

YORKVILLE CONGREGATIONAL



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The Happenings

May 2026



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Kathy Farren, Outreach and Welcoming

Pastor's Porch

Dear Church Family,

Over and over again, I hear the same story. Someone drove past our sign, or was invited by a friend, or searched online late at night, wondering if a place like this even existed — and somehow found their way through our doors.

What they were looking for wasn't a perfect church. They were looking for a real one.

They were looking for a community that would see them — truly see them — and affirm the worth they carry simply by being alive. Every person who walks through our doors already carries something holy, not because of what they have done or who they have been, but because of who made them.

That is the foundation of everything we try to build here at YCUCC.

I also hear something else. People want to be part of healthy relationships — the kind where someone actually listens before responding, where your hard day is met with compassion rather than a quick fix, where joy is celebrated, and grief is held gently.

That kind of community doesn't just happen. It grows when ordinary people choose, again and again, to show up for one another with open hearts.

Is it always perfect here? No — and that is worth saying out loud. Sometimes we miss it. Sometimes we don't see someone who needs to be seen. And that reminds us we are still growing.

But what we offer is genuine. And genuine is far more lasting than perfect. People don't stay because everything went smoothly. They stay because they feel something real.

The writer of Hebrews puts it this way: "let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... encouraging one another. That word "consider" matters. It means this is intentional. It means we look at the person beside us and ask, How can I encourage them today? How can I call out the good I see in them?"

That's not a program. That's just love — practiced over and over until it becomes who we are.

With the rummage sale behind us and spring finally here, May stretches out full of possibilities. In the weeks ahead, we'll have opportunities to celebrate what makes this community so special — the individual gifts, the unique talents, and the different life experiences each of you brings to this table.

Every single one of you is part of what makes YCUCC what it is. We did not find each other by accident. So let's keep showing up — for one another and for the community around us.

Join Us This May — A Preview of Sundays Ahead **May 3 — Gifts Sunday**

Romans 12:1-8 | 1 Peter 2:10

"Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people."

We complete the table we have been building together, naming our gifts and remembering that we belong to one body — each of us called to love and serve.

May 10 — Guest Preacher: Rev. Jeffrey Phillips

We welcome a familiar and trusted voice to the pulpit. Come ready to receive a fresh word and continue the journey together.

May 17 — Discipleship Sunday & Installation of Officers

Acts 1:6-14 | 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you."

We celebrate leadership and commitment in our community and remember that discipleship is not about perfection — it is about faithfulness and trust.

May 24 — Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

"For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body..."

The Spirit moves and the church is renewed, bringing many voices together as one living body.

May 31 — Trinity Sunday

Luke 1:39-57 | Romans 12:9-16b

Belonging on the Way: Belonging Begins by Showing Up
Come as you are. Belonging begins the moment you walk through the door.

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

From the Shepherds Leadership Team

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,"

-Hebrews 10:24 (NRSVue)

Calling all members. Calling all members. REMINDER!!!----This year's annual meeting is coming up on Sunday, May 17, immediately following service. YOUR VOTE counts!!

We continue our process of becoming a WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Congregation for Mental Health is underway. This will let those in the community living with neurodiversity and substance abuse challenges know we are a safe environment for worship. Our WISE committee has written our covenant. You can find it posted in Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to read it if you have not read it yet. The final step of becoming WISE is for you, as part of the Congregation, to vote YES at our annual meeting in May.

The Little Pantry served many families during the rummage sale. We have been so blessed to be able to bless the community with an outpouring of necessary rations in such a trying time. We have now gone through our supply of overflow and are again in need of donations. Single-serve pouch meals, noodle dishes, handheld snacks, and toiletries are some ideas for donations. We thank you for your generosity and willingness to help keep this ministry going.

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him."

-1 John 4:7-9 (NRSVue)

Upcoming events to be aware of:

May 3: God's Gifts Sunday

May 7: Bingo 1 pm

May 10: Muffins With Mom following worship

May 15: Daybreak

May 17: Graduation Sunday

May 25: Office Closed for Memorial Day

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

**Blessings,
Carrie DeFuss
SLT Chairperson**

Emergency Contact Form

Please PRINT the following information:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

In the event of an emergency, I, the undersigned, authorize any member/staff of the Yorkville Congregational United Church of Christ to notify the following persons:

1st Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

OK to leave message/voicemail: ____ Yes ____ No

2nd Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

OK to leave message/voicemail: ____ Yes ____ No

I understand and agree that the church and/or its staff will have no obligation or liability to notify such in case of emergency.

