana Bazan
Worship Serving Shepherd

Outreach Ministry

Food needed for lunch at Daybreak shelter March 20

It will be YCUCC's turn to provide lunch at Daybreak Homeless Shelter on Friday, March 20. Many, many church members contributed to lunch at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in January.

The menu in March will again be sloppy joe on buns with green beans, applesauce, potato chips, and dessert. The potato chips and applesauce have been provided, but a number of food items are still needed. If you would be willing to provide three pounds of sloppy joe, buns, green beans, or dessert, let Kathy Farren (ednpub@earthlink.net) know.

Lots of church members contributed to the January lunch at Daybreak. They are Jo Pierce, Connie Pierrepont, Nancy Kolowski, Jill Mickelson, Sandy Lindblom, Mary McCracken, Linda Haan, Ellie Gentile, Tim Andrus, Jean Anderson, Goldie Behrens, and Marette Passero. Many thanks to all of you for providing a meal, and the residents there really loved it.

Kathy Farren
Outreach Shepherd

Green Team

Field Trip to explore and picnic at Morton Arboretum

Saturday, May 2, 10:00 a.m.

ALL are invited to come enjoy the spring blooms and blossoms, walking trails, picnicking, and fellowship.

Watch for more details and sign-ups in early April.

Organized by the Green Team.



The Green Team meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Missions Ministry

Soup Sunday on February 15th for Senior Services – Yorkville netted \$361.50. This amount, along with the Missions Ministry budget line item of \$300.00, a check for the total of \$651.50 was sent.

Soup Sunday in March will be on the 15th, with proceeds helping our Youth go to Tower Hill Youth Retreat.

Our next 5 for 5 Offering, OGHS One Great Hour of Sharing, will be taken up on March 15h. One Great Hour of Sharing is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education, and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response. You can mail a check to the church marked 5 for 5 OGHS Offering; give to our church online at www.yorkvilleucc.org; bring your offering marked for 5 for 5 Offering OGHS to the church office; deposit it in the black box outside the front doors; or place it in the offering plate during worship service.



**June Davis
Missions Shepherd**

Care Team

A call or visit from a YCUCC Care Team person may bring a smile to your life! Contact Pastor Elizabeth, the church office, Carrie DeFuss, or Salli Walden.



Salli Walden
Caring Shepherd

Wednesday Night Dinner

March 4th -
Pizza

March 11th -
TBD

March 18th -
TBD

March 25th -
Sloppy Joes

**Interested in helping with
Wednesday Night Dinner?
Contact Sue Kimes.**

J.O.Y. Circle



YCUCC'S 2026 SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH & SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

FROM JUNK >> TO TREASURES



Dig into your overflowing closets, cabinets,
and clean out garages & basements!

** ALL DONATIONS **

Must be clean, stain-free, no holes/rips
Basically - in **GOOD** condition

Please use safety pins
to secure matching outfits

DONATING A LARGER ITEM FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE?

Call **Tony Houle** directly at **815-546-1061**
to discuss specific item/s to donate and
schedule a **Monday, April 13th**
Building & Grounds pickup from
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.,
or text a picture of your donation for
pre-approval!

***B&G pickup service offered 'ONLY'
for our YCUCC Church Family!***

Donation Acceptance Dates:

Sunday, April 12th: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Monday & Tuesday, April 13th & 14th: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Furniture Donation Guidelines

Furniture accepted: living room, bedroom, dining room, office, and outdoor furniture

Electronics

All donations must be in good, working condition.

Items we 'Cannot' Accepted as Donations

Sofas/Loveseats; Entertainment Centers; China Hutches; Construction debris; Large appliances;
Tube TVs and Flat Screen TVs larger than 48"; Computers/Monitors/Printers; Typewriters;
Land/Cell phones; Fax equipment; Infant/Child car and/or booster seats; All mattresses, box springs, cribs

J.O.Y. Circle requests 'your' help to ensure a successful 2026 Spring R&B Sale!

Volunteer Sign-up Sheets will post March 15th in the Narthex for the following:

- (1) **Set-up:** Sunday, April 12, 2026 - immediately following the worship service
- (2) **Extra help throughout the week of the sale from our YCUCC Church Family:**
 - (a) Sorting/Organizing donated items (Volunteer to fit 'your' schedule)
 - (b) Help Bake Sale Chair Sandy Lindblom by baking items and/or provide treats.
 - (c) **Bake Sale Set-up & Preparations** from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16th
 - (d) Friday and/or Saturday Sale Days, April 17th & 18th
- (3) **Tear-down:** 12:00 p.m. - @ 2:00/2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 18th

Peg Trumble - J.O.Y. Circle/Rummage Sale Chair
piltrumble@comcast.net 630-768-5924 (C)

Sandy Lindblom - Bake Sale Chair
slind55378@aol.com 630-553-6214 (H)

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J.O.Y. Circle Cont.

J.O.Y. Circle & Love Your Neighbor Ministry
are once again partnering with World Relief
to offer resettled refugee families the opportunity
to attend the 2026 Spring Rummage & Bake Sale.

