

Yorkshire Inspire

April 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the holiest of all the seasons of the Christian calendar, think of these words from the Apostle Paul as he wrote to the Philippian Church: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

The week begins with Palm Sunday... a great day; a happy day. We know what that day is about! Read about it in Matthew 21:1-11. It's a day that involves a king and a colt, plus crowds and cloaks. But the Palm Sunday story is not just about a king and a colt, or a crowd and their cloaks. It's also about Kenosis. It's a Greek word -- a word that's untranslatable. The word Kenosis comes to us in Paul's letter to the Philippians, and it's much harder to understand than the meaning of the other Palm Sunday words: king, colt, crowd and cloak.

In Scientific American, Tim Lomas writes about the magic of untranslatable words. He started by listing 216 of these words, but his latest list stands at 601. He is convinced that exploring these foreign terms can make our lives richer. Kenosis is one of these words. It means "emptiness," but has deeper significance in that it communicates the self-emptying that Christ voluntarily offered on the cross. Holy Week forces us to confront kenosis, a word that is difficult, but full of significance for anyone who is trying to follow Jesus Christ.

In this holy season we need to read that Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. We need to read that Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross" (vv. 7-8). This is where we learn that Jesus is "emptied out." Christ Jesus "emptied himself," taking the form of a slave so that he looked for all the world like an ordinary, very common, nondescript, perhaps even marginalized human being!

Palm Sunday would be easy to understand if it contained only the familiar: kings, colts, crowds and cloaks. But kenosis – that Jesus is on the way to empty himself – turns our expectations upside down. Precisely because Jesus emptied, humbled, lowered and abased himself, God exalted him and made him the king of all creation.

But Jesus often turns our expectations upside down... or right-side up. Think of these examples:

- To be blessed, be a blessing to others.
- To receive love, give love.
- To be honored, first be humble.
- To truly live, die to yours
- To gain the unseen, let go of the seen.
- To receive, first give.
- To save your life, lose it.
- To lead, be a servant.
- To be first, be last.

Palm Sunday has always been a predictable story of kings, colts, crowds and cloaks. But Paul has added to the story... Kenosis – the self-emptying of Jesus, grounded in humility and obedience. The rest of the week doesn't go so well for Jesus as he empties himself. **But it still leads to the fullness of victory. Jesus is risen, my friends. It brings us a heavenly fullness.**

Better Disciples, More Disciples.
In Christ's love,

Roger



A P R I L

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2  7pm Maundy Thursday Service | 3  7pm Good Friday Service | 4 |
| 5  9:30am Brass Quartet 10am Easter Service | 6  Easter Holiday Church Office Closed | 7 5:30pm-7:30pm Preschool Open House  | 8 6am Men's Ministry  6pm Bible Study | 9 8am Prayer Breakfast  6:15pm Choir Rehearsal  | 10 | 11  9am Mulch Delivery Outside Work Day |
| 12 4pm-5pm Healthy Kids Running Series 5:30pm Youth Group  | 13 7pm Women's Bible Study  | 14 | 15 6am Men's Ministry  6pm Bible Study | 16 8am Prayer Breakfast  6:15pm Choir Rehearsal  | 17 | 18 |
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REMINDERS

Our Daily Bread

Please consider your commitment to make casseroles for Our Daily Bread in 2026.

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex.

Yorkshire also provides fresh fruit each month.

A donation container for the fruit fund can be found in the narthex.

Youth Group Meals

Please consider making or buying meal for our Youth Group. This is a great time for them to break bread together!

Women's Ministry - Bible Study

Mondays @7pm

3/19-5/11 - More Than Enough

by Christine Hoover

(Skipping 4/6)

5/18 - Potluck Dinner @6pm

Online Giving

We encourage members to sign up for our secure online giving website.

Online giving allows you to support the church, preschool & missions.

Sign up today at

www.yorkshire.churchcenter.com/giving



Address/Telephone Changes

If you have any changes to your address, telephone number or email please let the church office know.