Date

Signature

Shepherds Leadership Team

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April 24, 2026

Dear Church Family,

The YCUCC Annual Meeting for 2026 will be held in person immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service on Sunday, May 17, 2026. Our church requires the votes of a majority of members to conduct business, so your presence is requested to be in attendance for the meeting. I respectfully ask you to plan to stay for this short meeting.

The following items are the documents that require a Congregational vote for approval:

1. Minutes of May 18, 2025, Annual Meeting
2. Becoming a WISE Congregation
3. Slate of Shepherds
4. 2026-2027 Fiscal Budget

The documents for approval can be found attached to the letter

Carrie DeFuss
SLT Chairperson

To view supportive materials for the Annual Meeting, click [HERE](#).

Worship Team Ministry

MUSIC SUNDAY EXPANDED: GOD'S GIFTS SUNDAY

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3, to be filled with the musical talents of our choirs and musicians during the worship service. All choirs will be singing, and there will be some special instrumental music as well. Following the service, all are invited to Fellowship Hall, where we will also recognize 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? The Worship Team is asking you to share your God-given talents with your church family by displaying a sample of your work so others can learn more about you. 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, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Deanna Bazan
Worship Serving Shepherd

Daybreak Update

Food needed for lunch at Daybreak shelter, May 15

It will be YCUCC's turn to provide lunch at Daybreak Homeless Shelter on Friday, May 15. Many, many church members contributed to lunch at Daybreak Homeless Shelter in March.

The menu in May will again be sloppy joe on buns with green beans, applesauce, potato chips, and dessert. The potato chips 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, unsweetened applesauce, green beans, or dessert, let Kathy Farren (ednpub@earthlink.net) know.

Lots of church members contributed to the March lunch at Daybreak. They are Sandy Lindblom, Connie Pierrepont, Mary Ann Doetschman, Jill Mickelson, Mary McCracken, Linda Melhouse, Lori Redmon, Ellie Gentile, Jean Anderson, Goldie Behrens, Anne Engelhardt, and Fred and Gail Gaebler. Salli and Duane Walden and Kathy Farren served the lunch along with Nancy Flowers from Cross Lutheran.

Many thanks to all of you for providing a meal, and the residents there really loved it.

Kathy Farren
Outreach Shepherd

Outreach Ministry

Bulletin board help is welcome!

When you were in school- as a teacher or a student- did you love putting up bulletin boards? Do you have ideas of what you would like to see on the bulletin boards at YCUCC?

If you would like to help with our bulletin boards, the Outreach Ministry would welcome your ideas and design skills.

Just let Kathy Farren know, and we can give you some space to display your creativity.



Kathy Farren
Outreach Shepherd

Missions Ministry

The 5 for 5 Offering, OGHS One Great Hour of Sharing, came to \$435.00. A check has been sent.

Proceeds going to our Vacation Bible School from Soup Sunday on April 19th came to \$273.10. This was our last Soup Sunday till the fall.

Our next 5 for 5 offering, "Strengthen the Church," will be collected on Pentecost (birth of the church) Sunday, May 24, 2026. This offering grows the United Church of Christ's 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



June Davis
Missions Shepherd

Class of 2026!

This year, YCUCC has 6 high school graduates and 1 college graduate! If you see any of these students, be sure to congratulate them on their achievements! Congratulations, Class of 2026!

Oswego High School

Abby Goniwicha

Sandwich High School

Rachel Kraber

Yorkville Christian High School

Addison Schield

Yorkville High School

Molly Davis

Anna Emmert

Annabelle Reeder

University of Iowa

Trevor List, Bachelor of Science in
Computer Science with a minor in
History



Wednesday Night Dinner

**See you in
September!**

**Have a dinner idea?
Let us know!**

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

J.O.Y. Circle

You moved the rack of name tags, the narthex chairs, and the bench. You carried and set up tables. You donated bags of "rummage" and hauled the bags into the church. You sorted stuff. You priced stuff. You picked stuff up at members' homes. You baked. You placed signs advertising the sale. You helped customers carry their treasures to their cars. You totaled their purchases and made change. You brought in food to keep the volunteers energized. Then you packed up anything left over and carried it outside. Then maybe you helped move the chairs, bench, and rack of name tags back to the narthex.

