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NEWSLETTER
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Churches of the York
Association
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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
Submissions may be directed to Lisa Young or Sheresa Simpson-Rice sheresa0928@Comcast.net

Is your church taking part the in the UCC Literacy Initiative, "Reading Changes Lives"?

http://www.ucc.org/news/reading-changes-lives-intro-3252014.html

Here are a two opportunities for partnering with the York Community and promoting Literacy:

1). The Community Progress Council Head Start Programs work with 3 to 5 year olds and their families throughout York County. The Head Start Programs would love donations of books. Their favorite themes are animals and storybooks; and their science lessons focus on the outdoors and nature. The books can be new or gently used and should not be religious books. Books can be donated at any time during the year. We do need keep track of the costs of the books because the Head Start Programs receive matching shared federal dollars for the donations that they receive from the community, and we will be asked when we deliver the books to fill out a form about the monetary value of the donation. When you have your donation ready, contact Deb Bollinger, administrative assistant to the director at 717-846-4600 option 5 (or at 717-430-2522) or at dbollinger@yorkkpc.org, to arrange to deliver the books. Want to take your interest in promoting literacy to the next level? - the Head Start programs need volunteer readers.

2). The York County Literacy Council is looking for reading tutors for adults who are learning to read English. They hold multiple training sessions during the year; There are tutor training sessions in York during October and in Hanover during November. Call Rita Hewitt at 717- 845-8719 to find out more. (Rita is the Community Relations Manager at the Council is an excellent speaker for the problem of literacy with great information and stories that bring the issue to life. She spoke at Emmanuel UCC, York discussion hour in May, 2014) Although the Literacy Council is not taking book donations at this time, they do have a wish list on their website http://www.yorkliteracy.org/

BOOK STUDY Hosted by Parish Life Committee

The Parish Life committee is hosting a book study on Thursday, October 9 and 23, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The location is Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Drive, York. The book that we will be studying is "Atheists in America" edited by Melanie Brewster. This book shares the stories of atheists in their own words and can serve to help us not only to understand atheists, but also to discover the questions some of the folks sitting in our pews would like to have answered. The hardback edition of this book is somewhat expensive, you may want to wait and see if it comes out in paperback. You may also want to check if your local library carries it. Rev. Mike Loser, discussion leader, has two copies which he is willing to loan out.

Hartman Center Fall Festival
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th 9am-3pm

Silent Auction - Chicken BBQ, hot dogs, chicken corn soup, ice cream and lots more great food! Live Musical Entertainment (featuring Unusual Suspects, ChrisWick, Higher Ground) Hay Rides & Games, Home-made Baked Goods New this year: Petting Zoo, Tree-ba dachi Climbing Academy, Craft Artisans FUN FOR All AGES! JOIN US and BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Hartman Center Annual Women's Retreat
More Than a Spoonful of Sugar: Healing and Praying with Mary Poppins

Come play and pray together as we let the wonder and wisdom prompted in Mary Poppins shape our time together. While it won't be all parasols and parrots, Poppins will help us to pray our possibilities, perspective, priorities, promises, power and passion.

Leader: Cindy Garis from Oasis Ministries

Cost: \$125.00

(Includes 2 nights lodging in Michaux Lodge; 5 meals and program costs)

Bring a snack to share, comfortable walking shoes, a game to play and a willing and creative spirit.

Contact Bruce at Hartman Center to register – 717-994-3769 or bruce@hartmancenter.com

Around the Association:

Dover UCC – Dover

- Suicide Survivor Support Group –The first Tuesday of each month 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

- Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 31st - If you are Trick or Treating in Manchester Township, stop by the church. Vote for your favorite decorated trunk, have a hot dog and apple cider, and collect your Halloween treats.

Locust Grove UCC – York

- Locust Grove United Church of Christ, 1035 Locust Grove Road, York, is holding a chicken barbecue and bake sale on Saturday, August 2, 2014, beginning at 11:00 AM, rain or shine. The public is invited. Dinners will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, until sold out. The cost of the dinner is \$8.00. The dinner will include one-half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, dinner roll and butter, cupcake, and beverage. Dinners can be eaten on site or carried out. Our contact number for the chicken barbecue is 755-1318. To reserve dinners, please leave your name, phone number, and number of dinners. When picking up your dinners, please give your name.

New Hope (Fissel's) UCC – Glen Rock

- Annual Family-Style Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Serving begins at 3 pm. Tickets are available at the door. New Hope UCC is located at 3426 Fissel's Church Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327. Handicapped Accessible Additional information may be obtained contacting the church office at 235-2033. Everyone welcome!

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.

Starview UCC – Mt. Wolf

- Fall Festival on September 27th from 70am to 4:00pm at 4832 N. Sherman Street Ext. Mt. Wolf, PA Join us for a day of fun and food starting at 7:00am for breakfast. Flea market and bake sale 8:00am to 4:00pm Sausage sandwiches and chicken corn soup available for lunch or carryout starting at 10:00am.
- November 1st is our Annual Fall Oyster and Roast Beef Dinner. More details coming soon.

November 2014 Newsletter Deadline is October 5th. The November 2014 Newsletter will be mailed on October 15th.
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