Refugee Vouchers
are available on the Giving Tree in the Narthex. Cash, check, or online donations via the YCUCC website or QR code → are accepted through Sunday, **March 15, 2026.**

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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
MINISTRY

\$10, \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$Other
Refugee Voucher

Thank you for supporting
Refugee Families
for the 2026 Spring
R&B Sale

Giving Tree

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

Join us for Bingo on the first
Thursday of the month!

Games begin at 1:00 pm in
the Fellowship Hall.

No RSVP needed!



Spring Bake Sale

Friday and Saturday, April 17th and 18th

Look for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex!

Suggested items:

- Cinnamon Rolls
- Brownies
- Pies
- Carrot Cake
- Lemon Bars
- Gluten Free
- Any of your favorites!

Items should be brought to the church for “plating” on
Thursday, April 16th, between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Profits will go to Christian Education and Vacation Bible School!

Let's continue to make this a big event!



Children and Youth Christian Education

Youth Group Visits Lurie Children's Hospital

On February 16th, four students from the Youth Group visited Lurie Children's Hospital at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield. These students were able to donate 18 blankets that they cut and prepped during youth group for church members to finish making. Additionally, the children and youth of YCUCC organized a wish list collection. Because of this collection, we were able to donate new games, toys, coloring supplies, crafts, fidget toys, fun bandages, and several other items from Lurie Children's wish list.



We are so proud of DJ, Ryan, and Evan for talking their day off from school (and on a Monday) to do some service for their community!



The Children and Youth of YCUCC Lead Worship

February 22nd was full of laughter, joy, excitement, and act of being youthful. 21 students took the chancel to lead us in worship during our newly named Children and Youth Sunday. Throughout the service, their leadership, creativity, and energy beautifully highlighted the gifts and faith of our younger generation.

The service included both the Sunshine Choir and the Youth choir, filling the space of our adult choir for the morning. The two choirs combined at the end of worship for one final song.



How can we miss the youth group? They led us through the A to Z's of youth group were we went on a journey of faith, laughter, leadership, and their commitment to Christ.



In Our Prayers

Those in Cancer Treatment

Pearl Undesser

Health Concerns

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

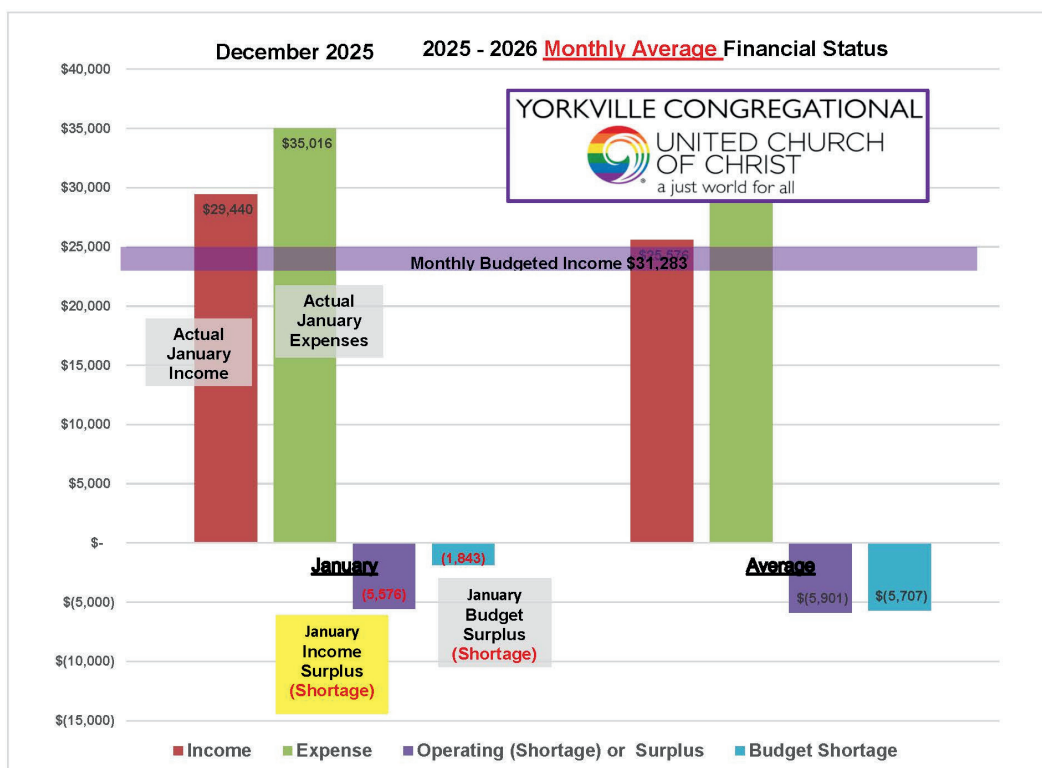
Hombound & Assisted Living

Fred Anderson
 Delores Cruise
 Pat Dietz
 Dave Encinas
 Gayle Jacobs
 Harold McCracken
 Fred Wayne

