

# July 2023 Announcements

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

- Matthew 21:22

## vpcoming «Events»

7/04 4th of July

7/30 Combined Service @ 10:00 am

9/10 Youth Rally Day



#### Praise Songs/Hymn Request

If you would like to request a praise song or hymn to be used in worship, we would like to hear from you!

Please email requests to

info@yorkshirechurch.org or Shannah@yorkshirechurch.org



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**Pastor Dave Kominsky** 

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Julie Mann, Dir. of Joyful Noise Preschool

Kolene Rains, Teacher

Jerry Wyatt, Teacher

Tiffany Ivie, Teacher's Aide

Heather Jeffrey, Teacher's Aide

The WIFI password Acts 2:42



#### A Giving Heart Tree

From July 2nd to July 30th, a giving tree will be in the church lobby with heart ornaments.

On each heart is a wish list item for the Preschool or Sunday School. If you feel moved to do so, please take a heart and purchase the item and bring the purchased item to the church lobby by August 6th.

If you wish to order the item on Amazon you can have it delivered right to the church. If you do not want to buy an item in store or on Amazon but would like to give a cash or check donation there will be a place by the tree to do so. Thank you for your continued ssupport for all of our children's ministries.



#### The Nursery at Yorkshire

Our Nursery is getting a long overdue makeover for our littlest members!

Julie Mann and her parents brightened it up with fresh paint! Our air conditioning unit has been replaced. Pastor Dave installed a new TV so that

our nursery attendants can enjoy the Livestream of the service each Sunday and not miss out on the message!

I am looking to get a few rugs, a couple of rocking chairs, some fresh crib mattress pad covers and sheets as well!

We are always looking for individuals 18 years+ with clearances to care for our littles! We have 3 little gals at the moment who enjoy hanging out each Sunday and would love for you to join them! No lesson plans to worry about here! Just playing with toys, and depending upon their age, occasionally be drooled upon, wipe a nose, change a diaper, or rock them to sleep.

Won't you join us to nurture the next generation of Christian believers at Yorkshire?

Please contact Tiffany at 717-683-8233 or misstiff@jncpyork.org



#### Yorkshire Women Enjoy Ice Cream Social

Almost 20 women, which included our "regulars" as well as some new friends, enjoyed a time of fellowship, fun and ice cream on June 19 at Jim Mack's Ice Cream in Wrightsville! The Mingora/Browning family also enjoyed a mini family reunion as members of their family had the same ice cream idea as we did.

The Yorkshire Women's Bible study group meets from September through May on Monday evenings at 7:00, but we plan different outings to maintain our sense of togetherness over the summer. Keep your eyes out for an August activity as well as news about what our next study will be starting in the fall.





The Education Team has been focused on strengthening our Sunday School opportunities. Survey results from the adults guided the review of curriculum to meet the needs. As a result, The Gospel Project curriculum is being taught with a team of teachers in Fellowship Hall with a discussion design and a video format is offered in the sanctuary.

In the fall, Explore the Bible curriculum will be added as an additional option. The design of that class will be to "dig deeply into the Bible."

Our children's Sunday School is a VBS approach for grades K-2 called CLIMB along with a hands-on, interactive format for grades 3-5. The Orange curriculum is the foundation of our children's program. The approach is engaging and interactive with Bible stories, games, and fun activities!

The Education Team is now exploring what is Christian "intentional hospitality."

The goal is to share that knowledge with others to strengthen our Yorkshire Church.



~Barb Snare

The responsibility of this team is to make Yorkshire Church a warm and welcoming place to worship God and his son Jesus Christ. We have a supportive role for the church. But, a very important one.

This special group is made of people that like to work behind the scenes. We do most of our ministry when the sanctuary is empty. We focus on anything in the sanctuary.

Our most consistent role is to purchase, prep and clean up for communion on a monthly basis. We have a wonderful team that rotates each month. Our motto is many hands make the workload light.



The two major responsibilities for our team are Christmas and Easter.

The decorating and de-frocking the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas

is a joyous congregational wide event. The other highlight for our team is Easter, especially Holy week, starting with Palm Sunday, Munday Thursday community communion service, Good Friday and Easter services.

We also make sure the flowers for the alter are in place. Earlier this year we added arrangements to the window sills with seasonal flowers. We also, have included banners.

We meet with the Nurture Leadership Team; this includes education & music. We are always looking for ways to make Worship at Yorkshire meaningful for everyone. Please join us to share and add suggestions! Feel free to contact me with questions or ideas!

~Blessing, Wendy Mingora 717-332-3219



Each spring & summer a group of Yorkshire golfers (and some golfers from other churches) play 9-holes of non-competitive golf on either a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening each week. We usually meet around 5:00-5:15 P.M. and play 9-holes at one of several golf courses in the York area. The emphasis is on fellowship. Scoring is optional. Encouragement, good conversation, and lots of fun always ensue. We have a variety of ability levels, but the one thing that is consistent is we have great fellowship every time.

