

Frozen Blooms

This is a season of hope in York, because this is when the plants start to bloom. The irises and daffodils are coming up and the maple trees are starting to blossom. It is truly the most beautiful time of the year.

But it is also a delicate time. We are still subject to hard freezes and even snow or ice. The blossoms that bring us so much joy can be gone in an instant. The trees will still leaf out and grow, but the blooms will be gone for a year.

I have seen this same thing happen in the church. A truth-seeker is baptized and immediately begins to blossom. Surely there is nothing more beautiful to see than the zeal of a new Christian to grow and teach others. And yet the new Christian is also fragile, much more susceptible to trials and temptations and the vagaries of church politics than older Christians. Just as the frost does not harm the tree but kills the blossom, so it is that many stumbling blocks that the older Christians might easily bypass carry with them the very real possibility of extinguishing the new Christian's flame.

Will Allen Dromgoole once wrote a poem called "The Bridge Builder." In it he tells of an old man who came to a fast-flowing river he had to cross. Once he crossed the river, he built a bridge.

When asked why he built the bridge since he had already crossed, he responded in this way:

*The builder lifted his old gray head;
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followed after me today,
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him!"*

We who are further down the Christian path should take this view. We must look out for our younger brothers and sisters in Christ. If the blossoms are in danger, you cover the tree. If our brother is in danger, we remove the stumbling block or guide him through the storm. Build whatever bridge it takes to make his path easier.

~Glenn Hawley

Welcome to East Hill Church of Christ, a place where you can discover the gospel!
Please, don't hesitate to let any of the greeters or ministers know how we can serve you.

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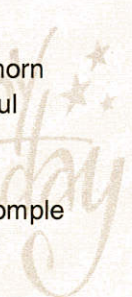
March

- 24 Deadline to sign up for Youth Mission Trip
- 24 Elders/Ministers meeting
- 26 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
- 27 LTC Preview Night in auditorium
- 29-30 LTC in Kansas City
- 31 Easter

April

- 4-6 Panther Days at YU
- 7 Deadline for MSCH food drive
- 7-13 Clothing Exchange project
Set Up—Sun 5:30 pm
Sorting & Hanging—Mon-Thu 9 a- 9 p
Final set up—Friday 9 am to done
Clean Up—Sat noon to done
- 12 East Hill night at CE 5 to 8 pm
- 13 Community Clothing Giveaway 8 am to noon
- 19-20 Men's Retreat at NYC
- 20 Ladies' Craft Day 8 am-6 pm in fellowship hall
- 23 Food Distribution 10:30-11:30 am in south parking lot
- 27 Graduation at YU
- 28 Bridal Shower for Ellee Tandy

- 3/24 Kirsten Fike
- 3/25 Skylar Scamehorn
- 3/26 Madonna Mogul
- 3/26 Laurie Keeton
- 3/27 LaRae Melvin
- 3/27 Charlie Van Gimple
- 3/28 Alice Yunevich
- 3/28 Lilly Carr



CELEBRATE

MINISTRIES & EVENTS

LTC season is here: Practices scheduled for Sundays & Wednesdays:

Sun 12:45-1:30	3-6 Drama	<u>Changes this Week</u>	
Sun 1:30-2:15	Signing	Sun 5-7 pm	7-12 Chorus
Sun 3:15-4:15	7-9 Drama	Sun 8-9:30 pm	10-12 Drama
Wed 6:00-6:30	3-6 Chorus		

Youth Mission Trip: Right after service today, there will be an informational meeting in the Youth Room for youth grades 6-12 and parents to hear more about the summer mission trip May 22-27 to the Shults-Lewis School and group home in Valparaiso, IN. Individual cost has been set at \$250 with fundraisers planned to cover the remaining cost. Registrations are due TODAY. Scan the QR code to register! Please speak to Garrett Schwarz if you have questions.



Food Distribution: The Lincoln Food Bank will bring food for distribution here Tuesday, March 26, from 10:30-11:30 am in the South Parking Lot. If you would like to help, please see Tonya Carr.

LTC Showcase: Join us as we prepare for our kids to go to Kansas City next week! To complete our preparations and to show the church what we have been working on, our LTC showcase will be held Wednesday night, starting at 6:30. You will be encouraged to watch our young people display their talents/abilities in service to the church.

College Student Easter Feast: York University students are invited to the home of Steddon and Brenda Sikes for an Easter feast after worship service next Sunday, March 31 at 12:00 noon. Bring a friend and your appetite!

Easter Sunday - Next Sunday is the Easter holiday. Though we seek to proclaim the gospel every Sunday, it can be a time when others are more open to hearing the gospel. Please consider inviting your friends and neighbors to "come and see what the Lord has done."

Clothing Exchange: Three Sundays from today we will begin the set up for our biannual clothing exchange. The community giveaway will be on Saturday, April 13 from 8 am to noon. Contact Michele Briggs if you have questions or would like to know more.

Men's Retreat: The 2024 men's retreat at Nebraska Youth Camp runs from 7 pm to 7 pm Friday, April 19 to Saturday, April 20. Men, reserve just 24 hours for spiritual renewal.

*Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy;
without holiness no one will see the Lord.*

East Hill 2024 Theme Verse—Hebrews 12:14 (NIV)

BODY LIFE & PRAYERS

Prayer Requests and Updates:

Eddie Kennedy is scheduled for a physical on April 5. Please pray that it goes well so that he can have surgery on April 12 to remove a tumor and do a biopsy.

Tom Marsh had carpal tunnel surgery on his left hand on Tuesday, March 19. Please pray for his healing. They are hoping to be able to schedule his right hand soon.

