

Yorkshire Inspire – May 2026

Dear Yorkshire Friends,

This is a simple note on something that is crucial in the church: HOSPITALITY.

Over the last week, I ran into an old YouTube presentation of an excerpt of a program from England called “Britain’s Got Talent.” If you have internet access, go to YouTube and do a search on the name: “Susan Boyle.” Watch the version that lasts 7 minutes. If you don’t have internet access, or don’t know how to do it, get one of your kids or grandkids to show it to you.

I’ve seen it dozens of times. I have sat before the screen weeping like a child each time. I love it so much.

Susan was a 47-year-old Scottish woman in 2009. She appeared on the stage in front of a full house, slightly plump, short brown curly hair, looking quite uncomfortable in a rather plain dress. She told the judges that she was single, unemployed, lived with her cat, Pebbles, and had never been kissed. When asked what her dream was, she replied, “To be a professional singer.” The audience responded with laughter that she had the audacity to say such a thing. When she added that she wanted to be as famous as Elaine Paige, “the first lady of British musical theater,” members of the audience snickered and rolled their eyes.

But after only a few notes, of “I Dreamed a Dream,” from the musical “Les Miserable,” the same audience erupted in cheers and applause. The judge’s jaws dropped in amazement and surprise. As she continued to perform, the audience rose to their feet and remained on their feet for the rest of her performance. And when it was over, both the audience and judges stood to applaud. Even the notoriously critical Simon Cowell was smiling ear to ear. (You really need to watch this for the full effect.)

It was a living parable. How often do we assess people from their appearance? How often do we give attention to the outwardly beautiful? Why do we so often celebrate the beauty of a man or woman while ignoring the fact that they have consistently rendered poor moral courage and judgment? Have you ever imagined that in our day of television values, Abraham Lincoln (who apparently was no looker) would never have been elected?

Scripture is consistent in its warning: John 7:24 teaches – “Stop judging by mere appearances and make a right judgment.” In Matthew, Jesus is angry and reprimands the Jewish leaders, saying, “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside, but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean.”

Where would the Jewish nation have been if Samuel operated under those principles? He looked over the 7 sons of Jesse as he looked for one of them to anoint as king. And he chose David, the youngest and least likely candidate.

I am proud to serve a church that understands this principle. We have learned to accept and value all persons as children of God. We must never, ever do otherwise. In each one, there are gifts which God values. It is ours to encourage each to blossom and grow. There are too many churches who shun the unlovely. We shall not be one of them.

A young, disheveled, long-haired man came into a crowded church on Easter. Finding no seat, he went to the front and sat on the floor. You could see the congregation buzzing with judgment and disgust, wondering how to handle this situation that should not be happening. After a minute, an elderly 80-year-old pillar of the church, stood from his place and walked down to the young man. The crowd anticipated that he was going to usher the young man somewhere more appropriate. To their surprise, the old gentleman took a seat in a great act of hospitality. God help us be consistently like that.

Better Disciples, More Disciples,

Yours in Christ’s love, Pastor Roger





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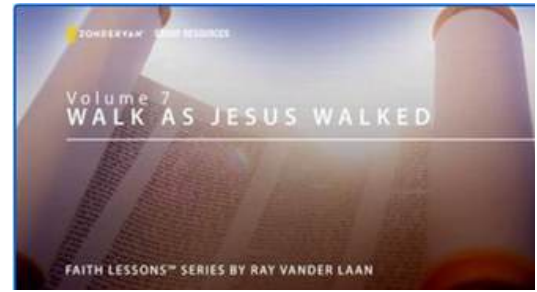


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Adult Sunday School in the Sanctuary

The new video study in the sanctuary, Ray Vander Laan's "Walk as Jesus Walked," is a five-session faith lesson series exploring how early Christians translated Jesus' call to discipleship into a Roman-dominated culture. Filmed in Asia Minor, it challenges believers to passionately "walk" like Jesus by imitating his devotion to God and community, even under pressure.



Men at the Sixes Bible Study Just Began a New Series

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.

On April 22nd we began 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 twelve-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. There is still time for new members to be part of this 12-week study.

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

Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

The current Gospel Project study is continuing. At the end of May, a new study "The Son Has Come" will begin. The eternal Son of God entered history with humble beginnings as a baby but fulfilled prophecies from Old Testament writers. He came as fully God and fully man to grow in wisdom and stature. He was baptized and tempted but never sinned. Loved by some and hated by others, Jesus disrupted the religious standards of the day to usher forth the kingdom of God to bring salvation to all nations.



PICNIC

Church Picnic in the Park

June 14th 4pm-7pm

(please note the time change)

Springettsbury Township Park, 1501 Mt Zion Rd

Pavillion next to the tennis courts

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs provided - Please bring a side dish to share!

Sign-up sheet in the church lobby



Save
the
Date

Yorkshire Golfers

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 golf courses in the York area.

The emphasis is on fellowship. Attendance each week is NOT mandatory.