Our next outing will be on Thursday, July 6, 2023. We will meet at the Briarwood Golf Course at 5:30 P. M. and play the "West Course". We will play holes 14-18 twice. We don't need to reserve tee times. If you would like to join us on July 6 or be added to our email list, please let Frank Herron know by July 5. Frank's cell phone number is (717) 887-3792 and his email is fsherron@comcast.net.

If you can't join us that evening and you would like to be included in the weekly gold email list, give Frank your name, email address and cell phone number and you'll be included on the email list. Hope you see you on the course!



YOUTH GROUP MEAL SIGN UP:

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the youth group by preparing or delivering a meal for our youth group on Sunday evenings. The youth appreciate your generosity. The sign up is currently posted through the month of August.

The Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings and we are seeking volunteers to provide a meal.

There are 15 individuals in the group and dinner at 5:30pm. The meal can be dropped off in advance or dropped off between 5:15-5:30pm.

#### **Hiring of Director of Youth Ministries:**

It is with great excitement that the Staff Parish Relations Committee informs you of the hiring of Kurtis Himmelberger. Kurtis has been hired as the new parttime Director of Youth Ministries (Youth Pastor). His official start date is July 1st. Kurtis comes to Yorkshire with his wife (Tori) and their five children ranging in ages from 4 -11. Kurtis has lots of experience leading and growing youth in their faith. We are excited to welcome him and his family to Yorkshire!

A big thank you to the Youth Pastor search team (Barb Snare, Rachel Fry, Debra Why, Tara Focht, and Sophia Mingora) for their faithful dedication through the process.

Lastly, the SPRC would like to announce the addition of our new custodian Christina Barr. Christina's work albeit unseen by the majority of members has not gone unnoticed.

I know our Yorkshire family will welcome both of our new hires and make them feel the love that makes Yorkshire such a special place.

#### YOUTH GROUP

The youth group continues to meet each Sunday evening and enjoy the time of fellowship, games, and learning. We want to send a huge "Thank You" to everyone who has supported the youth group by supplying dinner. It's not an easy task to feed 10-13 teenagers/preteens, but you all do a wonderful job with your meals. Now that Summer is upon us, we look forward to getting outside more and doing alternative events for some of our Sunday meetings. We'd love to have you join us! Recently, we had 4 middle school youth who attended a weekend retreat with a neighboring church. A great time was had by all!

There are many options for preparing the meal, some have purchased a prepared item (pizza, subs, etc). Some have purchased a frozen entrée (lasagna, macaroni & cheese, etc) and heated up the meal and others have prepared a meal. Any of the options are fine. NOTE: There is one dietary restriction, **NO Beef or Pork.** Chicken is fine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Susan Workinger at <a href="mailto:sworkinger9@gmail.com">sworkinger9@gmail.com</a>.

#### We need your help!

Let's keep the Fellowship Time simple and easy!

- Donate individually wrapped items. Drop off in Narthex as you walk into church.
   (ex. Muffins in packages, granola bars, cookies/crackers in packages etc.)
- Donate small bottles of water.

Starting on June 4th, we will begin our simple, no prep snacks at Fellowship time.



We are making it simple and easy for everyone!

Stop in the Fellowship Hall to say hello to friends from 10:00 - 10:15 am.



#### GET IN THE WORD OF GOD

# OUR FAITH FOUNDATIONS PART 1: THE GREAT AWAKENING

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

Please join us for a 10-week series examining the fundamental principles of Christianity. This course investigates the Scriptural basis of our most foundational commitments.

This course is designed to introduce Biblical basics and to provide the unique insights of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, in the form of commentary.

Join Dr. Walter Stepanenko, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at York College of Pennsylvania and the members of Yorkshire Church as we explore the rich theology of the Bible in a welcoming, supportive, and exciting environment.

This series promises something for everyone.

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#### **Greeting: A critical element of a church ministry.**

#### 4 Traits of Great Greeters – by Travis Stevens

On any given week of the year, thousands of people will be making the walk from their car to the entrance of a church for the very first time. For some, it will be the first time they've ever set foot in a church, and for others, it will be their first time trying out a new church. In either situation, that walk from the car to the entrance can be filled with fear, anxiety, and stress.

Visiting a church for the very first time is scary and awkward for people, but a great greeter ministry can help to alleviate those fears. On the flip side, a lackluster greeter ministry may confirm their fears and ensure they never come back for a second visit.



Some churches make the mistake of not even having a greeter ministry, which is like inviting guests over and saying, "Just let yourself in." Others make an even bigger mistake of having the wrong people serve as greeters. I can't tell you how many stories I've heard of guests who have been turned off before they ever walk through the church doors. All it takes is a wrong look or a poor choice of words for a first-time guest to become a last-time guest.

