



# NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

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

## May 2015 - Newsletter

### **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**

Let me open by saying I hope everyone had a blessed and joyous Easter with family and friends. Leading up to Easter, EIGHT Association churches rocked the walls of Faith UCC on March 25<sup>th</sup> bringing the Lenten pulpit round robins to a finale. It is always good to see this kind of camaraderie between sister churches. May we continue the feeling of Eastertide throughout the coming weeks?

In January I emailed all 29 York Association churches with a survey asking specific questions and places for comments. The responses were few but a good start with communication between the local churches and the Association. I was invited to attend one church's council meeting which I did. Another church has invited me to attend a church service in cooperation with a Conference representative to help explain what services we have to offer and help to explain how things work from the local church, to the Association, and to the Conference level. Mission projects such as Micro-lending, helping neighborhood families, Back Bay travel team, Kenya medical mission, Harvest of Hope food pantry, York Helping Hands, Emmanuel's Closet, Asaph ministries, Blanket Sunday, Camp Kidney, Homewood, Hoffman Home, Habitat for Humanity, Bethany Children's home are some of the many things being raised up in our churches.

While not all churches are looking for "help" per say, some are looking to partner with other congregations to reach mutual goals. There are so many activities that could become a mutual endeavor such as church dinners (UCC people love to eat), game nights, women's

retreats, movie nights, field trips, chili cook off, book sales, kids' groups. I would still love to hear from more churches in response to the "bulleted items" below by emailing [yapccucc@aol.com](mailto:yapccucc@aol.com) or contact me directly at 717-318-3501.

- Congregation size?
- Mission projects?
- Church Specific projects?
- Church groups?
- Church Activities?
- How can the Association Help?

Blessings to all and think spring!

*Submitted by: Barbara Crum, President*

### **JOIN York Association Facebook Group**

The York Association has a NEW Facebook group page. Three simple steps to join:

1. Log In to Facebook
2. Search for *York Association News & Views*
3. Click the *Join Group* button

The page will provide an opportunity for pastors and lay members of the Association to post events that their church is hosting that are of interest to the wider Association. It will also enable everyone to keep up with the latest news from the Association. You are welcome to post events or to share articles that would be of interest to other members of the Association. If you are active on Facebook, take a minute to join our new group.

*Submitted by: Mike Loser, YA Communications Comm.*

## Pulpit Supply Needed

We are looking to publish an updated version of our Pulpit Supply list. If you are available for supply preaching, we want to know! If you were on the most recent list, you will be included on the revised list unless you have notified us otherwise. If you are not on the current list or are unsure whether you are and want to be included on the revised list, please e-mail Mike Loser at [mikelos51@gmail.com](mailto:mikelos51@gmail.com) and include your phone number. Thanks.

*Submitted by: Mike Loser, VP York Association*

## Workshop – June 13<sup>th</sup> – 10:30-3:30 @ Susquehanna University

### Penn Central Conf Green Justice Ministry Team

If you weave together climate concerns, faith, the creative arts and a caring community, you have the essence of the Friday, Annual Meeting Pre-conference workshop entitled "Creative Approaches to Saving the Beauty of God's Earth."

Kevin Miller, an artist and group facilitator from York and Rev. Jerry Lee Miller, a songwriter, musician, pastor and activist from Lancaster will be leading this engaging and interactive workshop. The day will include experiencing art, music, dialog, brainstorming and expressive ritual designed to inspire a creative and hopeful response to climate change concerns for participants as well as ways to share the message with our congregations. You may register for the workshop on-line if you are registering for the annual meeting at [www.pccucc.org](http://www.pccucc.org). Or, if not attending annual meeting, you may choose to attend only this Friday workshop by sending a check in with your name to the conference office along with \$20 and note that you are registering for the "Creative Approaches to Saving the Beauty of God's Earth" workshop. Lunch is included. Please join us on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 - 3:30 at Susquehanna University. For questions contact Libby Loser at 717-887-6633 or Lee Ann Strine at [lrd574@aol.com](mailto:lrd574@aol.com).

*Submitted by: Lee Ann Strine & Libby Loser*

### JUNE newsletter deadline is May 5.

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

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## Around the Association

### New Hope Fissel's UCC

#### 3426 Fissel's Church Road., Glen Rock, PA

- New Hope Fissel's UCC will hold their **Flea Market & Craft Show** on Saturday, May 9, (Rain or Shine) 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Spaces are available for \$5.00 in advance or \$10.00 day of fair (non-refundable) Call the church office 717-235-2033 (Tues. Wed. or Thurs. 9 am to 2 pm) for additional information or to sign up for spaces.
- "Freedom Quartet" a Southern Gospel group from Sevierville, Tennessee will present a **concert** on Friday, April 24 at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. A Love Offering will be taken. All are welcome! Invite your family & friends to this "special music event"! The Church is Handicapped Accessible. Call the church office @ 717-235-2033 for more information.

*Submitted by: Glenda Smith*

### St. Paul UCC – 161 S.Main St., Shrewsbury

- "**GIGANTIC 2-DAY INDOOR YARD SALE**" on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 from 8am until 2pm. Items for sale include: glassware, jewelry, books, small appliances, household items, seasonal decorations, clothing and much, much more! For more information, please call 717.235.7003.

*Submitted by: Joan Kerchner*

### Locust Grove UCC –1035 Locust Grove Rd, York

- Our **BBQ's and Bake Sale** occur the first Saturday of April, May, June, August, September and October 2015. Dinners may be eaten on site or carry-out. We start selling at 11 am until sold out (sometimes by 12:30/1 pm.) You may reserve dinners by calling the church office (717-755-1318) on Fridays and leave your name, phone number, time you plan to pick up your dinner and the number of dinners. You may also call the church the day of the BBQ to see if there are dinners available. Dinners include: one half a chicken, baked potato, roll & butter, applesauce, cupcake, and a drink (variety of soda or water). The price is \$8/dinner.

*Submitted by: Ann Ludwick & Linda Foye*