

## What's Brewing - January 5, 2024

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New Year



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*Greetings Yorkshire Church and Happy New Year!*

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Each of these sayings invoke a specific emotion in us. For some, it is great Hope. The statements help us to remember specific times in our lives that were filled with great joy, and we either cherish the memories, or look forward to a time of new ones. For others, the statements bring a sense of peace. After all, there is a peace about Christmas that surpasses all other times during the year. In “Happy New Year,” peace is something that we hope for following a year that we may not have cherished, or a year in which we dealt with certain challenges. Everyone wants the “New Year” to be better than the previous one.

Maybe the statements bring joy. The season of Advent and the twelve days of Christmas are filled with great moments; moments with friends and family, moments which include wonderful traditions and activities. And the statements also remind us that everything we do, even in hope, peace, and joy, is done as a result of love. Initially, it is God’s love for us that we are able to respond to. It is also our love for God in which He gifts us with each of these things and much, much more.

Regardless of how you experience the seasonal statements of “Merry Christmas, Happy New Year,” we now turn our focus on their realities. We have celebrated the incarnate birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, acknowledged that He will return in a second Advent, and are now living in the “new year.” We look forward to what lies ahead. Individually, and as His Church. As I considered how I would start this episode of “What’s Brewing,” I was led to a verse in Isaiah chapter 43:18-19. As we have considered the ups and downs of the nation of Israel, we can see that Isaiah provides great advice to God’s Children, who, were probably not much different than us:

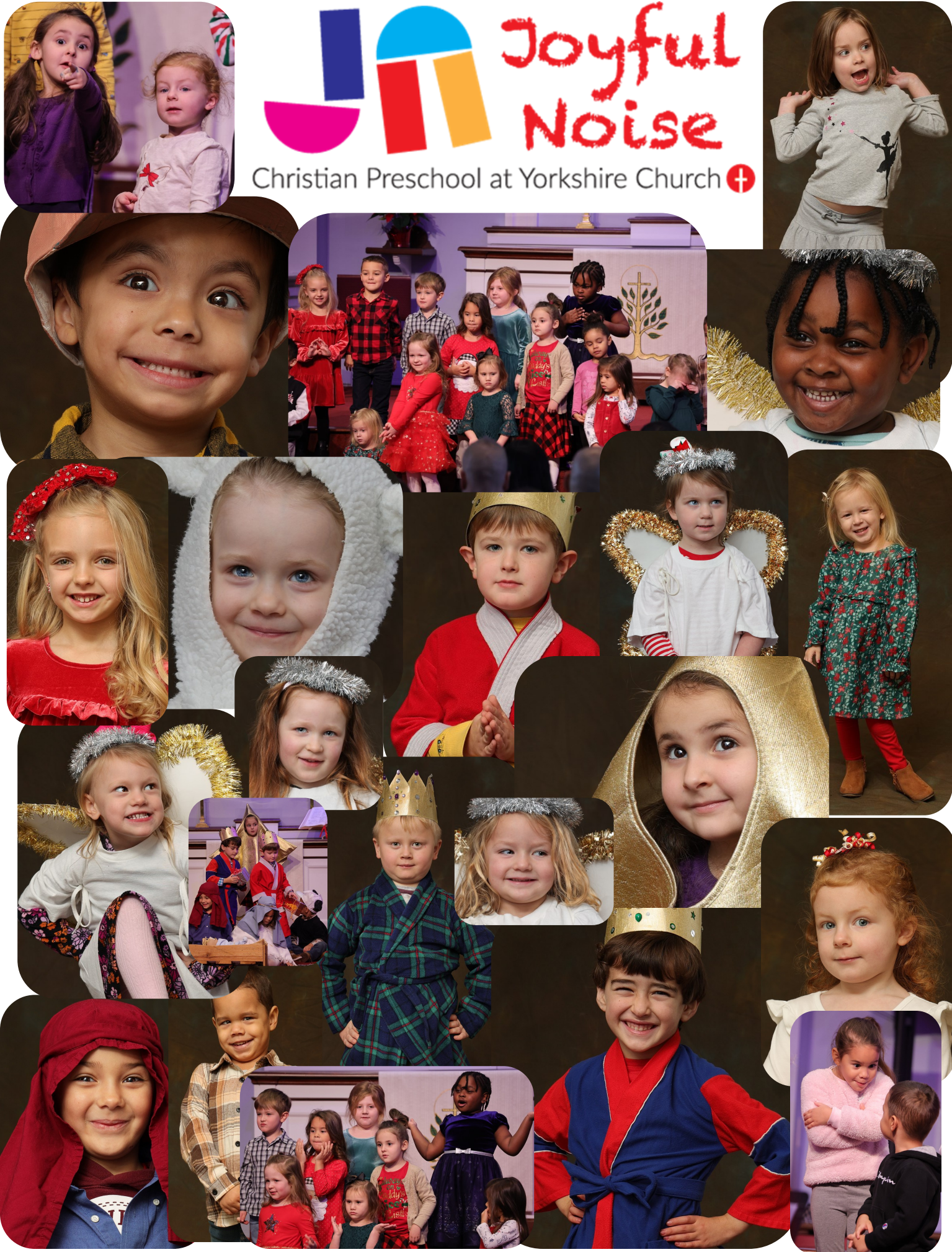
“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”

