



## 23 November 2022 / Happy Thanksgiving Yorkshire!

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” -Psalm 100

Thankful is a great word. Similar words are appreciative, grateful, glad, and satisfied. During this season of “Thanksgiving,” we remember to give our thanks to God for, as the Psalmist says, his faithfulness to us. Our God loves us and calls us to love him, with all of our heart, soul, strength, and our minds. It is easy to say that we are “thankful” to God. I like to consider my thanks in the form of the synonyms, as well. As it is easy to say I am thankful, I also want to be sure that I am appreciative and grateful. I want to be glad when I come to the Lord, just like the Psalmist, and most of all, I want to be sure that I am satisfied. Lord, I am thankful and I am satisfied. You are good and who am I to be anything but thankful, who am I to be anything but satisfied!

I am also thankful for our fellowship here at Yorkshire. Over the next few weeks, there will be many opportunities to share together our thankfulness to God through our fellowship with one another. I want to give a quick run down of events that I pray that you will consider participating in if you are able:

***Hanging of the Greens:*** **Saturday, 26 November, 9-11AM.** We will gather to decorate our sanctuary and church as we share in festive music provided by our musical team, Jazzé Palmer and Steve Fieldhouse. (I think this sounds like a Christmas album: “Sounds of Christmas by Palmer & Fieldhouse”...). What makes this particularly exciting is a brand-new Christmas Tree with brand new Chrismon’s made by our very own Chrismon team!



***Christmas Fun Day:*** Saturday, 10 December, 9AM to Noon in the Fellowship Hall. This time of fellowship is geared for Family Fun and will be a great time of Christmas activity for everyone. There will be games, crafts, Christmas ornament making, cookie decorating, tree decorating in Fellowship Hall (with newly made ornaments) and of course, a hot chocolate and coffee bar. In the sanctuary will be Inspire’s Musical Showcase (9-11:30AM) hosted by our Choir Director, Steve Fieldhouse and will feature five different student bands sharing in the jazz tradition and even some improvised music. Truly a great morning to be at Yorkshire!

***Women’s Cookie Exchange:*** Monday, 12 December, 6PM. This one is for all of the ladies at Yorkshire – friends are invited, too! It will start with a potluck dinner followed by the cookie exchange and fellowship. Look for more details in the upcoming newsletter. For more info, contact Holly Kominsky or Julie Mann!

***Advent Sunday School Fellowship:*** Sunday mornings: 27 November through 18 December. 10:15-11AM. All are invited to join in this time of sharing where we will enjoy some Christmas music videos, have a short lesson from the “UnderWraps” Bible study series, and a time for discussion and fellowship. There will be coffee and other breakfast snack goodies!

These are some of the special events that are scheduled for Advent! Of course we continue to meet each and every Sunday morning for worship and fellowship. Our children’s Sunday School programs are continuing through the Advent Season and provide a great opportunity for you to invite your friends, family and neighbors to our church. For our younger children(K-2<sup>nd</sup>), the CLIMB Sunday School program is awesome. It begins at 9AM and goes till 11AM in a “VBS-style” format. Parents can bring their children while they attend worship

and Sunday school fellowship, or, they can simply drop their children off- similar to what they do with a vacation bible school program. Our team members led by Barb Snare are working very hard to provide this educational opportunity for our youngest children and the feedback we are getting from the children and families is awesome. Please help support this wonderful program by letting folks know about what is happening here!

For our Third through Fifth grade children, Rachel Fry provides interactive lessons with dynamic teaching resources provided through the hard work of Debra Why (who also provides support to the CLIMB program). Each week our teams spend hours in preparation for Sunday morning lessons and teaching experiences. One of the goals of our church, and every church, is to grow in demographic of families with young children. To effectively do this, a church must have compelling and effective programming for these families. I am thankful that our Education Team has put together such programs for our church. We can advertise these (and we have) and we can put signs in our front yard (and we have), but statistics are clear; churches grow when members *invite* others. This is the model of the church, as well.

