



Yorkshire Inspire

October 2026

Dear Yorkshire Friends,

As we anticipate World Communion Sunday on October 4, the first Sunday of the month, I found the following article very interesting. A friend forwarded it to me. It expands the notion of Holy Communion beyond the bounds of the earth. I hope you find it thrilling as I did. The article reports:

The first food and drink consumed on the moon was the reserved sacrament of communion. At first, it was kept secret. To mark the 40th anniversary of the first Apollo moon landing, Bosco Peters has posted the details of this Christian act of worship 235,000 miles from the earth. The First Communion on the Moon is now one of The Episcopal Church's 'lesser feasts and fasts', he writes.

On Sunday July 20, 1969, the first people landed on the moon. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were in the lunar lander, which touched down at 3:17 Eastern Standard Time. Buzz Aldrin had with him the Reserved Sacrament. He radioed: Houston, "This is Eagle. This is the LM pilot speaking. I would like to request a few moments of silence. I would like to invite each person listening in, whoever or wherever he may be, to contemplate for a moment the events of the last few hours, and to give thanks in his own individual way."

Later he wrote: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the Scripture: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit.' I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute, Deke Slayton had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly. The Eagle metal body creaked. I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think: The very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

NASA kept this secret for two decades. The memoirs of Buzz Aldrin and the Tom Hanks Emmy-winning HBO mini-series, "From the Earth to the Moon (1998), made people aware of this act of Christian worship 235,000 miles from earth.

Isn't that inspiring? It brings to mind the powerful words of Psalm 8: "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him...?" We sing: "He's got the whole world in his hands." But maybe that is too small a thing, for the grace of God fills the universe with love. Think about it.

Better Disciples, More Disciples,

Yours in Christ's love,
Pastor Roger





October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Choir	2	3
4 530p Youth Group	5 7pm Women's Bible Study	6	7 6am Men @ Sixes 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm The Well	8 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Choir	9	10
11 530p Youth Group	12 7pm Women's Bible Study	13	14 6am Men @ Sixes 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm The Well	15 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Choir	16	17 11am Ernie Morgan's Memorial Service
18 530p Youth Group	19 7pm Women's Bible Study	20	21 6am Men @ Sixes 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm The Well	22 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Choir	23	24 10-12pm Trunk or Treat 
25 530p Youth Group	26 7pm Women's Bible Study	27	28 6am Men @ Sixes 6pm Bible Study 7:15pm The Well	29 8am Prayer Breakfast 6pm Choir	30	31 

REMINDERS

Preschool Board meeting

Monday, October 12 at 6:30pm

Guest Pastors

While Pastor Roger is away the following guest Pastors will be joining us.

September 27, 2026 - Pastor Terry Robinson

October 4, 2026 - Pastor Bud Bish

November 8, 2026 - Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders

November 15, 2026 - Pastor Megan Barnett

Celebration of Ernie Morgan

Saturday, October 17, at 11:00 AM

Trunk or Treat

Oct 24th from 10-12pm

Candy donations are needed by Oct 18th

Sign up sheets in the narthex for decorated trunks

Youth Group Meals

Donations are needed for meals for the Youth Group.

There is a signup sheet in the narthex.

Please see Joe Blackwood with questions.

Yorkshire T-shirts

T-shirts are for sale in the narthex for \$20/each.

There are a variety of sizes available.

Place your cash or check in the envelope and mark as t-shirt money.

Adult Sunday School

The first six week series begins September 20-October 25th.

"When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box"; by John Ortberg.

Using popular games as a metaphor for our temporal lives, this six-session video study neatly sorts out what's fleeting and what's permanent in God's kingdom. Being master of the board is not the point; being rich toward God is. Winning the game of life on earth is a temporary victory; loving God and other people with all our hearts is an eternal one.