This is very appropriate to consider as we begin this new year. We need to be cognizant of the past, last year, and all that we have come to know throughout our lives, but Isaiah’s words tell us that the past can teach and illustrate but it must not bind. The Lord always has greater things in store; he is revealed in the past, but he is always more than the past revealed. So, regardless of how hope, peace, joy, and love manifest themselves in your heart, we can continue to look forward to how God is working in our lives. Isaiah’s teachings represent a positive aspect of what lies ahead compared to the past! For Yorkshire Church, I am excited to see where God leads us in 2024!

*May you find peace, joy, and love in your hopes for 2024!*

-pastor dave.

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**Yorkshire Family,**

**I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and you were able to spend quality time with your families.**

**The preschool was able to end its school year with a successful Christmas Program. It was a great time for all of the preschool families to be together. The students did a wonderful job acting out the Christmas story and singing Christmas songs for their families. After the program we had a great time of fellowship.**

**The students really enjoyed receiving their Bibles as Christmas gifts. Thank you so much to those who were able to sponsor one or more of our students with a Bible. Your monetary gifts are really appreciated.**

**January is always a fun month at JNCP. We have Pajama Day scheduled in the middle of the month. This happens to be one of my favorite days of preschool. We serve breakfast for snack and each student can wear their favorite pajamas and bring their favorite stuffy. It doesn't get much better than that!**

**At the end of January, we get the privilege to visit our friends at Kreutz Creek Library. Miss Felicia always has a great story time planned and afterwards the students can play with all of the great educational toys they have at the library. While the children are playing, the parents can sign up to receive a library card for their child if they don't already have one.**

**Junior Achievement is a program implemented in public schools, grades k-5<sup>th</sup>, to help empower the next generation with financial literacy and work and career readiness. They have added a preschool curriculum to their current programming. It is designed to introduce young children to basic economic concepts and financial literacy in a fun and engaging manner. Barb Snare has volunteered to teach this five-week interactive program to our preschoolers. We are excited to provide this opportunity for our students.**

**Thank you for your continued support of our preschool.**

**Blessings,**

**Julie**



## **Leadership at Yorkshire 2024**

As we enter the New Year, I would like to acknowledge that during our Church Conference the following leaders were accepted by the Yorkshire Church members. In the role of Administrative Council Chair, Joe Blackwood will be taking the reigns as Jim Valentine hands them to him after a very fruitful 6-year term; a term that successfully navigated many changes at Yorkshire Church. Joe begins his role as Ad Chair as he hands over the reigns of our Staff Parish Relations responsibilities to Randy Fry. I look forward to working with Randy and I believe his experience in HR (Human Relations) leadership in the corporate world will afford our staff and teams great benefit!

The other leadership transition that has taken place is in our Trustees responsibilities. Josh Strange is handing the responsibilities over to Eric Adamson who has been a dedicated member of the Trustee team for a few years. Josh will continue to support the Trustee and church maintenance efforts as he has served the church as Trustee chair for the past two years. If you have been around Yorkshire for these past two to three years, you know that they have been years of great facility and maintenance improvement- all which Josh's leadership has been an instrumental element in their success!

We also welcome Steve Coates to our leadership team in the role of "Member at Large" which is an important role for the church. In this capacity, Steve will participate as a voice of the fellowship at various meetings where his input will be greatly valued. Steve has been very active in Yorkshire Church leadership in many different aspects, most recently activities in which Troop 25 of our Boy Scout Troop was the center.

As a church, it is important to know who our leaders are, and to know that they each have an ear to listen to the fellowship. As leaders in the church, our role is to lead through being servants of the church, we lead through our service- and we are to represent the fellowship of the church and always act with the voice of the people being the basis of what we do. Our new structure breaks our leadership responsibilities into three areas:

First are the operations of the church; "Operations." This is the business aspect of what we do. It involves the responsibility of financial management, taking care of the physical needs of our building(s) and property, and providing all our employee associates the support that they need to fulfill their goals and objectives. The leaders of this element of our church leadership team are:

Joe Blackwood: Admin Team Chair

Doug Berman: Finance Chair

Elke Yingling: Treasurer

Randy Fry: Staff Parish Relations Chair (SPRC)

Eric Adamson: Trustee Chair

Frank Herron: Church Lay Leader

Dave Kominsky: Pastor

Second is the leadership of the ministries that we provide. We call this "Nurture." This includes our worship and education elements. It is the single most important aspect of the church; what we teach and preach which involves worship, Sunday school, Bible study, and small group programming. Our leaders in Nurture are:

Barb Snare: Education Chair

Wendy Mingora: Worship Team Chair

Dave Kominsky: Pastor

\*Also involved are our musician leaders:

Michaela Monticchio

Jazze Palmer

Jackie Linsey

Beth Gross



Leadership at Yorkshire 2024 (cont.)

