



NEWSLETTER
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Churches of the York
Association
July 2014

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Mission Statement

We, the members of the York Association of the United Church of Christ, are called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to represent Christ by:

- supporting one another in our covenantal relationship;
- calling clergy and laity to mutual accountability to the faith and order of the church;
- witnessing together to God's redeeming love. (adopted April 28, 1991)

**If you have a message or request to be mailed to the York Association contact list, please send your request to yapccucc@aol.com to be forwarded by either the YAA secretary or council President.
Thank you**

Partners in Blessing: Cooperative Mission, Cooperative Ministry

For many of us, we have now entered bible school season. We spend months preparing for our little cherubs, often sharing the Gospel with children that rarely, if ever, darken our pews on Sunday morning. We rack our brains trying to figure out how to gather in those sweet little chicks, and their parents, so they will become part of our flock. Perhaps you have come to accept that your mission of spreading the Gospel to the littlest of your town will not lead to congregational increase, or maybe not. Perhaps your team complains about the apathy that seems to pervade culture, and that your church is simply an educational babysitter.

I do think we know a thing or two about apathy. It isn't limited to busy parents or the un-churched. Its pervasiveness has invaded our churches. Fewer and fewer people participate in annual meetings, association meetings and events like ecclesiastical councils. We could say the work of life prevents it- we are simply too over scheduled to squeeze in 3 hours or more for a parish life event or something along those lines. If we had the time, we'd spend in lying in an exhausted heap on the sofa, recovering from all the other demands that fight for our time and attention.

At this point, you might be a bit peeved at my forwardness, calling out the non attenders. Well, I have a point, so please don't stop reading just yet. The members of the communication committee, the group that is in charge of this fine publication, were seated around a table recently. In January, we had decided to highlight the association's new theme: Partners in Blessing: cooperative mission, cooperative ministry. We highlighted just what that theme represented. We asked our churches to talk about the cooperative ministry that they were doing across cultural, denominational, secular and many other lines. We had a three submissions. THREE. I attend ministeriums, The Isaiah project, York Association leadership banquets and I read the materials emanating from Penn Central and our national church. I KNOW you, as congregations, have had to learn to work together. Congregations have joined together to do mission. Churches have come together to share buildings. Leaderships have reached out to community groups and joined in efforts to save the perishing.

Why, then, are we silent? Why do we not channel the heart of the Apostle Paul and sing the praises of our shared ministry? Let's learn from one another. Somewhere, there is a consistory or a mission committee wondering how they can tackle the work that lays before them, unknowing that across York County there may be another UCC, Brethren, secular committee that has the same desire. Let's inspire one another by sharing our stories. Don't wait for someone else to write about your church- because there is a strong chance no one else will. I know we are doing great things, because we are strengthened by our Savior, Jesus Christ. Now it's time to sing the praises of the good works God has made manifest through your cooperativeness.
Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice

Submissions may be directed to Lisa Young or Sheresa Simpson-Rice sheresa0928@Comcast.net

Vacation Bible School Around the Association

New Hope (Fissel's) UCC
3426 Fissels Church Road
Glen Rock PA 17327
717-235-2033

"Son Treasure Island" July 7th – 11th
6:45 PM – 8:45 PM

Salem UCC
24 Franklin Street
Jacobus PA 17407

"Son West Roundup" Aug 4th – 8th
9:00 AM – noon
Register 717-428-2443

Starview UCC
4832 N Sherman St Ext
Mt Wolf PA 17347

"Weird Animals" July 13th – 17th
Call 717-266-4248 for details

Hayshire UCC
100 Haybrook Drive
York PA 17406

"Workshop of Wonders!" July 27th – 31st
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**ASSOCIATION FAMILY PICNIC
SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014**

The Parish Life Committee has scheduled a family picnic to be held at Starview UCC, 4832 North Sherman Street, Extended, Mount Wolf. The picnic begins at 12:00 p.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. The committee asks that you bring a side dish and your own place setting. The committee will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, fixings, condiments and beverages. Please invite your friends and family for an enjoyable time with your Association family. Additional information will be provided in the July newsletter.

A survey is included at the end of the newsletter regarding participation in a future event.

