

## **The Current Sermon Series – Take My Keys...Please!! Has Been Extended for Two Weeks**

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>—Being Pure in Heart**  
**Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Being Peacemakers**  
**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Being Persecuted**

### **Lenten Sermon Series**

Beginning Wednesday, **February 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00PM we will begin a Mid-Week Lenten Series entitled: **Places of the Passion**. During this series we will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, contemplating what happened at each place our Savior stood along the path of His Passion for our sake. Each service will explore the meaning, history and spiritual inspiration associated with the location highlighted. We will learn things we might not have known as we understand the hard road our Lord took to open heaven for us.

**February 17<sup>th</sup>—The City of Jerusalem**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>— The Mount of Olives**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>— Bethany**  
**March 10<sup>th</sup>—Gethsemane**  
**March 17<sup>th</sup>—The Courtyard**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>—Pilate's Judgement Hall**

### **Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series: When God Doesn't—The Book Habakkuk**

Starting **March 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin a four-week series entitled; **When God Doesn't**. In the latter part of Lent we will take an in-depth look at the book of Habakkuk which begins with his complaining and questioning of God whom seems silent and unconcerned for his people. Yet, as God reveals his divine work, Habakkuk must let go of his own expectations and wait patiently for God to fulfill his divine purposes in his timing and ways. In the end, Habakkuk's complaint gives away to a beautiful trust in God that is not based upon the prophet's circumstances.

### **Mark Your Calendars for Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>!**

DCE Program Director, Rebecca Duport, from Concordia University Irvine will be visiting with us to give us information concerning a DCE Intern. She will:

- Describe what an Intern is and does
- Describe expectations (of Intern and of Congregation)
- Reveal the goals of having an Intern
- Get to know us so that she can place the best candidate to fit our needs
- She will conduct a meeting between services for questions and present additional information. She would like parents and leaders to be present via Live Stream and/or In Person at that time.

The timeline is as follows:

- **February 28<sup>th</sup>** – Visit St. John
- **March 26 or April 9** - students notified of internship location & churches notified
- **April 19-20** – Supervisor (Pastor) & Intern meet for Orientation at CUI (could be zoom)
- **July 2021**—Intern begins

**Giving Envelopes**: Giving envelope numbers do not necessarily stay the same from year to year, so please do not use envelopes from 2020 in 2021. If previous ones are used, corrections will need to be made to apply the offering/donation to the correct year. 2021 envelopes are in the narthex in alphabetical order. Thank you.

**Soul Care Info**: Soul Care for Women is meeting on **Tuesdays** at 9:30am and **Thursdays** at 7:00pm through **ZOOM**, for a DVD study on Esther. Please feel welcome to join us; contact Denise Wright to register.

### **Altar Flower Sponsorship:**

The 2021 calendar is posted for those interested in sponsoring the altar flowers.

**Thank you** for the phone calls, kind words, and sympathy cards after the passing of my husband, Bill. It is a blessing to be a member of such a caring congregation, from Pauline Heinz.

**Kingdom Kids**, a ZOOM gathering for children and their parents will be offered on several Sunday mornings during Lent. We will learn about the season of Lent and focus on the stories of Jesus' journey to the cross for us. The invitation for the ZOOM meeting time will go out in the congregational emails along with the link to the livestream; the session will begin at 10:00am and end by 10:30 or a little earlier. Denise Wright is looking forward to seeing your children again and the opportunity for them to see each other as well!

### **Ash Wednesday Kit (to Pick Up at Church)**

The season of Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday worship service on **February 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm. It is during this service each year that everyone is invited to come forward to receive ashes on their forehead. Because of the pandemic, worshipers will be given a small container of ashes (and a cleansing wipe) as they enter the sanctuary. At the Pastor's direction, each of us will apply the ashes to our own forehead.

If you will be joining the service via the livestream option, we want to make available to you a kit containing the ashes, communion kits, and a Lenten devotional ahead of time. The bags can be picked up at the church between 9am and 3pm Monday through Friday. It would be appreciated if you could email or call the church office to let us know if you would like one of these Ash Wednesday kits, so we are sure to have enough ready. Call 717-840-0382 or email [stjohn-yorkpa@comcast.net](mailto:stjohn-yorkpa@comcast.net) with your request. Thank you.

### **Compassion Center:**

The next Donation Sunday will be **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Between 1st and 2nd service, door #5 will be open to accept donations. Simply drive your car to the circle area at that door, and someone will unload your car. This time of year is slow, and the Center is able to take lots of donations right now. We also accept donations when we're open, Tuesdays through Fridays, from 10am to 2pm. If you're unsure about any item to donate, just ask Kathy Mokris or Marcia Smyth. Thanks for supporting this ministry!

**GriefShare Info:** GriefShare sessions are held on **Mondays** at 7:00pm and **Tuesdays** at 1:30pm through ZOOM only. If you would like to participate or know someone who is grieving, we encourage you to join us. Please contact Denise at [Denisedsg@comcast.net](mailto:Denisedsg@comcast.net) or call 717-840-0382 to register and with any questions. We will be more than glad to help you learn how to ZOOM if you have never done it.

**Neighbors in Need** - The Northeast Neighborhood Association (NENA) serves the residents of York City in the area near Alexander Goode Elementary School and the York Revolution's baseball complex. They distribute food, clothing, diapers, and household items to anyone in need. They also provide a monthly food delivery to seniors and disabled in nearby apartment buildings. Last year they served over 3000 families. Currently the NENA needs paper items - Kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper. We are asking the congregation to help meet some of their needs. During the month of **February**, we will be collecting the needed items. Can you help? A basket will be in the narthex for any donations. Thank you.

**Seeking Worship Band Musicians:** The worship band will be growing incrementally as we feel it is safe to add more people each week. With that being said, we are looking for musicians who would like to join the band rotation. This is open to all singers and instrumentalists, as we may use specialty instruments alongside the regular band for select services in the future. Those who are interested can contact Brooke LaNasa at [brooke.lanasa@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.lanasa@gmail.com). If you were in the band previously and did not receive an email, please contact Brooke as well.

**Thank you:** Dear friends, I want to thank you for the surprise shower of Birthday cards! Each one of them is special to me, the little ones with prayers, the big ones with BIG 8-0's, the handmade ones with special sentiments, the one with drawings from a granddaughter, the ones from friends that moved away, the ones that made me smile, some made me LOL, ones with promised hugs and coffee dates, ones that came with cut out groundhog cookies, the pop-up ones, the fold-out ones, and ones from friends I have yet to meet! What a blessing to me and such a reminder of God's love. Thank you, St. John family. Love, Sib.