

The Yorkshire InSpire - December 2023

Yorkshire Church

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Christian Preschool at Yorkshire Church

A Ministry of Yorkshire Church
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Yorkshire InSpire

December 2023

Christmas Eve SERVICES

December 24 - 9:00 am
Combined Advent Worship

December 24 - 5:00 pm
Contemporary Advent Service

December 24 - 7:00 pm
Traditional Advent Service

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- Contemporary Worship - 9:00 a.m.
- Traditional Worship - 11:15 a.m.
- Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. For all ages
- CLIMB (VBS Style Sunday School) for children in grades K-2 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

December 2023 Meetings & Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Christmas Fun Day 9-12 Fellowship Hall
3 First Sunday of Advent Youth Group-5:30 pm	4 Women's Bible Study - 7 pm	5 Administration Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm	6 Men's Bible Study-6 am Fellowship Hall	7	8	9 Chemo Care Bag Stuffing- 10-12
10 Church Conference - Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Youth Group-5:30 pm	11 Women's Bible Study - 6-7 pm Last one for 2023 Women's Cookie Exchange-7 pm	12	13 Men's Bible Study-6 am Fellowship Hall	14 Preschool Christmas Program-10:00 am	15	16
17 Youth Group-5:30 pm	18	19	20 Men's Bible Study-6 am Fellowship Hall	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve 9:00 am Service 5:00 pm Service 7:00 pm Service	25 	26	27 Men's Bible Study-6 am Fellowship Hall	28	29	30
31 Youth Group-5:30 pm	<div>ATTENTION!!</div> <div>Beginning in 2024, Fellowship time will only be held on Sunday when all Sunday School classes are combined or special events.</div>					

Altar Flower Sponsor

Sign-ups are posted in the hallway by the Narthex. The cost is \$50 and can be placed in an envelope. Please fill out a Sponsorship Form, including the date you desire to sponsor and the occasion.

Supporting Missionaries

“What do global workers want from their church and community back home? We asked a few of our workers. Here are the things they said would encourage and uplift them on the mission field.

- Send letters to both the adults and the kids.
- Assign a care team to check in each month and represent their needs to the church.
- Follow up with prayer requests.
- Remember them on their birthday and during the holidays.
- Schedule a video call with a small group.
- Have your Sunday school class commit to pray for them every week for a year.
- Host them for a meal when they are visiting.

From the big ideas to the small gestures, every touchpoint encourages workers who are facing the loneliness of serving cross-culturally. Your support helps them stay on the field longer, be more effective disciple-makers, and reach more people with the gospel”

Connecting with our Missionaries

Send our missionaries a word of encouragement via email:

- Henry in Chad - artesianbooks@gmail.com
- Kim in Kenya - knaubkimberly@gmail.com
- Micah at West Chester University - micah.ruch@cru.org
- Rebecca in the Dominican Republic - singerrj1@gmail.com



Yorkshire Family,

Thank you for your support during our R&K sub sale. We were able to profit \$1,100. This will help support our Christian preschool mission.



Since my last letter our preschoolers have been able to experience a lot of great, fun activities.

In the beginning of the school year, we were able to give each of our students JNCP shirts. Our students wear their shirts on field trips. Don't they look great.

In October we were able to visit Fire Station 891 in East York. The Fire Fighters showed us their facility and where they stay during their 24-hour shift. Our students were able to climb in the fire trucks and see a fire fighter put on all his gear. As a gift from the fire department each student received a fire station bear and hat.

In November our students participated in the Preschool Potato Patrol. Every year the Catholic Harvest Food Pantry provides families with a Thanksgiving meal. To prepare for food distribution, the food pantry staff drops off 50-pound bags of potatoes. Our students help put the potatoes in 4-pound bags. They love to help. Thank you to Norey, Mary and Pastor Dave for spending time with our students and helping them bag potatoes.