From the beginning to the end of rummage sale week, you did it all. And all of that made this spring sale another success. In trying to step in for Peg Trumble as the "Day of Sale Chair," I witnessed a whole lot of hard work by our members.

Make no mistake, I was there to answer the immediate questions, but Peg's preparation of forms, lists, signs, etc., made it possible for someone else to act in her place during sale week. When she's back in person, thank her.

Every area of the sale has its individual chairman. For example, Laurie Houle is the sorting and pricing chair, following in the footsteps of Mary McCracken, who held that job for many past sales. Mary continues to oversee the linen donations.

Sandy Lindblom serves as chair of the bake sale and was assisted by Salli Walden, Linda Melhouse, Lark Willman, and Robin Campos. Robin also printed all of the labels.

The collectibles and jewelry section is managed by Regina Moe, while June Davis spent many hours sorting, untangling, and bagging individual pieces of jewelry.

As at every event in YCUCC, workers want and need to be fed. Diane Dillow and Sue Kimes were the food and snack chairs. Liz Button stepped up and kept the kitchen clean and organized- and workers caffeinated. Food donations also came from Jill Mickelson, Goldie Behrens, Sandy DeRidder, Jo Pierce, Robin Campos, Jim and June Davis, Anne Engelhardt, Bethany Genenbacher, and Carol Schulz.

Leslie Inukai and Anne Engelhardt organized Holiday Hall and a room full of knick-knacks, vases, and candles. Connie Pierrepont set up the crafts and office supplies room.

The toy room was Kathy Wickens' responsibility, with help from Bethany and a few of the younger members of our church.

Goldie Behrens and Diane Dillow oversee the book and media room. The extensive glass and kitchenware room is set up by Sandi DeRidder and Sally Stading.

Table after table and rack after rack, the women's clothing section is managed by Deb Steinbach, with some tables sorted and set up by Jill Mickelson.

The tool table and sports equipment are the domain of Andy Hamblin, with help from Deanna Bazan. Diane Stablein and Jill Mickelson set up and manned the table selling projects of the knitting and crocheting group.

Building and Grounds Committee members did the heavy lifting and pickup and delivery of some of the furniture. The sale wouldn't be possible without the work of Tony Houle, Jeff Kline, Art Prochaska, Dave Farren, Brian Bazan, and Bob McGee. Jim Davis and Jeff Farren placed signs for the sale throughout Yorkville- and picked up the signs at the end of the sale.

Helping the refugees who had vouchers to shop the sale were Pastor Elizabeth Hartung, Bob McGee, Chuck Steinbach, and Fred Gaebler.

A lot of help this year came from high school students working for needed service hours. They are Amelia Quezada, Paris Strickland, Kaitlyn Buckley, Isaiah Villalabos, and Macie Jones from Yorkville High School; Genesi Carreon from Plano High School; Brynn Butler, Evelyn Sparti, Dalayah Oberhart, and Norah Vick from Sandwich High School. Of course, our own young people helped too, from setting up on Sunday to cleaning up on Saturday. That includes D.J. Melhouse, Luke DeFuss, Eli Lewis, Benjamin DeFuss, Aidan Mendell, Owen Shatters, Isabelle Shatters, Charlotte Shatters, Rhylen Rebsom, Renley Rebsom, Ryan Davis, Rachel Kraber, Chelsea Skinner, Penelope Skinner, and Lincoln Skinner.

Sorting, hauling, and pricing take the most man-hours (and woman-hours). Who did that? All of the chairs and the following: Diane Stablein, Bethany Genenbacher, Rachel Rebsom, Rhylen Rebsom, Renley Rebsom, Lori Runkle, the entire Houston family, LeaAnn Skogsberg, Linda Waid, Nancy Kolowski, Marette Passero, Linda Haan, Carrie DeFuss, Jamie Packley, Jo Pierce, Caleb and Eli Lewis, Mary Ann Doetschman, Nancy Modery, Joanne Vitek, Ruth Morello, Jana McCracken, Chase Pranga, Gerry Inukai, Amy Ems, Kelly Fischer, Deb Mendell, Pat Norr, and Julie Kline. (cont. next page)

J.O.Y. Circle Cont.

We also called in help from our friends, including Gerri Zurek, who priced the infant items and finished sorting children's clothing in Peg's absence; Angelica Salas; Janet Bretthauer, Donna Dornron; Amanda Stark; and Joanne Vitek's sister and friend.

