

Bible Study Coming

On **Wednesday the 16th** at 6:30PM, an 8 session Bible Study on the Lord's Prayer will begin. We will offer this in the sanctuary and on Live Stream. Each session will include a 20 min video followed by discussion questions and prayer (no more than an hour per session). Those watching Live Stream can make comments in the comment box if you would like, but most of the conversation will be from those who are attending in person. More than ever in our Christian lives do we need to pray and seek God's guidance. Come and be part of this timely study.

Compassion Center News

Volunteer Update and Thanks! The Compassion Center can't operate without volunteers to sort and price donations, and to help with visitors and other daily tasks. Thanks to Sharon Banach and Tom Zellers, longtime weekly volunteers, and Joanne McCue and Rob Hunter, who regularly fill-in when needed. Special thanks to Tish Zellers who volunteered practically every day this summer. And welcome to our newest volunteers: Carol Fee, Wanda Markle, Susan Minton, Candi Ramer, and Cindy Ward. Your service is valued and appreciated!

Winter Clothes - Winter clothes are now needed and accepted. We're especially short on: Men's clothes, Children's clothes, and Ladies Plus clothes. We also take gently used coats, winter boots, and gloves.

Open for Donations on Sunday, September 27th following the service - On Sunday, **September 27**, Door #5 will be open for a half-hour after the service ends, so that donations can be dropped off at the Compassion Center. Simply drive your car to that entrance, and you'll be assisted with unloading. Note - this is the door next to the Compassion Center and not the regular entrance. Also please note - The Center doesn't accept pillows or big/heavy furniture. And we currently have an overabundance of books and would appreciate that no books be brought at this time.

Grief Ministry News

Grief ministry has been happening at St. John throughout the pandemic! If you are grieving or know someone who is, please share our information with them. There will be a "Loss of a Spouse" seminar on **September 14th** at 7 pm and on **September 15th** at 1:30 pm. The next new cycle of GriefShare begins on **September 21st** at 7 pm and **September 22nd** at 1:30 pm. We will hold in-person meetings in the Fellowship Hall and people can also participate in the sessions through ZOOM. Please contact Denise Wright for more information; Denisedsg@comcast.net

Youth Event: Lake Williams Picnic on September 20

We will meet at 3:30 at the parking area and boat launch location. Youth, parents, and family members can all attend.

Activities will include eating, games, kayaking, hiking, and fishing. Bring individually wrapped snacks to share. Hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and bottled water will be provided.

There will be at least 4 kayaks for kids to take a spin. Bring your own fishing gear if you want to fish. The hike might involve getting wet, so keep that in mind.

Everyone should have a face mask available for times when social distancing is not possible.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

This ministry opportunity will be offered again this year. If you would like to pack a shoebox, they will be available after **October 1st**. You can start shopping for items now. There are copies of suggestions in the Narthex or this website will provide ideas and information: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>. The suggested donation to cover the shipping of the shoebox is \$9. Please return the packed shoeboxes by Sunday, **November 8th**.

Yorkshire Elementary Staff Project

After the service today (**September 13**), we will have pre-made signs available for pictures to be taken with you and/or your family for the staff project. These pictures will be used in a slideshow for the staff.



The altar flowers are given for the
Glory of God, His Majestic
Creation, His Unending Love, and
His Enduring Presence Always
by Sharon Mack