We are practicing every day for our Christmas Program. Our Preschool Christmas program will be on Thursday, December 14th at 10:00am. You are all welcome to come and see the program. I promise you will leave with a smile on your face.

Thank you again for your continued support of Joyful Noise Christian Preschool!

Blessings,
Julie



Volunteer & Giving Mission Opportunities

- Many opportunities are available for you to volunteer, please prayerfully consider one or more of the options listed below:
- Contact Susan Workinger with any questions at 717-417-5131 or sworkinger9@gmail.com.
- PRAY - Pray for our church, programs, missions, and leaders. Pray for individuals who do not yet have a relationship with Jesus
 - Cards for Veterans—Please place signed cards with a note of encouragement for Veterans in the Lebanon VA by **November 5th**.
 - Missions Meeting—November 7th at 6:30 pm
 - Youth Meals—Sunday evenings, the Youth Group meets and volunteers are needed to provide a meal. The meal is for 15 individuals, additional information can be found at www.ttsu.me/youthmeals.
 - Card Ministry—Send cards to friends at Yorkshire to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or thinking of you, etc.. Interested, please contact the church office.
 - Join a visitation team—Yorkshire has friends who are unable to come to church. Help make their day and let them know they are being thought of. Interested, please contact the church office to be added to the volunteer list.
 - Fellowship Time - Prepackaged snacks and 8oz bottles of water are needed. Donations can be placed on the table in the Narthex or taken downstairs to the kitchen.
 - Corners of York Field, donate clothing & household items to LifePath Thrift Stores.
 - Our Daily Bread Casseroles—Each month, Yorkshire provides a “Zippy Beef” casseroles to be used at Our Daily Bread. Sign up sheets and recipes are available on the bulletin board. Steam table pans are available in the kitchen.
 - Our Daily Bread Fruit—In addition to the casseroles, Yorkshire provides fresh fruit to the individuals receiving a meal. An envelope for donations is available on the bulletin board.
 - Northeast Neighborhood Associations (NENA) - The first Sunday of each month, non perishable food donations are placed under the coat rack in the hallway.

Mission Support:

If you are interested in designating your gift to missions, mark your giving envelope or select missions online at : <https://yorkshire.churchcenter.com/giving> or scan the QR code below.



Please pray about your level of giving. Based on gifts received for missions, we will determine the support we can provide.



The community’s need continues to grow.

In July, over 7,600 meals were served, a new record for meals served in a month. During the month of August, over 9,300 meals were served. In September, over 10,000 meals were served.

LifePath served 75,849 in 2022, in October, the number of meals served exceeded the count from 2022.

Each day numerous individuals come to LifePath for shelter, food and connection to services and through God’s faithfulness the need is being met.

This is a story of loaves and fishes: Matthew 14:15-21.

Each month LifePath updates their online wish list.

Donations can be dropped off to the Food Pantry at 370 W. Clarke Ave, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 11:00 am and 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm. www.lifepathyork.org/take-action



Yorkshire Church Meetings & Events

- 12/02 Christmas Fun Day - Fellowship Hall 9 am-12 pm
- 12/03 First Sunday of Advent
- 12/05 Administration Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 12/09 Chemo Care Bag Stuffing - Fellowship Hall from 10-12
- 12/10 Church Conference - Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 pm
- 12/11 Women’s Cookie Exchange - Fellowship Hall @ 7:00 pm
- 12/14 Preschool Christmas Program @ 10:00 am
- 12/14 Angel Tree Gift’s Deadline
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/31 New Year’s Eve
- 1/7 One Voice Community Choir’s Christmas Cantata @ 3 pm
- 1/7 Coffee & Cookies following One Voice’s Performance



- Charlotte Aulthouse (1)
- Angela Card (4)
- Dale Achenbach (6)
- Richard Lauer (7)
- Cheryl Bentz (9)
- Don Reigart (16)
- James Shoff (17)
- Gail Weston (17)
- Kris Ivie (18)
- Jody Shoff (26)
- Todd Snyder (30)
- Royce Beaverson (31)

Oh, what fun!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Yorkshire Church’s Christmas Fun Day

DECEMBER 2 FROM 9-12

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Christmas Story - Nativity Craft
Cookie Decorating
“Ride-on” Train (5 yr. old & under)
Tree Decorating

Hot Chocolate - Baked Goods
Coffee Bar - Games - & More!