Third is our Missions and Outreach Team; “Outreach.” This team focuses on our outreach programs in two basic categories, outreach to our Yorkshire Church fellowship and direct neighborhood community, and outreach to our missionaries beyond our church community. The focus is based on Acts 1:8,

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

As Yorkshire Church, we consider the “Jerusalem” aspect of this verse to be our local church and community. This includes events such as Rally Day, Trunk or Treat, Christmas Fun Days and even activities such as Hanging of the Greens, etc. We consider Judea and Samaria to be missions throughout the region and country such as our support to LifePath, and Micah Ruch (Cru) at West Chester State University. We look at our overseas missions’ support as fulfilling “the ends of the earth,” which include our support of Rebecca Jacobs (Time Ministries), Kim Knaub (Pioneers) and Henry Hauser (Literacy for All). Our leaders in this area of our church are:

- Jerusalem: Vacant- new leader pending!
- Susan Worker: Judea, Samaria, ends of the earth  
(Cru, Time Ministries, Literacy for All, Pioneers, LifePath)

Rounding out our leadership team are the Lay Leader and Members at Large which provide support to all aspects of our leadership team while representing the voice of the fellowship. While the members at large represent the church fellowship to the leadership team, The Lay Leader provides direct support to the “Operations” aspect of the leadership while also being a direct representative of the overall church to leadership as well as the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.

- Frank Herron: Lay Leader
- Fran Lucash: Member at Large
- Steve Coates: Member at Large

Finally, is the Lay Member to annual conference who gets to represent all things Yorkshire to the Annual Conference of the Susquehanna Conference- a multi-day meeting held in the May/June timeframe each year to conduct the conference level business that is required.

- Jim Valentine: Lay Member to Annual Conference
- Steve Spangler: Alternate Member to Annual Conference

So, as you can see, we are truly blessed in those that God has called to lead our great church. The most important thing to remember is that each of these men and women are in place to serve you, pray for you, and most importantly, seek God’s discernment in their decisions and activities to guide Yorkshire Church to where He is calling us. Please feel free to discuss your thoughts, ideas, and even concerns with any of the folks that I have listed. We will be working to ensure that all meetings are published ahead of time and I invite you to attend any meeting that you would like to participate in. (There may be exceptions based on meetings that involve the discussion of personnel matters). Rember, “we” are the church!

Other Information



Weather Cancellations & Schedule Changes

There may be situations where we are required to modify our Sunday morning or event schedules due to weather concerns. Communication in these situations is always difficult, and sometimes done with a short timeline, most often based on snow or ice-based conditions. Here are the ways in which we will communicate schedule changes and/or cancellations:

**Website:** <https://www.yorkshirechurch.org/> We will post the schedule modifications directly on the Home page of the site.

**Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/YorkshireUMC>

**Church Answering Machine:** Call into the church office for a recorded announcement: (717)755-4952

When you become aware of a schedule change, you can help spread the word by calling anyone you know who may not have web or Facebook access and by “sharing” the social media posting to your page.



De-hanging of the Greens

Please plan on joining us on Saturday January 13, 2024 at 9:00 am to take down our Christmas decorations. Plan on a good hour or two... I will make sure that there is coffee and donuts and maybe some other snacks to enjoy during this time of fellowship! It is a bit sad to see the Christmas decorations come down, but I am excited to see what our Worship Support Team has in mind for decorations in the new year!

Yorkshire Men’s Fellowship

Wednesday Mornings 6AM,

Beginning Sep 13th

Fellowship Hall

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S

The Truth project

Truth

Man

God

Social Order

This Men's Fellowship is a come-as-you-are group who gather each week to share in fellowship, devotion, and Bible Study. Some come every week, others when they can, so if you haven't come to a study before, give it a try. All are welcome to this group who simply enjoy weekly fellowship!

Men’s Fellowship

The Men’s Fellowship will commence its 2024 gatherings on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be continuing with a study called “The Truth Project” which has truly proven to lead us into deep discussion, as well as reflective thought on topics such as “what is truth,” “who is man,” and “what is true.” The sessions are not cumulative so if you have not participated in the past with this study, you will be able to simply pick up the study at any time. We attempt to complete our discussions by 7AM, but often, several take time for additional fellowship following our sessions! Wednesday Men’s fellowship is truly a blessing – and I assure you – it is not just because of the donuts and coffee!