We want to have the most up to date information!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

We are having a combined Easter Service starting at 10:00 A.M. We will have Jazze Palmer on keyboard, Jackie Lindsey on organ, a special brass quartet, and Matt Hochmiller leading our choir performing throughout the service. It will be a spirit-filled celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You won't want to miss it!

As an added special treat, the brass quartet will be performing a selection of Easter/Lenten music as a mini-concert starting at 9:30 A.M. prior to our formal Easter service which starts at 10:00 A.M. Please plan to arrive by 9:30 A.M. and take advantage of letting the sounds of the brass prepare your heart and mind as we will celebrate our resurrected Lord.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Good News and a heartfelt Thank You!

Last month in March, Yorkshire was able to make an extra \$8000 payment against the principal of our current construction loan we incurred for the fellowship hall renovations. After this extra payment posted, our current balance on the construction loan is \$252,716.

This extra payment was made as a direct result of the generosity of members of our congregation designating a portion of their giving to the Building Fund. The designated giving to the Building Fund is directly used to allow us to make timely payments on our principal and interest on the loan and to help cover any building upkeep related expenses. We ended 2025 with a surplus in this fund and decided to make an additional payment towards our construction loan. Thank you so much for your continued support as we begin another year of upkeep on our beloved Yorkshire Church building.

In His Service, Elke Yingling - Treasurer

A Note of Thanks

March 20, 2026

Dear Women's Bible Study of Yorkshire Church,

Thank you for holding a collection for the Panther Pantry! The birthday kits that you put together are always so well received by our families! Thank you so much for putting them together again this year. Thank you also for the additional items that were collected as well. These will be used to re-stock our shelves for our April distribution night. Thank you for your efforts and for helping to support the Panther Pantry!

Sincerely,

Renee Decker
Co-Director of the Panther Pantry

Regina Peckmann
Co-Director of the Panther Pantry



Church Picnic

Our Church Picnic is slated to be held in June at Springettsbury Park. More information to come soon!



Women's Bible Study

Please join us for our last Women's Bible Study before our summer break.

"More Than Enough" by Chritine Hoover will kick off on
March 23rd and go until May 18th (skipping 4/6).

In this 8-session, verse-by-verse study on 2 Corinthians, Christine Hoover guides you through one of Paul's most personal letters to discover how God is the ultimate source of the strength and sufficiency you need. You'll find that God gives you strength to go on—through troubles, disappointments, and temptations—and strength to go forth, equipping you to serve Him and compelling you to share the gospel. Weakness is not a disqualifier or a flaw in our design. In fact, God shows Himself most powerfully in and through our fragility and vulnerability.

We're called, then, not to work harder or to hide our weaknesses,
but to call upon God's infinite resources and rely on Him.

A group of women in different seasons of life meet on Mondays in Fellowship Hall at 7pm. It is a safe environment where we cheer each other on through life's trials and celebrations.

We hope to see you there.

Men at the Sixes

The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:00-7:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. We currently have 17 men who meet each week to study the Word of God. Each week the men are greeted with hot coffee, delicious doughnuts, and tremendous Christian fellowship. We are looking for more men to be part of this exciting and growing ministry. We are currently studying the series called *Recovering Redemption: How Christ Changes Everything* by Matt Chandler. We'll be studying this through April 8th.

There is still time for some more men to join us for the remainder of this study.

On April 22nd we'll begin a new series called *Kingdom Man* by Tony Evans. You were created for greatness. From America's heartland to its inner-city streets, there is a desperate cry. It's the cry for Kingdom Men. In this Bible study, participants will be challenged to recognize and claim the standard of greatness that God has set forth in His Word. We will learn what it means to be a kingdom man who accepts responsibility for his domain of influence, lives by kingdom principles, and devotes his life to advancing God's kingdom at home, at church, and in the world. This is a six-week study comprised of both video and discussion and delving into the scripture. Consider if God is speaking directly to your heart to grow more in the Word and to take advantage of this unique men's fellowship.

Contact Frank Herron at 717-887-3792 if you would like more information about this group or study series and/or if you would like to join us.