Play on the weeks that you are available.

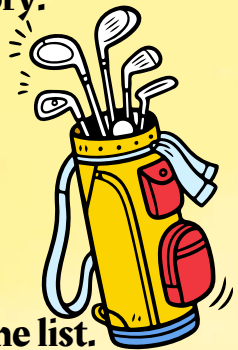
All interested golfers should contact Frank Herron at 717-887-3792

or at fserron@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.



Reminder

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!

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.

Pentecost Sunday - Flower Order

Order forms for Red Geraniums are in the Narthex for Pentecost Sunday.

The flowers are 4.5" pots for \$5.50 each. Checks made payable to Yorkshire Church.

Orders are due by May 11th.

Our Preschool is GROWING!

With growing comes the need for additional teachers.

We are looking for a 4's – Teacher – M, W, F 8:30-1pm

Must have teaching experience.

Contact the church if you or someone you know is interested in either position.

Youth Director Needed!

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

This is a part-time paid position.

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

Sound Board Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to help out with the Sound Board at the 11:15 am service.

See Frank Herron or contact him at 717-887-3792 for more information

Kitchen Use

Please remember when using the kitchen and appliances to turn them off and unplug them. We have had a couple occasions where coffee was still on Monday morning and burning the pot.

Youth Group Meals

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

2026 Annual Conference

The 2026 Annual Conference will be held Thursday, June 4 - Saturday, June 6, 2026

and will be held at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport, PA.

The conference launches a three-year journey of embodied discipleship themed
"RISE UP! Love Boldly | Transform the World".

Based on Matthew 22:36-40. When a lawyer of the Pharisees asked a question to test Jesus "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law." And he said to him "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, this is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and prophets."

This initiative calls for churches such as ours to deepen our faith, live out our proclamation, and broaden our love for God and neighbors, marking a season of renewal for congregations.

Our transformative part in the World is to make our church visible to the York community in all our actions. Whether extending invitations to women, men and couples to join in small groups to share future hopes or helping with the events such as the Healthy Kids Running Series or a church picnic there are opportunities to rise up! Pastor Roger's messages have a call to action with radical hospitality as a welcoming action and passionate Worship. Our Educational ministry teams are equipping children, youth and adults with Gospel knowledge of how best to share the love of God, understand how God Shows Grace in spite of our rebellion and how to Walk as Jesus Walked.

If you would like additional information on our Annual Conference, there is a pre-conference meeting with Rev. Dr. Kathy Kind, Director of Connectional Ministries on Saturday, May 16, 2026, 9:00am - 11:00am at Fishing Creek Salem United Methodist Church, 402 Valley Road, Etters, PA 17319.

Please see Steve Coates or contact me at 717-818-6789 if you are interested.

I will be serving for the second year in these annual conference proceedings and have learned more about what it means to be a part of the United Methodist Church.

Thank you, Steve Coates

Collecting Items for Mission Central Kits

Every year the generosity of our Annual Conference is such a blessing.

This year we are asking for your help in filling in the gaps for two kits (Activity Kit & Care Kit) that our volunteers prepare and ship.

As Yorkshire has collected items last year, lay delegate Steve Coates will bring them to Annual Conference.

These will be transported to a collection truck for our drop off of donations.

OUR RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE HAND TOWELS AND ERASERS.

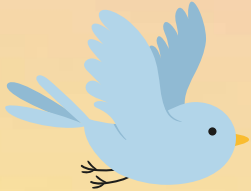
These will be combined with our four other districts . Each District will be asked to provide the following items:

- Freedom Trail: Gallon Ziploc bags and scissors
- Mountain Valley: Hand towels and erasers
- Northern Wilds: Soap and nail clippers
- North Central Rivers: Spiral single subject notebooks and rulers
- **River Valley: Hand towels and erasers**

Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.



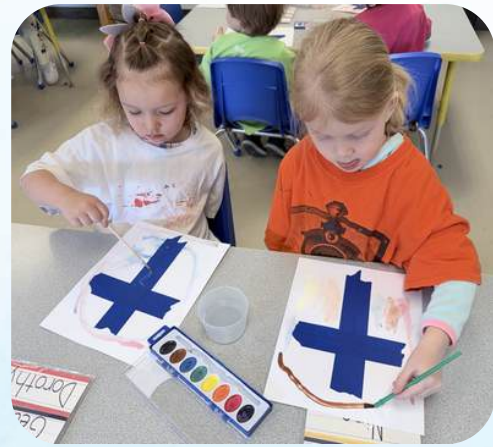
CLIMB Kids Sunday School



2yr old class



3yr old class



4yr old class



**A mother's love, a guiding hand,
A faith that helps me understand.
She taught me how to trust and pray,
And walk with Jesus every day.**



Wishing all the ladies a blessed Mother's Day!

YORKSHIRE CHURCH CORE VALUES STATEMENTS

(APPROVED 2023)

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 instruction 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