General Concerns

The Prochaska Family
 The Mendell Family
 The Hughes Family

Finance



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9am - 7-12th Voyageurs 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship w/ Communion 11am - Coffee Fellowship 11:15am - Youth Choir 11:30am - Grief Support Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11am - Staff Meeting 5:30pm - AA Meeting-Fellowship 6:30pm - Green Team</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30am - Tai Chi 9am - Building and Grounds 6:30pm - FROG</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3:30pm - Homework Club 5pm - Sunshine Choir 5pm - Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm - Adult Choir 7pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1pm - Bingo</p>		
<p>8</p> <p>9am - 7-12th Voyageurs 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Fellowship 11am - Confirmation Class 11:15am - Care Team 11:15am - Worship Team Meeting 11:15am - Youth Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11am - Staff Meeting 5:30pm - AA Meeting-Fellowship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30am - Tai Chi 9am - Building and Grounds 10am - Pastoral Care 7pm - Spiritual Development Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3:30pm - Homework Club 5pm - Sunshine Choir 5pm - Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm - Pastoral Care 7pm - Adult Choir 7pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6pm - Finance Meeting 7pm - SLT Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6pm - Courage of Light:</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9am - 7-12th Voyageurs 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship (5 for 5-OGHS) 11am - Coffee Fellowship 11am - Love Your Neighbor 11am - Soup Sunday 11:15am - Youth Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11am - Staff Meeting 5:30pm - AA Meeting-Fellowship 7pm - Outreach</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Primary Elections (6a-7p) 8:30am - Tai Chi 9am - Building and Grounds 12pm - JOY Circle 6:30pm - FROG</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3:30pm - Homework Club 5pm - Sunshine Choir 5pm - Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm - Adult Choir 7pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Newsletter Articles DUE 6pm - Book Discussion Potluck</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:15am - Daybreak</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am - 7-12th Voyageurs 10am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Fellowship 11am - Confirmation Class 11:15am - CPR and AED 11:15am - Youth Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11am - Staff Meeting 5:30pm - AA Meeting-Fellowship 5:30pm - Mothers of Estranged</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30am - Tai Chi 9am - Building and Grounds 7pm - Spiritual Development Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3:30pm - Homework Club 5pm - Sunshine Choir 5pm - Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm - Adult Choir 7pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>26</p>		<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Palm Sunday 9am - 7-12th Voyageurs 10am - One Room Sunday School 10am - Worship 11am - Coffee Fellowship 11am - LYN 11:15am - Youth Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11am - Staff Meeting 5:30pm - AA Meeting-Fellowship</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:30am - Tai Chi 9am - Building and Grounds</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>

Birthdays

Phyllis Yabsley	03
Scott Stevens	04
Chris Skinner	06
Matthew Bazan	06
Payton Genenbacher	07
Fred Dickson	10
Laurie Strong	10
Darlene Niesen	10
Harold McCracken	12
Katie Pansera	12
Gayle Jacobs	14
Christine Keith	14
Charlie Skinner	16
Deb Myers	18
Ray Wheaton	20
Tyler Mall	22
Tim Kolowski	23
Matthew Gette	23
Lillian Seibel	23
Troy List	24
Deb Mendell	24
Benjamin DeFuss	25
Jacob DeFuss	25
Tim Sartori	26
Sue Frahm	27
Chuck Steinbach	27
Rhylen Rebsom	27
Dexter Stillmunkes	28
Magda Emmert	29
Greyson Tsusaki	30

Anniversaries

03/14 Zachary & Amanda Seibel (6 Years)
 03/15 Stephen & Carole Guenzler (40 Years)
 03/31 Aaron & Sondra Shatters (19 Years)

Liturgical Calendar

March 1st- Second Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

John 3:1-16, 7:50-51, 19:39-42

March 8th- Third Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

John 4:5-30. 39-42

March 15th- Fourth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

1 Samuel 16:6-7, 11-13 and John 9:1-7, 35-38

March 22nd- Fifth Sunday in Lent

VIOLET

Ezekiel 37:1-10 and John 11:38-44

March 29th- Sixth Sunday in Lent

Palm Sunday

VIOLET

Matthew 21:1-11

Date	Acolytes	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
3/1/2026	Penelope Skinner	Kathy Farren	Drawn by Grace, Not Condemnation
3/8/2026	Chelsea Skinner	Kathy Farren	Held by Living Water
3/15/2026	Rhylen Rebsom	John Morello	Drawn into New Sight
3/22/2026	Benjamin DeFuss	Sandy Lindblom	Held in Rebirth
3/29/2026	Lincoln Skinner	Sandy Lindblom	Grace that Restores

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 and Affirming Covenant

YCUCC is an open and affirming congregation that seeks to meet each child of God—persons from the full diversity of creation including gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and intellectual ability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing and family structure—where they are on life's journey as together we seek to transform all our lives through Christ's Gospel.

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