



December 24, 2022

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The beautiful poinsettias that have been displayed in our sanctuary are available for "purchase". Simply make a donation and specify it on your offering envelope as "Poinsettias". Please feel free to take one home after the Christmas Day Service.



#### **20 December 2022**

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (which means God with us). ...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

-Isaiah 7:14, 9:6; Matthew 1:23

### Merry Christmas Yorkshire Church!

We rejoice each and every day in the truths captured in the scriptures listed above, which is a compilation of three verses regarding the same event. This time of year is so special that our entire culture sets a season aside to also focus on this event. Even those who have yet to develop a relationship with God through his Son sing songs as they play on the radio, "Hark the herald Angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn king,' Peace on Earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled…"

Our focus throughout Advent has been on the element of the Christmas story that highlights the awe of those who heard the proclamation of the angels. We have considered how the shepherds were so in awe, that they immediately responded to the news the angels sang about. We have shared together in our fellowship and recognized that we are called to do the same. The shepherds heard and acted, and they proclaimed Jesus to all that they came in contact with. I liken this to our response to meeting Jesus. When we accept Jesus into our lives, hear the Word proclaimed, and receive the power of the Holy Spirit, we respond by being His witnesses in our community, and in all of York County, where ever we travel, and through the support of our missionaries (Acts 1:8 paraphrase).

This past year, Yorkshire Church has been blessed by God in growing our fellowship both within the walls of our facility and in the missions that we serve. We have seen growth in our Bible study groups, Sunday School programs, and implemented exciting new programs to serve the youngest children in our church. We continue to grow in those that participate as the hands and feet of the church, who accomplish many of the necessary tasks of worship and church operations. We have completed a major fellowship hall renovation which was necessary to repair our foundation as well as provide improved access for those in our church and community.

Most of all, I believe we have grown in our discipleship as a church family. When we love God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength, we naturally grow in our love for one another. As we grow in our love for one another, our witness to those whom God sends through our doors grows naturally, as well. This Advent Season, which culminates on this weekend's celebration of God coming into our presence as Immanuel, we celebrate all that He has accomplished in us and through us. Through our focus on Jesus, we recognize Him as the Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love that is the core of who we are- and we respond through what we do. It is a great Joy to be a part of all that God is doing at Yorkshire Church!

Holly and I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas!

-pastor dave.



## **January Upcoming Events**

Jan 1	Food Collection for Christ Hope Church Due
Jan 3	Soup Kitchen Casseroles Due
Jan 9	Women's Bible Study: 2nd Season of "The Chosen" Begins
Jan 11	Men's Bible Study Resumes—Meets at 6AM and 6:30 PM
Jan 15	One Voice Community Choir @ Yorkshire Church at 3:00 PM





### **Building Unity through Community"**

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for people to dwell together in unity!... For there the LORD commanded the blessing-Life forevermore." Psalm 133:1,3

### YOU ARE INVITED

as our multi-cultural choir presents a Christmas Musical

"Searching for the King"

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm

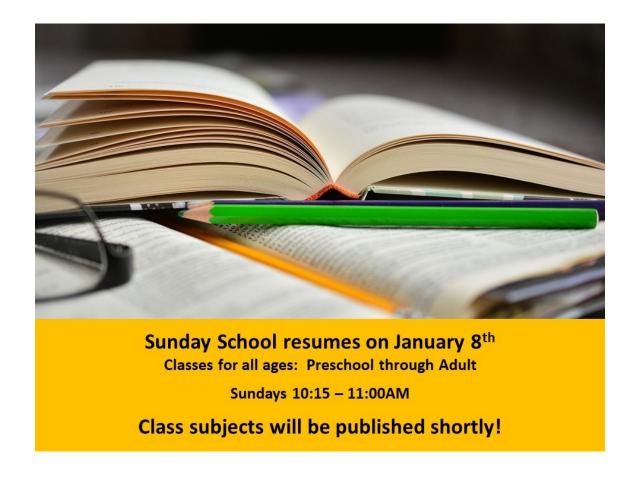
Messiah United Methodist Church 1300 North Beaver Street, York, PA 17404

and

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 pm

Yorkshire United Methodist Church 125 Edgewood Rd, York, PA 17402

FREE ADMISSION TO ALL



## **Climb Program for Kids Grades K-2**

Our Children's Sunday School Program, CLIMB, is still going strong, but there is always room for more children in grades K-2 to join us! We meet in room 203 prior to the start of the 9:00 AM service. Students embark on a variety of activities including a Sunday School lesson, snack, centers, and games. They can be picked up at 11:00 AM. If you have any questions about CLIMB or would like to volunteer, please reach out to one of our Education Team members:

Barb Snare, Rachel Fry, Kristen Berman, Susan Workinger, Debra Why, Lexi Morrow, Laurie Mink, Laura Blackwood, Julie Mann, or Rick Focht- Ed Chair.



# CLIMB CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

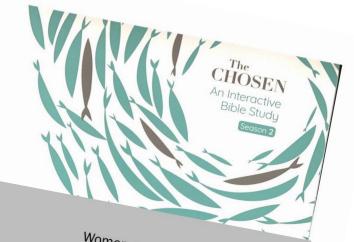












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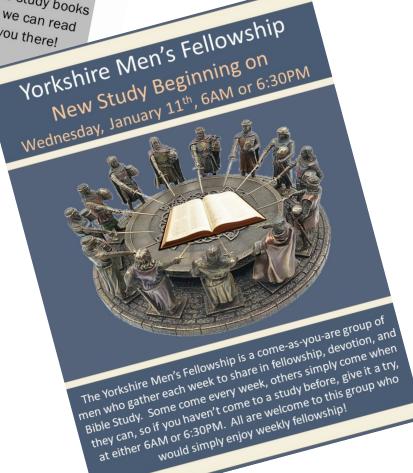
Our Women's Bible Study will start on Monday, January 9th at 7pm. This will be a nine-week study on the Second Season of the Chosen where we pull scripture out of each episode and discuss it while following the interactive Bible Study book. Please talk to Julie Mann at church or email her if you are interested in attending so we have the right amount of books. We will hand out the study books before the first Bible Study night so we can read the introduction. We hope to see you there!

# JOIN US!

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## **Soup Kitchen Casseroles Due Tuesday, January 3**

H. Kominsky, S. Reigart, B. Julius, N. Lucash, J. Smith, L. Heintzelman, D. Bubb, C. Brown, M. Beaverson, S. Robertson

Soup Kitchen News: We have the month of January covered, but we are still in need of several more casseroles in February. Please sign up on the board located in the Narthex. Another great way to help is by donating to our FRUIT FUND! Place your donations in the container on the table next to the soup kitchen sign-up board. Mary will then purchase fresh fruit. Thank you for your support in this mission.





## Food Collection: Sunday, January 1

Please bring non-perishable (canned or dry packaged) items <u>the first Sunday of every month</u> to benefit Christ Hope Church. Donations may be placed under the coat rack. This is an ongoing, year-round effort.