Among those who helped move tables, chairs, and other church furniture to set up the sale and then clean it up again on Saturday were Aaron Shatters, Roger Melhouse, and Fred Gaebler.

When the sale ends at noon on Saturday, we have one hour to pack up the "leftovers," which are picked up at 1 p.m.- this year by the Ultimate Treasures resale shop in Downers Grove. Jeff Kline arrives with the Food Pantry truck to pick up leftover clothes and shoes. Since the Kendall County Community Food Pantry is in the midst of a construction project, Jeff took the clothing to a different area food pantry.

As always, members of the extended Skinner family took part in bagging and boxing the leftover donations and carrying them out to the trucks. Our youngest volunteer, Malia Skinner, is pictured here doing her part, taking leftover throw pillows to the curb for Ultimate Treasures.

Throughout the week, custodian Kim Jones kept the building looking great, and sextons Louise and Carrie DeFuss made sure we left at night with the doors locked and lights off.

As you can tell, it might have been faster to just open up the church directory and type every name. That's how many people made this sale a success. Thanks to every one of you.

After announcing the preliminary totals of what the sale raised, we learned that it was less than originally thought. Still, the final results were pretty substantial:

Knitters and crocheters: \$415
Bake sale \$2,647.21
Collectibles and jewelry: \$2,885.51
Rummage sale: \$10,631.81
Total: \$16,579.53

All made possible by all of your hauling, bagging, sorting, and just generally helping.

Kathy Farren



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!



Adult Education

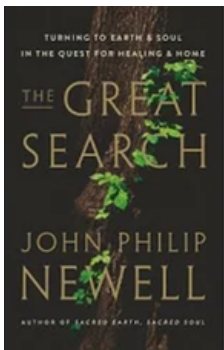
This month, our congregation joins the nation in celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. For a community rooted in justice, inclusion, and the inherent worth of every individual, this is more than a date on the calendar. It is a sacred opportunity to listen to the diverse voices within the AANHPI diaspora, to honor their history, and to commit ourselves to the ongoing work of solidarity.



The roots of this month are found in two significant milestones: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869—a feat made possible by the grueling labor of over 15,000 Chinese immigrants. In recognizing this month, we honor both the immense contributions and the profound resilience of these communities.

How can we, as a church family, move beyond performative gestures to meaningful recognition? First, we must commit to education. Our book study discussions can become spaces where we center AANHPI authors, theologians, and historians. Through reading, we broaden our understanding of the American story. Second, we practice "active solidarity." This means showing up for our neighbors. Finally, we look inward. We must reflect on how our own traditions can better reflect the beautiful diversity of the AANHPI community. Together, we can build a community that doesn't just welcome diversity, but is fundamentally transformed by it.

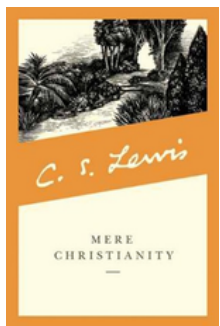
Spiritual Development Group-Book Study



The Spiritual Development Group (SDG) is reading their final book of this academic year, *The Great Search: Turning To Earth And Soul In The Quest For Healing And Home* by John Philip Newell. In the book, the author discusses Celtic wisdom in an era of religious exile and our shared spiritual journey with each other and the Earth. The SDG meets every other week on Google Meet at 7:00 p.m. Here is the reading schedule:

- April 21—Introduction and Part I
- May 5—Part II
- May 19—Part III

Summer Classic Christian Book Study



Last summer, we read Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*, and this summer, I am looking forward to exploring C.S. Lewis' classic, *Mere Christianity*. Originally adapted from Lewis' World War II radio broadcasts and published in 1952, this book serves as a timeless defense of fundamental Christian beliefs. Lewis builds a case for the existence of God through the "Law of Human Nature," argues for the divinity of Jesus, and outlines core virtues and theology to advocate for a transformed life.

Our first discussion will be held in person at the church on June 9th at 7:00 PM. To prepare, please read the Preface, Foreword, and Books 1 and 2. We will continue with Book 3 in July and conclude with Book 4 in August.

Aimee List
Adult Education Shepherd

Children and Youth Christian Education

Are you ready for a COOL summer adventure?

Join us July 5–9th from 5:00–7:30 PM for an unforgettable Vacation Bible School experience, Snowball Mountain Challenge!

