



NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

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**Partners in Blessing - Cooperative Mission,
Cooperative Ministry**

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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)



Going Green in Your Congregation

Workshops

Friday, October 2, 5:30pm-8pm

St. John's, 1050 Buffalo Rd, Lewisburg OR

Saturday, October 3, 10am-12:30pm

Christ, 247 S Market St, Elizabethtown

Cost per Person \$10

The workshop includes a light meal provided by the UCC Cornerstone Fund. For most congregations, going green sounds like the right thing to do. Whether their support begins as a general concern for the environment, a commitment to caring for God's Creation, or a desire to save money, most members like the idea of being greener. But then what? Where do you begin? How much will it cost?

We have engaged two speakers to help educate us: Mr. Andy Rudin from Interfaith Coalition on Energy who will share energy saving information for churches and Mr. Chuck Hollingsworth who will give information about the UCC Cornerstone Fund which lends money for church projects.

Who Should Attend: Everyone is welcome - church council members, property committee members, "green" team members, justice and witness committee members, finance committee members, anyone interested in creation care and the environment.

For more information please link to the Penn Central Conference registration form (click [here](#)) or go to the

pccucc.org website and click on the words - "Go Green In Your Congregation Workshop."

Call Libby Loser at 887-6633 with questions.

Submitted for the PCC Green Justice Ministry Team

by Libby Loser and Lee Ann Strine

Penn State York OLLI Courses

Taught By: Rev. F. Chris Anderson

1) ***The Unique Heidelberg Catechism Of 1563***

Offered: Mondays, September 14, 21, 28;

October 5, 12 & 19 @ 12:45-2:15 pm

2) ***Introduction To Humor And Christian Theology***

Offered: Tuesdays, November 10, 17 & 24

@ 12:45-2:15 pm

Taught By: Rev. Robert Anderson

1) ***A Quick Trip Through The Lives Of U. S. Presidents***

Offered: Mondays, September 28, October 5 & 12

@ 11:00 AM to 12:30 pm

For further information on these OLLI courses call

717-771-4015 or e-mail olli@yk.psu.edu

The Friends of Hoffman Homes for Youth in Gettysburg are sponsoring a community fund raising night to help the children of Hoffman at Isaac's Famous Grilled Sandwiches in West York on **Wednesday, September 30**, between 5:00 and 9:00 P.M. Isaac's will donate 25% of the total bill to Hoffman Homes. The necessary form must be presented to the server for Hoffman to get credit. Please download the form via Facebook on the *York Association News & Views* page. Join us and show your support!

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Pastoral Position Opportunity

Zion United Church of Christ, located at 100 Lafayette Street, York, is currently looking for a Part-Time Permanent Pastor who will be involved in the life of our church and become an integral part of the Zion family and our future. For details, please contact Mrs. Barbara Neiman, Transition Team, at the church office (zionuccyork@comcast.net) or at can@gte.net.

The Transition from Fossil Fuels to Renewable Energy Resolution

This resolution was endorsed by Penn Central Conference at annual meeting, was passed at General Synod with a strong vote and with more urgent language and dates than the original. The consensus is that we need to act now to deal with climate change. Click this link to view a UCC news article about the resolution:

http://www.ucc.org/news_general_synod_delegates_urge_transition_to_renewable_energy_by_2040_07012015

One transition action that we can take as congregations and as individuals is to switch to electricity generated by renewable energy for our congregations and for our homes. There are a variety of renewable options in Pennsylvania which are listed on <http://www.papowerswitch.com/>. The website will ask for your zip code and list all the electric supplier choices available. On the left side of the page you may indicate preferences. Websites are listed for each company where you can find the contact information.

PA Power Switch FAQ sheet:

http://www.papowerswitch.com/assets/pdf/PAPS-FAQ_Electricity_Shopping.pdf.

Groundswell through Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light is another option for electricity choice for congregations and individuals.

<http://www.paipl.us/2014/01/15/divest-at-the-outlet/>

Groundswell joins bill-payers together to create a large electricity-buying group. Each member of the group still gets their own electricity on their own bill, but because they joined the same purchasing group, they can get a good deal on electricity *and* insist that the electricity they buy supports their values — that it doesn't pollute the air or water we all share.

For more info about buying electricity generated by renewable energy see the Green-e website:

http://www.green-e.org/learn_re_faq.shtml Green-e certifies environmental commodities and products that reduce climate change and help build a sustainable energy future.

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Around the Association

New Hope Fissel's UCC – Glen Rock

- New Hope Fissel's UCC will hold their **Annual Family-Style Roast Beef Supper** on Saturday, October 17, 2015. 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 by contacting the church office at 235-2033. Everyone welcome!

St John's Blymire's UCC – Dallastown

- A **Chicken Barbecue** will be held Saturday, September 12. Cost is \$7.00 per dinner. To place an order, call 244-0655. Advance orders are recommended! You may pick up your dinner from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Faith Kidz have drinks and baked goods for sale.

Starview UCC – York

- Saturday, September 26th is Starview's annual **Fall Festival** from 8:00am to 4:00pm. There will be food for sale breakfast through afternoon lunch. A **yard sale** is planned and vendors are welcome to rent a 10x20 space for \$15.00. The great bakers will have many goodies for sale. This year will once again feature a handmade quilt for raffle. The drawing be held at the November 9th BINGO event.

Locust Grove UCC, 1035 Locust Grove Rd, York

- A **chicken barbecue and bake sale** will be held on Saturday, Sept 5, 2015, 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. Dinners can be eaten on site or carried out. To place an order call, 755-1318. Please leave your name, phone number, and number of dinners.
- **Second Annual Book, Bake & Yard Sale**
8 AM — 2 PM Rain or Shine - Saturday, September 12, 2015. Yard Sale Spaces are available to rent for \$5 each. Please call 755-4412 to reserve.

St. Paul's UCC, 205 W. Main St., Dallastown

- Hosting a **Large Yard, Food and Chicken BBQ Sale** on Saturday, September 12th. Yard and Food sale events will run from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Vendors are welcome to rent a 10 X 10 space for \$15. Chicken BBQ Sales will begin at 10:30 AM on a first-served basis, until sold out! Cost is \$7.00. For more details on our events or to rent a yard sale space, call the Church Office, 717:244-2090.

OCTOBER newsletter deadline is Sept 8.

This newsletter (SEPTEMBER) will be emailed on August 15 by the Association President, Barbara Crum.

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