Margaret Spencer's 6 month-old great grandson and grandson to **Susan and Bryan Becker**, Brayson Coffey, is home from the hospital and doing better.

Marilyn Peabody, the mother of **Lynda Smith and Nancy Phan** and grandmother of **Heidi Mader and Fenton Phan** passed suddenly last Tuesday in Hay Springs, Nebraska. Please remember the family in your prayers. The funeral will be April 6 in Chadron.

James and Jackie Thomas' granddaughter, Sheyli, and their newborn great granddaughter were released from the hospital. Sheyli will still be on dialysis for an undetermined time. Prayers are appreciated for their progress and continuing improvement.

Body Life:

Congrats to our YHS Speech Team students on their runner-up finish in Class B State competition! Our students include **Peter Dallmann** (Entertainment, 12th place), **Ava Goodwin** (Serious 5th, Duet 3rd, OID 1st), **Raima Kreifels** (Serious 6th, POI 3rd, OID 3rd), **Maddi Miller** (Entertainment 2nd, OID 1st), and **Charlie Van Gomple** (Humorous 1st, Duet 3rd, OID 1st).

Prayer Focus:

This weekend is the annual Leadership Training for Christ (LTC) event in Kansas City. We'll have a large group of families going to support our young people. May God watch over you and may this experience be a blessing for your children and for their faith. Amen.

Weekly Events

Attended Nursery: You can drop off children ages 0 up to 2 years in the nursery during services.

Service at Legacy Square: There is a service for the residents of Legacy Square in Henderson at 2:30 each Sunday. See Tommy Carr if you have questions.

Youth Updates: Contact Garrett Schwarz to get the Remind notices.

Wednesday Meal: The menu this week is fried chicken and macaroni and cheese. Sign up on the sheet in the foyer. \$6 per person, serving line open 5:15-6:00.

Women's Thursday Class
Meets from 10-11:30 AM in fellowship hall and on Zoom. Studying from Christopher Yuan's Holy Sexuality (holysexuality.com). This week we will cover the lesson: WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Weekly Prayer Pal Suggestion
Prayer-ful-ness-

Never stop praying.

~1 Thessalonians 5:17

Weekly Scripture Memory
Mar 17- Apr 6—Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. *Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.* Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Worship 10 am, livestreamed on Facebook

Bible classes for all 9 am

Sunday evening 5 pm, communion available

Wednesday

Adult Class 6:30 pm

Adult class is livestreamed on Facebook

Children & Families event twice a month this Summer

For the Record: March 17, 2024

Weekly Attendance: 285

Weekly Giving

Budgeted: \$7,143.85

Actual: \$4,717.11

Children's: \$49.90

Year to Date

Budgeted: \$78,582.35

Giving: \$76,128.71

Children's for Ecuador: \$391.52

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Hannah Sikes

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Garrett Schwarz

Administrative Assistants

Michele Briggs 9 am-noon

Tera Knapp 11:30-2:30

Missionaries in Ecuador

Joshua & Julie Marcum

Michaela, Eliana, Jana, Enoch

Shepherds:

Tim Carr

Michael Case

Ron Kretz

Keith Miller

Mark Miller

Todd Sheldon

Steddon Sikes

Eric Tremaine

Shepherd of the month is in bold font.

Deacons----- Area of Service

Marty Barrett ----- Benevolence

Trey Colle ----- Emergency Meals

Robert Cunningham ----- Son Shiners

Troy Flynt ----- Treasurers

Jansen Fraser ----- Grounds

Trent Hinton ----- Livestream

Larry Light ---- Single Seniors, Facilities

Garrett Schwarz ----- Youth

Jeff Shafer ----- Worship Support

Lonnie Shafer ----- Elder/deacon liaison

Ken Van Gomple ----- LTC

Mountain State Food Drive

Sugar free varieties of items are appreciated. Please check expiration dates. Pick up is the week of April 7.

Canned/Jarred— chicken, tuna, beef and chicken broth, mustard, ketchup, peanut butter, jelly (variety), soy and teriyaki sauces, alfredo sauce, salad dressings (variety), cooking spices (variety), Nutella

Personal/Household— Q-tips, body lotion, disposable razors, Tylenol/Acetaminophen, Advil/Ibuprofen, regular size feminine tampons

Boxed/Packets— instant oatmeal packets, pancake mix, baking chips (chocolate, white chocolate, and butterscotch), gravy packets (variety), dry soup mixes

Snacks/Beverages— individual chips for lunches, tortilla chips, trail mix, fruit snacks, nuts (all varieties), microwave popcorn, granola bars, Kind bars, Cliff bars, 100% fruit juices (orange, prune, cranberry, apple, pineapple), chocolate milk syrup/powder

Paper Goods/Plastics/Cleaning— 18 oz plastic cups, plastic utensils, aluminum foil, dishwasher detergent, glass cleaner

NOT needed— ~~canned vegetables, canned beans (chili, black, kidney pork and beans), canned fruit, soup, dish soap, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer~~

Order of Worship

What a Savior!

Welcome: Simeon Tremaine

153 *Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down*

383 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Scripture Reading: Garrett Schwarz
Psalm 31

Prayer: Willis Hood

371 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?*

342 *We Saw Thee Not*

337 *Hallelujah! What a Savior*

Communion: Tim McNeese
Mark 15:33-47

Children's Offering

"The Savior Who Suffered"

Luke 22:39-46

Glenn Hawley

361 *Nailed to the Cross*

234 *Worthy Is The Lamb*

Shepherd's Prayer: Todd Sheldon

Body Life: Dan Goodwin