Yorkshire Church T-SHIRTS

\$20

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Yorkshire Church T-Shirts
Please ask an Usher or Greeter for assistance.

A \$20.00 donation will help offset the cost, no obligation, just give what you can!

One Voice Community Choir



“Building Unity Through Community”

Come join your voice with ours as we celebrate the birth of Christ with

“Joy, Joy, Joy” by Deborah Craig-Claar & David Clydesdale

Performances will be held

December 3rd, 2023 at 3 pm at

Messiah Church

1300 N. Beaver St., York, PA 17401

&

January 7th, 2023 at 3 pm at

Yorkshire Church

125 Edgewood Rd, York, PA 17402

Cookies Needed!

Yorkshire Church will be hosting the One Voice Community Choir as they perform their Christmas Cantata on January 7th.

Immediately following the performance, we would like to welcome all of our guests with a cookie and coffee reception in the Fellowship Hall.

If you can provide some cookies for this event, please either call or email the church office or add your name to the sign up sheet in the sanctuary lobby.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome many visitors to Yorkshire...and to extend our hospitality to our community!



Dear David,

"What is repentance? What does this practically look like?" Joey asked this question as he sat in and listened to a meeting I was having with two guys from our Bible study. This is the same Joey that I wrote about at the beginning of the semester, who I was eager and expectant that he would come to know Christ. Sadly, after the beginning of the semester, I did not see or hear much from him. Honestly, this was a source of discouragement for me as I wrestled with God on what I had expected

would happen this semester. And yet, during lunch at the student union with two guys he did not know, months after not seeing him, he decided to come over and sit down as we were discussing being filled with the Spirit and living a life of confession and repentance. Surely this was a divine appointment!

We then proceeded to share the gospel with Joey yet again! Speaking honestly about the reality and nature of sin and the need for forgiveness and reconciliation through Christ. And that good works flow from being justified in Christ, not that we try to attain our own justification through our own righteousness.

He stated that he believes he is a Christian because he tries to be a good person. We graciously and yet firmly challenged him that being a Christian means repentance and faith in Christ, not putting makeup on a corpse in our attempts to save ourselves through our own works. He intently listened the entire time we shared and seemed to be processing and wrestling with his own beliefs. Please, continue to pray for Joey's salvation and that he would repent and believe the gospel!

Our men's ministry has been a continual source of encouragement this year. It is certainly an answer to prayer as this was a focus for us at the beginning of the semester, and God has been working mightily! Nearly 40 college men gathered on a Thursday night to spend time together considering what God calls us to in terms of sexual purity. It is a joy to walk alongside these men as they strive to follow Christ or as they are considering what they believe and the claims of Christ.

I am incredibly grateful for your support and partnership in the gospel and in this ministry, I would not be able to do this without you. As I prepare for overseas ministry next year, there are still special costs that I have been working to raise support for.

As you consider the many causes that are worth your year-end giving, would you please prayerfully consider giving a special one-time, tax-deductible gift of \$200, \$500, \$1000, or another amount to our mission with Cru?

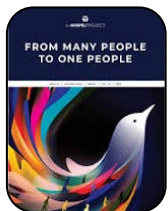
You are a blessing and an encouragement to me, and I hope that this season is one of communion and joy with our God!

Michael Ruel



New in January! From Many People to One People!

Our adult Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall will offer this class about God's love for the world. Our team of teachers will take you into the Bible on a Christ-centered journey. Find real life application!



Yorkshire Church Core Values Statement

•**Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ** - We value a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that is consistently strengthening.