Each evening, kids will set out on an exciting mountain adventure filled with high-energy games, creative crafts, uplifting music, and engaging Bible lessons. As they “climb” higher, they’ll discover how to trust God through every challenge while building friendships and making lasting memories along the way.

Our focus verse for the week is Philippians 4:13 (NRSV): *“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”* Through this powerful message, kids will be encouraged to face life’s challenges with confidence, knowing they are never alone.



Registration for students aged 3-14 is open! Visit www.myvbs.org/ycucc to register for FREE! Registration includes a kid-friendly meal.

****NEW THIS YEAR!**** All volunteers, student leaders, kitchen crew, etc., need to register and sign up using the online registration form.

From Here to Camp: Make the Journey Possible!

We have 12 students going to Tower Hill in Sawyer, MI this June! Our students and chaperones are so excited to be going back to camp this year. However, we still need to get them there. With the number of students going, we need to rent two 15-passenger vans. Each van is roughly \$700, plus gas.

Two 15-passenger vans and a minivan might seem like a lot, but here’s what we have to take:

- 12 Students
- 4 Adults
- Luggage and bedding
- Food for 12 meals (Have you ever seen a teen eat?!)
- Kitchen appliances like crockpots, electric griddles, etc.
- Team building supplies
- Games
- Backpacks

As of April 26th, we still need \$814 to meet our fundraising goal. Don't forget, certain donation amounts have incentives, like pieing Pastor Elizabeth in the face or causing the students to lose their phones for the first 48 hours of the trip!