TRUNK OR TREAT



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24

10am - 12pm

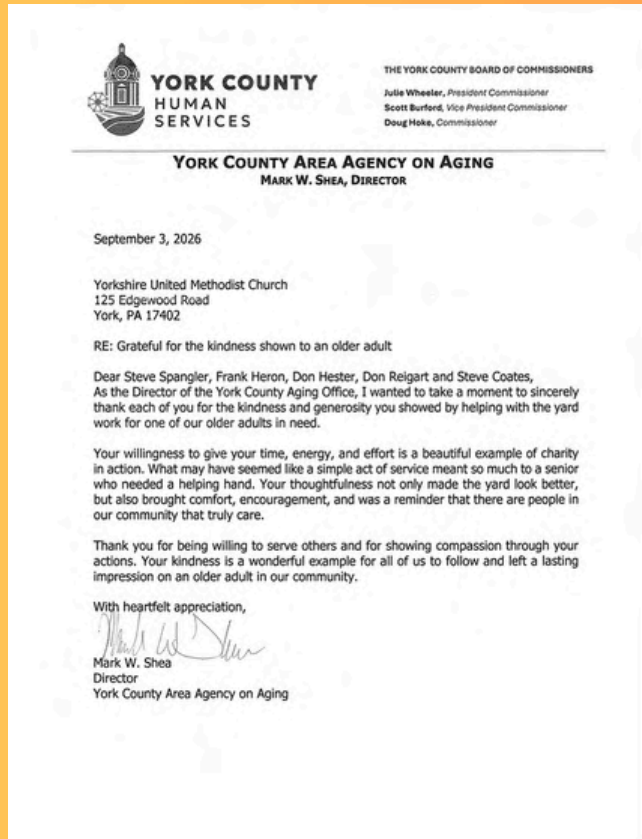


Games, Crafts, Food for Sale by Boy
Scouts, Lots of Candy, Lots of Fun

Yorkshire Church 125 Edgewood Rd.

Men's Group - Servant Project

We were contacted by the Area Agency on Aging with a request to help an elderly gentleman clean up his yard. Our Men's Group consisting of Steve Spangler, Frank Herron, Don Hester, Steve Coastes and Don Reigart took on the project. Thank you to this group for assisting in this time of need!





Community Fest FUN!

We had a wonderful time during our
Community Fest.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who
made this a day of fun for everyone!



Community Fest FUN!



Joyful Noise Christian Preschool



**WELCOME BACK
to our 2yr old Class!**



Joyful Noise Christian Preschool

**WELCOME BACK
to our 3yr old Class!**



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**WELCOME BACK to our
4yr old Blue Class!**

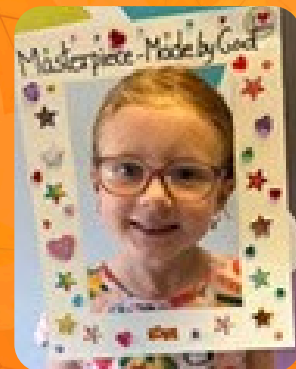
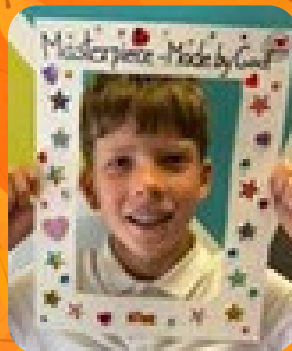
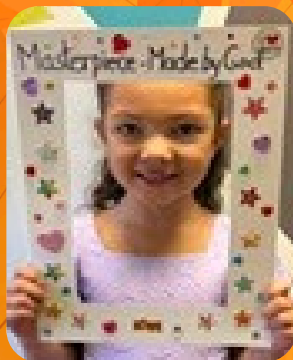


Joyful Noise Christian Preschool

WELCOME BACK to our
4yr old Green Class!



CLIMB Sunday School





Our **MISSION STATEMENT**

If someone asked you what was special about Yorkshire Church, how would you respond? What could we tell someone that was short- easy to remember and focused on what is truly important to us as a Church? Yorkshire's leadership team has been considering this very topic for quite some time. After much review and discussion, we've decided on these 7 words as our new "Mission Statement":

Follow Jesus. Live His Word. Love People

A Mission Statement is an expression of the purpose and direction for an organization. These 7 words are easy to remember, easy to share, and focused on Jesus and his teachings. You will soon see Yorkshire's new "Mission Statement" displayed throughout the church, perhaps on a banner or on a brochure. Maybe projected in the sanctuary before our worship service, or listed on our website. But most importantly, we hope each of us will commit this to memory, and adopt these 7 words as both Yorkshire's "Mission statement" and perhaps our own as well.

Follow Jesus. Live His Word. Love People.

Easy to remember; easy to share; focused on Jesus and his teachings. May they guide us as we go forward in mission as God's church at Yorkshire.



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JESUS.



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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

