

## **New Sermon Series through Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021!!!**

A 6-week sermon series entitled **Take My Keys...Please!!** began on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. So often in our lives we want to be in the driver seat. We want to be in control. And when that happens God gets shoved to either the passenger seat or even the back seat. The year 2020 challenged us greatly, physically, mentally, and spiritually because the uncertainty of all that happened tested our yearning for control. Now that we are into a new year, God wants us, with what we have learned in 2020, to let Him be more of a driver in our lives than a passenger. He is calling us in 2021 to turn over our keys and let Him drive—let Him be in control; spiritually trusting Him with more of our lives. During this series we will examine the Beatitudes of Matthew chapter 5 and talk each week about how that trust evolves and is to look like as we enter into a new year, saying with sincerity, to our Lord—**Take My Keys...Please!!**

**Jan 17<sup>th</sup>**—Being One's Who Mourn

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup>**—Being Meek

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**—Being Hungry and Thirsty

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**—Being Merciful

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**—Being Persecuted

## **Congregational Assembly Scheduled for January 31st**

On Sunday, **January 31st**, in between services, we will hold a Congregational Assembly, which will include some important church business topics. We will discuss and vote in three new Ministry Leadership Board members (Jill Lange, Lou Caralle and Jeff Wells), and thank those whose terms have ended, for their years of service (Joe Mokris, Julia Caralle and Mike Neff). Pastor will give an update concerning the Brighten the Light Capital Fund Campaign. And we will vote on the 2021 budget. Budget reports are available in the bulletins. And to those connecting online, available as an insert to emails sent. Please look over the proposed 2021 budget and address your questions to Jeff Loser and Rob Keough via the church office email, [stjohn-yorkpa@comcast.net](mailto:stjohn-yorkpa@comcast.net). The meeting will be live streamed, and the link will be given the week of **January 24th**.

## **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. 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.

## **Compassion Center:**

The Compassion Center needs men's winter clothing and women's plus winter clothing. Small houseware items, linens, and decorative items are always needed. Valentine items are also desired.

The Compassion Center (entrance door #5), will be open for donations on Sunday, **January 24th**, between services, from 9:30 to 10am, and from 10:30 to 11am. Simply drive your car to door #5 and you will be assisted in unloading your donations.

## **Altar Flower Sponsorship:**

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

## **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.

**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.

**Backpack Ministry/Yorkshire Elementary:**

Thank you to everyone who donated hats, gloves, or mittens to the students at Yorkshire Elementary School. We collected 6 hats and 139 pairs of gloves or mittens! Your kindness will keep many little hands and a few heads warm on these cold winter days. Thank you for being such a loving congregation.

**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** to all of those who decorated the church for the holidays on December 3rd; and to those who helped to un-decorate and clean up this past Thursday. The care that is taken to make the Christmas holiday special and the time you sacrifice is very much appreciated. Thanks to Gary and Beth Graybill for picking up the poinsettias, arranging them at the front of the church, and caring for them during the holidays.

**Thank you!**

The staff and our families would like to thank St. John for their generosity to us regarding the Staff Gift. Your love and care are a great encouragement to us. We are very grateful and give praise to our Heavenly Father for His goodness and mercy that has been shown to us through you. We, the staff, wish nothing but the best for all of you as a New Year begins, and look forward to working with you in the ministry to which He calls us.



Pastor C, Denise, Sherry, Mike, Chris, & Brooke

**Thank You** to everyone for the kind words and sympathy cards after the passing of Rose's aunt Margie, from the Gables.