

Sermon Series through Feb 14th, 2021!!! A 6-week sermon series entitled **Take My Keys...Please!!** began on **January 10th**. 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 24th—Being Meek

Jan 31st—Being Hungry and Thirsty

Feb 7th—Being Merciful

Feb 14th—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, stjohneyorkpa@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 Statistics for 2020:

Days Open/Operating – 150

Funds collected - \$15,650

Visitors/Clients/Donors/Shoppers - 3206

Clothing items disbursed – 7509

* Total clothing sold and given away to those in need.

Other items – 9979

* Includes housewares, linens, books, toys, jewelry.

Pounds of food given away – 3060

* Food was given after chapel services, and to clients in need.

Volunteers – 23

Volunteer total hours – 1044

Caring Encounters – 410

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.

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 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.

Prayer for York will be meeting on **January 24th** at 7pm at The Upper Room, 1401 Williams Rd, York, PA 17402.

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. If you were in the band previously and did not receive an email, please contact Brooke as well.

Thank you: Geri and myself would like to thank all of you for cards and well-needed prayers while I was in the hospital with COVID-19. Thank you and may the Lord bless you all! In Christ, Dave & Geri Snyder.

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

Thank You: As we turn into 2021, the entire Bombaro family expresses our heartfelt appreciation to you for your prayers, encouragements, notes, emails, and financial support of our Eurasia Mission through the Riga Luther Academy. You helped to make the gospel efforts training church workers, seminarians, and pastors successful, despite COVID-19 restrictions and limitations on travel. The Lord made a way, and we trusted His lead. Thank you for helping to make it happen. Gratefully yours in Jesus Christ, Pastor John & Melinda Bombaro.

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