Goal: Help all believers grow into committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

•**Biblical Instruction** - We value Biblical instruction that teaches the Bible as the inspired written revelation of the inerrant Word of God.

Goal: Base all instructions and educational opportunities on the Bible's authority so that seekers find Christ and believers mature in Him.

•**Prayer** - We value prayer that deepens our spiritual intimacy with God.

Goal: Become a church characterized by prayer relying on private and corporate prayer in the conception, planning, and execution of all the ministries and activities of this Church.

•**Worship** - We value worship that is focused on God and is spiritually enriching.

Goal: Share in worship that welcomes participation and strengthens our personal worship as well.

•**Ministry/Service** - We value ministry / service that seeks to honor God in all ministries and activities of the church.

Goal: Maintain a high standard of excellence and encourage congregational participation in all ministries and activities.

•**Fellowship** - We value the importance of fellowship that is joyful inviting, inclusive, and enhances our relationships.

Goal: Foster a community that encourages, comforts, and cares for one another.

Reference Acts 2:42-47

Attention Women of Yorkshire!

The Women's bible Study group will be holding a cookie exchanges again this year and **all are welcome!**



Please join us on December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to participate in the exchange. Be sure to bring a batch (3-4 dozen) of your favorite cookies to share and an extra container to collect!

For those participating in the Bible study, we will be meeting from 6:00-7:00 for our last session of 2023.

Chemo Care Bag

STUFFING DAY!

Saturday, December 9th

10 am - 12 pm

Fellowship Hall

No need to bring anything. Please be on time for instruction & a blessing over the bags!

If you are feeling even the slightest bit unwell, please join us in spirit only!

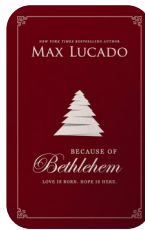


Adults - Exciting Advent Sunday School in December!

We will unite in a whole Sunday School study during Advent with Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem." This four-week session, based on Max Lucado's best-selling book, will look into the wonderful story of Bethlehem and find hope for your heart.

Because of Bethlehem, God knows what it's like to be human. Because of Bethlehem, when we talk to him about tough times, he understands. He's been there. He's been *here*.

Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record...just grace. Rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas who offers lasting hope.





HOLY NIGHT

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DONKEY
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JESUS
JOSEPH
MANGER
MARY

MYRRH
PEACE
SAVIOR
SHEPHERD
STAR
WISE MEN



Thanks to your generosity, the Trustees have been very busy this year!

Your offerings and gifts to Yorkshire have been put to great use this year. Under the leadership of Joshua Strange, Trustees Chair for this year, the Trustees and many other volunteers from the congregation have addressed a number of the physical needs of our church. Here is a partial list of all that was accomplished with the funds provided by you this year.

- The church parking lot has been resealed and new parking lines were painted.
- The projectors in the sanctuary have been replaced and wall control synchronization to the projectors has been completed.
- The two old bathrooms in Fellowship Hall have been converted into a well needed storeroom. Shelving has also been added to this space.
- Baby changing stations have been installed in both bathrooms in Fellowship Hall.
- A new washer / dryer unit has been purchased and installed in the boiler room. This will be heavily utilized by our preschool.
- Caulking has been applied to all needed areas around all entrances to our church building.
- A new leaf blower and vacuum have been purchased to keep our sidewalks free of debris.
- The Education Wing windows are getting a fresh coat of paint.
- A new generator has been purchased and has been installed as well as an update to our electrical panel.
- A survey has been completed for all our HVAC systems in the church building which will lead to an even more efficient monitoring of our systems.
- General landscaping of the grounds is an ongoing effort. Trees have been removed, bushes and hedges were trimmed, and garden areas weeded throughout the year.

There was much general maintenance completed including minor repairs, painting, and replacing of supplies and equipment.