Robin Campos
Christian Education Director

In Our Prayers

Those Grieving

The McCracken Family

Those in Cancer Treatment

Pearl Undesser

Health Concerns

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

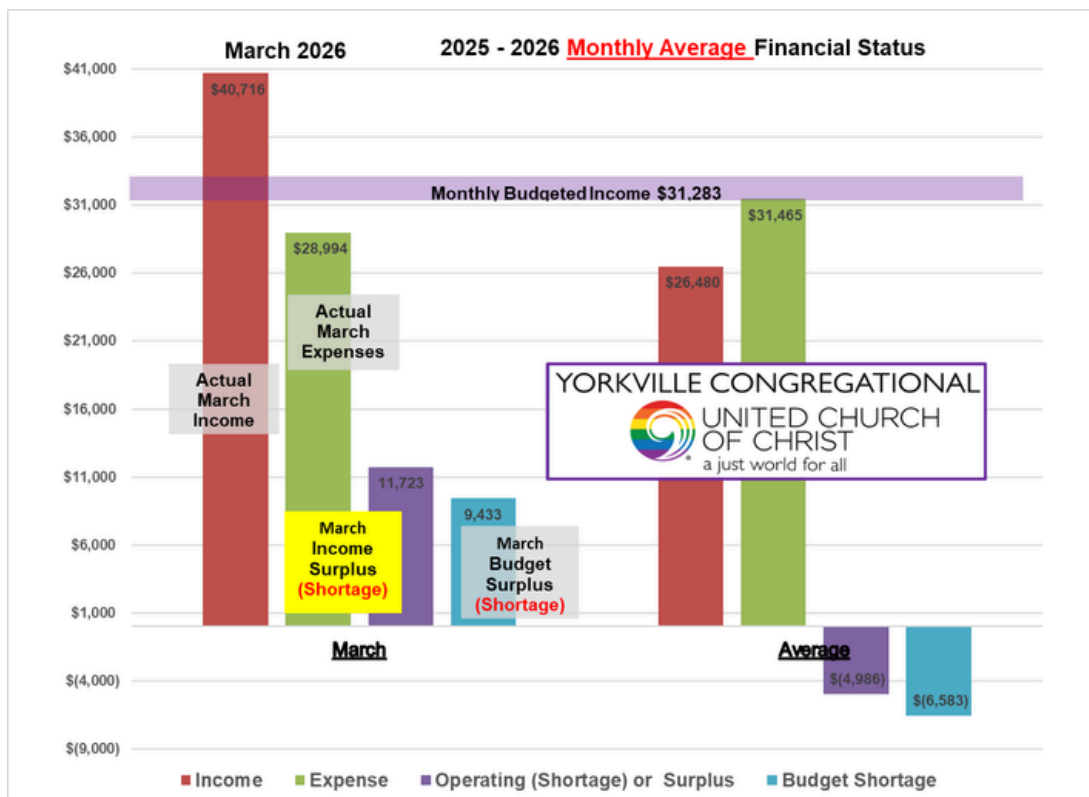
Hombound & Assisted Living

Fred Anderson
 Delores Cruise
 Dave Encinas
 Gayle Jacobs

General Concerns

The Prochaska Family
 The Mendell Family

Finance



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 9am - Celebration of Life
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>God's Gifts Sunday</p> <p>10am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>11:15am - Youth Choir</p> <p>11:30am - Grief Support</p> <p>11:30am - Tower Hill</p>	<p>11am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30pm - Private Music</p> <p>5:30pm - AA Meeting-</p> <p>6:30pm - Green Team</p>	<p>8:30am - Tai Chi</p> <p>9am - Building and Grounds</p> <p>7pm - Spiritual</p>	<p>3:30pm - Homework Club</p> <p>5pm - Wednesday Night</p> <p>7pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>1pm - Bingo</p> <p>7pm - SLT Executive</p>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Mother's Day</p> <p>10am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Muffins with Moms</p> <p>11:15am - Worship Team</p> <p>11:15am - Youth Choir</p>	<p>11am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30pm - Private Music</p> <p>5:30pm - AA Meeting-</p>	<p>8:30am - Tai Chi</p> <p>9am - Building and Grounds</p> <p>10am - Pastoral Care</p> <p>1pm - FROG</p>	<p>3:30pm - Homework Club</p> <p>5pm - Wednesday Night</p> <p>6pm - Pastoral Care</p> <p>7pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>6pm - Finance Meeting</p> <p>7pm - SLT Meeting</p>	<p>9:15am - Daybreak</p>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>10am - Worship (Glad)</p> <p>11am - Annual Meeting</p> <p>11am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>11:15am - Youth Choir</p>	<p>11am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30pm - Private Music</p> <p>5:30pm - AA Meeting-</p> <p>7pm - Outreach</p>	<p>8:30am - Tai Chi</p> <p>9am - Building and Grounds</p> <p>12pm - JOY Circle</p> <p>7pm - Spiritual</p>		<p>Newsletter Articles DUE</p>		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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31	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>10am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Coffee Fellowship</p>						

Birthdays

Justin Sartori	01
Delores Lies	03
Brian Bazan	03
Robbie Strandell	07
Salli Walden	08
Anne Engelhardt	09
Gere' Ryerson	09
Jamie McLeod	09
Elijah Lewis	09
Rory Houston	09
Kathy Reeder	10
Matt Strong	10
Vanessa Strandell	10
David Encinas	11
Emily Springer	11
Lea Ann Skogsberg	13
Zachary Seibel	14
Reagan Ramirez	15
Jerry Engelhardt	16
Joyce Pratt	19
Rev. Elizabeth Hartung	19
Joseph Seibel	19
Natalie Culberson	22
Murphy Houston	22
Megan Rhodes-Johnson	23
Max Morello	29
Carol Seibel Falato	29
Rachel Sebbby	29

Anniversaries

5/12	Dan & Julie Gette	36 Years
5/18	Jeff & Diane Dillow	48 Years
5/21	Caleb & Renata Lewis	15 Years
5/25	Keith & Terri Frisk	41 Years
5/27	Matthew & Katelyn Pansera	8 Years
5/28	Duane & Salli Walden	21 Years

Liturgical Calendar

Fifth Sunday of Easter

WHITE

1 Peter 2:2-10 and Romans 12:1-8

Sixth Sunday after Easter

WHITE

Mother's Day

Seventh Sunday after Easter

WHITE

Acts 1:6-14 and 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Pentecost Sunday

RED

1 Cor. 12:3b-13 and Acts 2:1-21

Trinity Sunday

GREEN

Luke 1:39-57 and Romans 12:9-16b

Date	Liturgists	Sermon Titles
5/3/2026	None	God's Gifts Sunday
5/10/2026	Carrie DeFuss	Guest Preacher: Rev. Jeffrey Phillips
5/17/2026	Carrie DeFuss	Discipleship Sunday-Installation of Officers
5/24/2026	John Morello	Pentecost Sunday
5/31/2026	Deanna Bazan	Trinity Sunday

YCUC 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.

Open and Affirming Covenant

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

Our Vision Statement

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

Our Mission Statement

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