In other news, we continue to work on repairs and improvements around our facility. The Fellowship Hall is almost complete. It is my hope that the handrails and outside lighting on the new ramp access will be complete in a few weeks. This week, the old bathrooms were removed and now the rooms will be refinished into a storage area for church operations. I will be providing a complete update on the renovation project, including finances, in an upcoming special edition “What’s Brewing.”

I want to give my sincere thanks and appreciation for the men that came out on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to get some work done. The men teamed up to finish hanging new automated towel and soap dispensers throughout the facility- something that has been desperately needed and requested by many! My gratitude to the teams of Herron/Hightman, Mink/Hoffman, and Jared Smith who also addressed some of our outdoor and indoor lighting needs. Great men, great teamwork, much accomplished!



I want to extend thanks to Steve Coates and Mark Robertson in their areas of responsibility with our Boy Scouts, Troop 25 relationship. Due to circumstances outside of the scope of Yorkshire Church, our relationship with Troop 25 will be changing in that we will no longer be a “Chartering Organization” for the Troop. We will continue to host them at our facility. This is the result of more than a year of meetings, discussions, and legal documents that happened at the UMC/BSA national levels- but needed our involvement. Steve and Mark have spent many hours of time navigating this process and keeping me up to date with the proper legal forms, documents, and critical information. This past week, I believe we have finally completed the process. It is important to know that although the “legal” element of our relationship is changing, our relationship with Troop 25 remains very strong and we will continue to do all that we can to support them, host them, and enjoy our times of fellowship with them! Thanks again Steve and Mark!

We are changing the manner in which we produce our “Announcements” document. Previously, we sent this out every week. There will be a Thanksgiving edition this week, and an Advent edition next week, and then we will begin a Monthly Announcements/Newsletter document. This will include all of the activities for the month of publication. For those that enjoy weekly communication, we are working on various communications to meet this need, including a return to more regular “What’s Brewings” as well as updates from members of our leadership team focused on areas that they have responsibility for. I know communication is very important, and although we are changing what we have been doing, the ultimate objective is to improve what it is that we are communicating and doing it more effectively.

I have added a new insert into our weekly bulletin regarding “Ways to Give.” We are now focusing our giving into five categories. It sounds more complicated than it is. Our primary means of receiving gifts and offerings is through our “General” category. Unless an offering is designated, this is the way in which the gifts are appropriated- into our general fund which allows our Finance Team to utilize them for our general budgeted operating expenses. The other categories listed are for designated offerings which are normally in addition to general giving and include support to the Preschool, Missions, and the Building Fund. As the church voted unanimously to move forward on the Fellowship Hall Renovation project and improvements, we are prayerfully hoping that gifts to this fund will cover our finance expenses for this project. The last category listed is for our Joyful Noise Preschool families to cover the tuition of their students. This is not a category that would be utilized by the fellowship. (Preschool Tuition vs. Preschool Donation). These category designations may be selected when you utilize the online giving option and will be listed on the 2023 Envelopes. Folks utilizing checks may designate a category on the check if they choose. It is my hope that this will be helpful to you in supporting the various ministries, missions, and functions of our church!

**YORKSHIRE CHURCH** **Ways to Give**

<b>Website</b> yorkshirechurch.org	<b>At Church</b> Offering Boxes	<b>Text to Give</b> 84321
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**Giving Categories**

- General**  
Primary way to give in support of all church operations, ministries, & missions.
- Preschool Tuition**  
This category is used for Joyful Noise Christian Preschool families to pay their monthly tuition for preschool enrollments.
- Preschool Donation**  
This fund is used to provide additional gifts in support of the church's mission to fund the operations of the Joyful Noise Christian Preschool.
- Missions**  
Supports missions funding : Northern Africa, Dominican Republic, CRU @ West Chester State University, and LifePath Christian Ministries in York, PA.
- Building Fund**  
Additional gifts to this fund support our building maintenance needs, capital improvement projects (Fellowship Hall), and facility repairs.

Gifts may also be mailed via USPS to:  
Yorkshire Church, 125 Edgewood Rd, York, PA 17402

I have tried to cover as much as possible in this long-overdue What’s Brewing! I will have more information regarding our Advent Schedule and happenings next week. So, ‘til next week... Holly and I would like to wish each of you a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

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