We had two very successful Clean-Up Saturdays this past year, and 04/29/2023 and 10/21/2023 and addressed the following areas:

- The flooring in the Youth Pastor's Office was replaced.
- The Janitor's Closet/Office was cleaned out and organized.
- The Choir Closets were both cleaned out and organized.
- Mulching around the church building was completed.
- The closet in the hallway on the second floor of the Education Wing was cleaned out and organized.
- The storage room in the back of the church and the one to the left of the altar area were both cleaned out and organized.

Without your giving we would not have been able to address as many of the areas that we have been able to do this year.

Thanks to all of you for helping us be even better stewards of our church property.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

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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.

EACH OF YOU SHOULD
GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE
DECIDED IN
YOUR HEART
TO GIVE
NOT RELUCTANTLY OR
UNDER COMPULSION
God LOVES
A CHEERFUL
GIVER
2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

With many people and groups using our facility daily, just a few friendly reminders for using the Church:

- Please remember to make sure lights are turned off.
- Make sure all outside doors are closed properly and locked.
- Please make sure there is no water running (i.e. sinks, toilets etc.)
- Most important... Enjoy our Church!

Become a Yorkshire Church Barista!

This is a simple way to serve and to show hospitality to our congregation and our guests.

Responsibilities:

- Before first service, brew one pot of decaf and one pot of regular. Leave them on burners to stay hot.
- After the sermon, head down to pour the pots of coffee into carafes. Don't forget to set out the sugar, creamer, water and juices from the fridge.
- Once adult Sunday School starts or after Sunday School, please wash carafes and coffee pots. Please put everything away.

To Sign up:

- Please sign up on the bulletin board for a date that will work for you!
- Please watch a quick training video by scanning the QR code or email Shannah at info@yorkshirechurch.org or Julie at jncp@yorkshirechurch.org.

URGENT: The Youth Group needs your help!

As of now we don't have any meals for our December youth group meetings.

During December we are meeting on:

- Sunday, 12/3
- Sunday, 12/10
- Sunday, 12/17

Meals can be dropped off around 5:15-5:20pm at Fellowship Hall or can be left in the kitchen.

If the meal requires preheating please let Joe Blackwood, Sophia Mingora, or Kurtis Himmelberger know.

If you'd like to donate funds to purchase dinner instead of preparing a meal you can do that.

Please see the link below to sign up and get all the information needed to provide a meal to help support our youth group.

Sign Up Sheet: [Youth Group Dinners - TimeToSignUp](#)

CHRISTMAS ISPY

Each month, Yorkshire delivers Zippy Beef casseroles to Our Daily Bread. The casseroles are served to individuals needing a meal. In addition, Yorkshire provides fresh fruit each month. Thanks to the many volunteers who make the Zippy Beef, the Men's group for delivering the casseroles and to Mary Beaverson for delivering the

A gift that costs you nothing now!

There really is such a thing! It's Planned Giving- also known as deferred giving or legacy giving. Planned Giving is a way for you to make a charitable contribution to Yorkshire Church through your financial or estate plan. There may even be tax benefits for you!

It can be as simple as including a couple of lines in your legal will naming Yorkshire Church as a beneficiary of part of your estate. We will be providing more information on Planned Giving in the near future.

If you any immediate questions, please call the church office at (717) 755-4952. Thank you!

Yorkshire: A Praying Church

Are you or a family member experiencing an illness, hospitalization, addiction, anxiety, or experiencing difficulties? Contact the Church Office at 717-755-4952 or info@yorkshirechurch.org.

Your Church family loves you!

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

~Philippians 4:6

Calling All Prayer Warriors

Yorkshire is starting a prayer circle.

The prayer circle will receive requests and pray. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Doris Bubb or Susan Workinger.

We are still looking for volunteers to be Greeters for both the first and second services.

This is an opportunity for you to be the smiling face of Yorkshire Church.

If you can smile, shake a hand and pass our a bulletin, you are qualified. This is an important ministry, especially for prospective new members or those just "church shopping".

We can show those new folks that we are a welcoming fellowship and happy to have them join us.

Please consider this ministry and contact John Remsen for more information.