



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)

Letter from the President

Picnics, parades, fireworks, BBQs, carnivals, family reunions, political speeches and ceremonies are all associated with Independence Day or the 4th of July when the original 13 American colonies declared themselves a new nation "The United States of America" by signing the Declaration of Independence. Many people fought and died to achieve religious and political freedoms from the British Empire.

It seems appropriate that the Supreme Court 5-4 ruling finding the bans on marriage equality to be unconstitutional in all 50 states and that the fundamental right to marriage is a fundamental right for all, coincided with Independence Day this year.

In the Declaration of Independence it reads "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." Whether you agree or disagree with the court ruling, throughout history or into the future, there will be people fighting for their beliefs and injustices. As a member of the York Association of the United Church of Christ, we will be challenged to uphold our fellow members and support them in the choices they make.

Submitted by: Barbara Crum, President

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York's 2nd Equality Fest

Sunday, August 2, beginning @ noon

Equality Fest is a day long, family friendly community, arts & cultural celebration held in Downtown York City (Royal Square) to celebrate the passage of marriage equality and to encourage full inclusion of all York & Pennsylvania citizens in all aspects of civic life.

The event is free and open to the public. The festival features two stages with speakers, music, dance, theater, poetry, spoken word and performance art as well as live visual art, strolling performers, a fully interactive children's area with games & activities, retail vendors, informational and organizational displays and a variety of food trucks.

Heidelberg UCC will have two tables at the festival - one in the children's area with activities for the kids and our second presence will be a literature table where we will greet the public.

For more information, search and like *Equality Fest 2015* via Facebook.

Submitted by: Sue Barnes, Editor

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.

Shiloh UCC – York Part-Time Secretary Needed

Wanted part-time church secretary to job share. 17 ½ hours a week: Wednesday morning, Thursday and Friday. Basic computer skills are needed. Job description on website www.shilohuccyorkpa.org. Send resume to: office.shilohucc@verizon.net or call 764-3569. *Submitted by: Deb*

“Go Green” Sunday – August 23rd A Free Family Event from 2 PM to 4 PM

The Community Outreach Committee of the York Association is sponsoring a Family Friendly



Environmental Event on Sunday, Aug. 23 from 2 to 4 pm. A **Recycled Art Contest** will be held at Hayshire UCC as part of that event. Other activities that will be taking place at the Aug. 23rd event are: free food & snacks, a

shredder truck, carbon footprint calculators, learn how to make a solar cooker from Dollar Store materials. Check Facebook for more details.

Members of the York Assoc. Outreach Committee: *Rev. Kelly Shifflett, Libby Loser, Rev. Martha Boyer, Glenn Young, Carol Burns, Rev. Cathy Sherry*

Around the Association

New Hope Fissel’s UCC – Glen Rock

- New Hope Fissel's UCC will hold their **Annual Fissel’s 50’s FlashBack** on Saturday, August 1, 2015 (Rain or Shine) 1:00 pm - 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 John’s Blymire’s UCC – Dallastown

- A **Chicken Barbecue** will be held the second Saturday of August and September. 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.
- Sunday, September 6th, 10:30-2:00 pm Blymire's UCC will be hosting an **"END OF SUMMER**

BLAST!" There will be lots of activities to try!
For more information, call 244-0655.

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, Aug 1, 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.
- The church is hosting a **free Ice Cream Social** on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at 6:30 PM. Please bring your favorite topping to share.

St. Paul United Church of Christ, 161 South Main Street, Shrewsbury

- Hosting a **Family Night Games and Movie Under the Stars**, featuring, "Marley and Me", Snacks will be provided. The event is scheduled for Sunday, July 19 at 8 pm on the back lawn of the church. For more information, please contact: Pastor Martha Boyer at [717 858-2991](tel:7178582991).

Trinity UCC - Hallam

- Is having a **family supper** on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m. We will offer a light meal along with our traditional peach festival goodies for dessert. Mark your calendars now for a delicious and fun-filled night of fellowship. Peaches and all the fix-ins will be provided.
- We are pleased to have with us on Sunday, August 30th, during the worship hour, the **Keystone State Quartet**.

SEPTEMBER newsletter deadline is August 7.

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

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