We'd love to have you be a part of this fellowship.



golf News

Golf Scramble Tournaments

There are two Yorkshire Golf Scramble Tournaments scheduled this year for Friday, April 17th and Friday, May 22nd. These are both “best ball” scrambles.

The April 17th tee time is 8:02 A.M. and the May 22nd tee time is 9:04 A.M.

We hope to get two foursomes for each of these dates. There are no greens fees for these two tournaments. They are both FREE. This is open to anyone, ladies or men, attending Yorkshire Church or who participates in the Yorkshire Golf Group. You don't have to be a regular on the Yorkshire Golf Group to join in the fun. The foursomes are evenly organized. These are both days filled with great fellowship, lots of golfing fun, and plenty of ESPN Golf Highlight Shots.

Let Frank Herron know of your interest by contacting him at 717-887-3792.

First-come-first-serve.



Golfers Wanted

Each spring and summer, a group of Yorkshire golfers (and some golfers from other churches) play 9-holes of non-competitive golf each week on either a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening. We usually meet around 5:00-5:15 pm 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 that we have great fellowship every time.

We plan to start our “season” the first week of April. Attendance each week is NOT mandatory. Play on the weeks that you are available.

All interested golfers should contact Frank Herron at 717-877-3792

or at fsherron@comcast.net to get on the email list.

Please provide Frank your cell phone number and email address.

The email notice of upcoming golfing outings will be sent to everyone on the list.

All you need to do is RSVP your attendance each week that you can attend.



Prayer Chain

**Do you or someone you know need prayer?
Would you like us to pray for you or someone
dear to your heart?**

**If so, please reach out to any member of
Yorkshire's Prayer Chain listed below.**

Doris Bubb - 717-757-2937

Norey & Fran Lucash - 717-654-8290

John Remsen - 815-218-1425

Susi & Barry Julius - 717-266-0398

Pat Himes - 717-757-5935

Gale Davis - 717-757-6713

Linda Parkes - 717-817-9503

Sallie Reigart - 717-755-9309

Ginny Browne - 717-757-3156

Gail Weston - 717-757-1784

Charlotte Aulthouse - 717-578-2000

PRAY
- more -
WORRY
less



*Bible Study Group
Breaking bread
@ El Serrano*

Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday School Fun!



OUR PRESCHOOL IS GROWING!

With growing comes the need for an additional teacher.

We are looking for:

4's – Teacher – M, W, F 8:30-1pm.

Must have teaching experience.

Contact the church if you or someone you know is interested!




Youth Director

**We are seeking someone to serve
as our Director of Youth Ministries.**

This is a paid, part-time position.

**Please reach out to Pastor Roger
if you or someone you know is interested.**



PRESCHOOL NEWS

**Thank you for the support of our R&K fundraiser.
Because of your support we were
able to raise \$1300!**

T H A N K Y O U

Healthy Kids Running Series

JNCP & Yorkshire Church will be participating in the Healthy Kids Running Series.

This is an opportunity to be visible and supportive in our community.

HKRS is a national non-profit that was created to motivate kids to lead a healthy lifestyle through running. It's an inclusive youth running experience where kindness is taught and every runner is cheered for. If a family cannot afford the cost of the program, there are opportunities to apply for registration assistance.

The dates for the spring series are April 12th, 19th, 26th, May 10th & 17th.

The first race starts at 4pm and the last race starts around 5pm.

Each race day we set up an area with an engaging activity to keep the kids busy before the races start. Once the races begin helpers are needed to direct the runners.

We would love for you to pick a day or five to come out and be one of the community volunteers.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the church lobby.





4yr old class





3yr old class





2yr old class

Preschool Family Fun Night



fAMILY



Friends

Welcome Back Pastor Roger!

**We welcomed Pastor Roger back from his vacation
with some surprises at his desk.**

**His favorite lollipops, soft pretzels and lots of fun decorations!
We hope he knows we missed him!!**





HE IS RISEN

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www.yorkshirechurch.org
Office Hours 8a-2pm**

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