How can we have a greeter ministry that gives a great first impression? It's probably simpler than you think.

Greeters should be people who smile. I know this sounds obvious, but you'd be amazed at how many sourfaced greeters there are in churches all over the country. What makes it worse are pastors and ministry leaders that allow this to continue to happen week after week. If you have a grumpy greeter serving in your greeter ministry, immediately move them out of that position. Yes, they may get angry and leave the church, but losing one volunteer is better than losing all of your guests. Make sure your greeters are people who love seeing new guests visit the church.

**Greeters should open the door**. NewSpring Church in South Carolina has a policy that says no guest should ever have to open a door. They place volunteers at every entrance of their church to open the doors for their guests. You should do the same. It's a simple way to serve your guests, and a great first impression of your church. Resist the urge to use doorstops, and teach your greeters to open doors.

Greeters should be good at remembering names. One of the most valuable tools in ministry is a good memory, especially when it comes to remembering names. Greeting guests with a smile and handshake makes a good first impression. Remembering their name when they come back a second time makes a great second impression. By remembering a person's name, you're placing value on them, which makes a huge impact on people. If you're not naturally gifted in remembering names, your smart phone can be a great tool. Whenever you meet someone, ask his or her name. When they walk away type it into the notes section on your phone so you can reference it the next time you see them.

Greeters should reflect who your church is trying to reach. If your church is trying to reach young families, make sure you have couples with young kids greeting. If you're trying to reach empty nesters, make sure you have older adults greeting. This doesn't mean you can't have diversity within your greeters; you should. But it wouldn't make sense to have only retired adults greeting in a church that's trying to reach young people. If your greeting ministry reflects these four simple ideas, I believe you will see more guests come back to your church.

**Travis Stephens** is a husband, father, and executive pastor of a small town church that went big. He has a passion for helping pastors grow themselves and the churches they serve. You can find out more about him and his ministry at <u>TravisStephens.me</u>.



Soup Kitchen News: Another great way to help our mission 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 purchase fresh fruit. Thank you for your support in this important mission.



#### Don't we all enjoy visiting with friends?

Here's an opportunity to do just that! In the month of June, Pastor Dave, Doris Bubb, Jim Valentine and Gail Davis visited with 6 Yorkshire members who are no longer able to attend worship in person. We were able to share Communion as a small group in a very meaningful way. The 6 members all truly enjoyed the visits- and it certainly brightened our day as well.

While we may sometimes view Communion as just another aspect of our worship service on the first Sunday of each month, I can guarantee you that it is a VERY meaningful worship experience for our fellow members who have not received Communion in quite some time.

We want to continue this ministry by visiting with any of our members who have requested a visit and to receive Communion. If you like to represent Yorkshire by visiting and receiving Communion with some of our homebound members, please let Shannah in the church office know. No obligation to go on any specific number of visits- whatever your schedule would permit.

If you are unable to attend worship in person at Yorkshire and would like a visit- with or without Communion- please call Shannah at the Yorkshire church office to let us know! The church office number is (717) 755-4952. Email: info@yorkshirechurch.org.





Our VBS-style 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! Friends are always invited! 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, or Julie Mann.





#### Adult Sunday School!

Starts June 4 in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Study highlighting Jesus throughout the Bible.

Each session points to Christ as the Hero of the story and shows how the gospel transforms hearts and applies to every area of life.

Class will be facilitated by team of teachers.

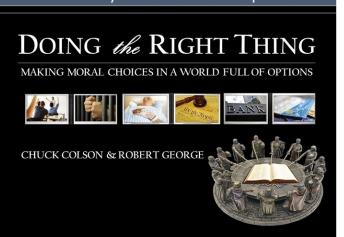
Every participant will have own personal study guide.





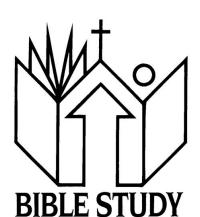
### Yorkshire Men's Fellowship CURRENT STUDY

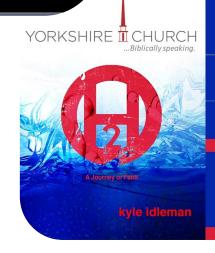
Wednesdays 6AM in Fellowship Hall



The Yorkshire Men's Fellowship is a come-as-you-are group of men who gather each week to share in fellowship, devotion, and Bible Study. Some come every week, others simply come when they can, so if you haven't come to a study before, give it a try, at either 6AM or 6:30PM. All are welcome to this group who would simply enjoy weekly fellowship!







Adult Sunday School Sanctuary Video Series

#### H<sub>2</sub>O A Journey of Faith

EVERYONE THIRSTS, but there is only one drink that can TRULY SATISFY.

Kyle Idleman speaks about the importance of sharing the truth of Jesus Christ through relationships and community. H2O transforms lives by feeding the mind, moving the heart, and stimulating the senses.