SAVE THE DATE

The York Association Communications and Parish Life Committees are planning a music event on Sunday September 21st at 3:00 PM. The event will be held at Heidelberg UCC on Philadelphia Street in York. Several churches are already planning on participating. We have heard your requests for this and we are responding. The theme will be "Shall We Gather" so let's gather and make this an event to remember. More details will be forthcoming.

Employment Opportunity

Church Secretary - St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 2173 Stoverstown Rd, Spring Grove, PA 17362 is seeking a church secretary for approximately 6-10 hours per week to provide clerical support. Applicants should be proficient in Microsoft Office - Word, Excel and PowerPoint and willing to learn Church Windows software. To learn more about us, check our website: www.stpaulsstoverstown.org. Interested persons are asked to send a resume to the above address to the attention of Steve Miller.

Counseling Service Available

Wendy Anderson is a Licensed Professional Counselor with an MS in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola College in Maryland. Wendy believes that integrating the mind, body and spirit in the counseling process is essential to bring about change and healing. For many years she practiced in community mental health settings, treating children, families adults and couples with a variety of diagnosis and disorders. Recently she began working at the Center For Creative Arts and Play Therapy at 1508 East Market Street in York. She is now open to receiving new clients. The phone number of the practice is 741-0000 and the website is ccapt123@gmail.com.

Around the Association:

Dover UCC – Dover

- Suicide Survivor Support Group – beginning the first Tuesday of the month beginning Tuesday September 2nd from 6:30-8 pm in the fellowship hall. The group is led by York County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Contact Cindy Richard (717) 227-0048 crichard@penn-mar.org for more information. Dover UCC is located at 45 W. Canal St. Dover, PA 17315.

Hayshire UCC – York

- Summer Concert with Diane Susek and Buddy King Sunday, July 20th at 6:00pm. Join us for an evening filled with music and fellowship. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for the outdoor concert. A free will offering will be taken.
- "Hairspray" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater – Saturday, August 17th. Please contact the church office at 848-4007 for additional information.
- Check the website for additional activities

New Hope (Fissel's) UCC – Glen Rock

- Annual 50's FlashBack. Saturday, August 2, 2014 (Rain Or Shine) 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Enjoy Classic Cars & Drive-in Food. New Hope UCC is located at 3426 Fissel's Church Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327; below Susquehannock High School. Call the church office 717-235-2033 (Tues. Wed. or Thurs. 9 am to 2 pm) for additional information.

St. Stephen's UCC – York

- Children's Bible Activity Program - "On Eagle's Wings" For children ages 3-10 held every second Sunday of the month from 2-4pm Your child will experience the Bible through rotational, age-appropriate activities such as art, music, storytelling, cooking, science, and games. There is an opportunity for the children to make an offering, but it is not required, Money and/or animal related items will be accepted as offerings and donated to the local SPCA shelter. Please call to pre-register: 717-854-6736.

Salem UCC – Jacobus

- Christian Learning Center Summer Day Camp. Full day, 3 day, half-day, early/late care. Call 717-428-0928 for details and price
- Ice Cream Social- Aug 2nd 4:00 – 7:00 PM Entertainment Red Lion/Felton Band

August 2014 Newsletter Deadline is July 5th. The August Newsletter will be mailed on July 15th. Newsletter submissions

should be addressed to:

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Or

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PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE ACTIVITY SURVEY

MOSES – SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER

The Parish Life Committee is asking for your responses to the following survey. Please complete your response by Tuesday, July 15. Please report your responses to Steven Roush, Secretary, either by email at scroush@frontier.com or by telephone 932-2214.

1. Would you be interested in attending a performance of Moses at Sight and Sound Theater in Strasburg, PA, the ticket price is \$67.00 each? YES NO
2. If you are, would you be interested in traveling as a group in a chartered motor coach, which would add an additional \$35.00 to the cost of the activity? YES NO
3. If you would be interested in traveling by motor coach would you also be interested in including a meal either before or after the performance? That would add an additional \$20.00 to the price of the motor coach and ticket price. YES NO
4. If you are not interested in traveling as a group, would you still be interested in seeing the performance, but provide your own transportation? YES NO
5. If you are not interested in traveling as a group, would you still be interested in seeing the performance and having a meal either before or after the performance? YES NO

Please note that the prices are estimates. If we found that the Association agrees for us to process with this activity, we will select the most cost effective pricing.

Thank you for your responses,

Parish Life Committee