



# NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

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**Partners in Blessing - Cooperative Mission,  
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## November 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)

### **From the President**

#### **Annual Meeting – November 8th**

Mark your calendars! I want to encourage all 29 UCC churches in the York Association to make it a point to have pastors and delegates present at the Annual meeting coming up on November 8<sup>th</sup> to be held at St John's Blymire's UCC in Dallastown. Your invitation will be emailed shortly. Please plan to attend. Let this year be the year we don't have to worry about a quorum.

*Submitted by: Barb Crum, YA President*

#### **Save Church Heating and Electricity Costs This Winter**

##### **Energy Saving Tips for Congregations**

**Monitor Energy Usage and Cost.** The first step in reducing your energy costs is to know what you are now spending. Continual monitoring can help to spot billing errors, provide feedback on your progress, and help determine if your actions are achieving results.

**Turn things off.** It doesn't matter how efficient a lamp, appliance, boiler, air conditioner or motor is – the greatest savings comes from turning it off and keeping it off. The more inefficient an appliance is, the greater the savings from keeping it off.

**Tune systems to optimal performance.** Building operators should continually adjust water temperatures, air temperatures, dampers, the

height of pilot light flames, and so on. Tune oil and gas burners with the help of a contractor. Use natural ventilation instead of compressor air conditioning overnight and during appropriate days.

**Purchase efficient replacements.** Congregations will eventually replace motors, air conditioners, heating systems, lamps, ballasts, appliances, office equipment and so on. The premium cost of more efficient equipment is usually justified when purchasing replacement equipment. Look for the "Energy Star" logo that indicates more energy efficient products.

**A single person** should accept responsibility for controlling energy use. Building a new building may require a committee, but a single person usually best controls the energy-using systems in existing buildings. That person should be given a copy of every electric and fuel invoice so that he or she can keep records of changes in energy use.

Most of these activities cost almost nothing yet are responsible for most of the reductions in energy cost. They should serve as basic goals for your efforts to lower your energy costs.

*Information from Andrew Rudin, Director of the [Interfaith Coalition On Energy](http://www.interfaithenergy.com/), presenter at the recent Green Justice Ministry Team "Going Green In Your Congregation" Workshop on saving energy costs and emissions for your church building. For more information click - <http://www.interfaithenergy.com/>*

## Pastoral Position Opportunity

Zion United Church of Christ, located at 100 Lafayette St, York, is currently looking for a Part-Time Permanent Pastor. For details, please contact Mrs. Barbara Neiman, Transition Team, at the church office [zionuccyork@comcast.net](mailto:zionuccyork@comcast.net) or at [can@gte.net](mailto:can@gte.net).

## ATTENTION: Church Treasurers

The financial books of the York Association close December 31, 2015. To be credited in 2015, funds must be received, not merely postmarked, by December 31. After that date, money received will be credited for 2016. If you have any questions, contact Rob Brown, [RobBrown73@comcast.net](mailto:RobBrown73@comcast.net), or by phone at 717-764-0091, or mail 1855 Lilac Rd., York, PA 17408-1527.

## Around the Association

### Starview UCC – 4832 N Sherman St Ext, Mt. Wolf

- On Saturday, November 7th from 3:30pm – 6:30pm, Starview United Church of Christ, will host its **Annual Fall Oyster and Roast Beef Dinner**. For more information or to place a carry-out order, contact the church office at 266-4248. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Neighbors In Need mission of the UCC.

*Submitted by: Katrina Rife*

### Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Dr, York

- White Rose Chorus' Barber Shop Group** will hold a holiday concert at Hayshire UCC on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Please come out and join us for some fabulous holiday favorites barber shop style!

*Submitted by: Rev. Brenda Marin*

### St. Paul UCC, 161 South Main St, Shrewsbury

- Will be holding its 38th **Annual Holiday Bazaar** on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7 from 9AM to 3PM. Several churches in the Southern York County and Northern Baltimore County are again participating in a Christmas Bazaar Trail this year on Saturday, November 7. Pick up your map and plan to spend the day visiting the church bazaars on the trail! For more information, call 717.235.7003

*Submitted by: Joan Kerchner*

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

- St. Paul's UCC is participating in 'Christmas in Dallastown' Event on Saturday, November 7th -

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A community day of fun, food, crafts and Christmas shopping in Dallastown!

- St. Paul's will host a **Wine and Cheese Pairing Event**, open to the public, in their multi-purpose room on Friday evening, November 20th, from 5:00-8:00 PM. Cost \$10. Cheeses vary in moisture content, fat content, texture and flavor and wines, too, vary in acidify, sweetness, body and structure. Representative from Allegro Vineyards of Brogue will provide basic guidelines to help you match cheese and wine, while enjoying the evening in the company of friends, old and new!

*Submitted by: Chris Raffenberger,*

### Emmanuel UCC, York

- is selling pecans to benefit their Kenya Education Fund for the education of girls from Mercy Homes Orphanage in Luanda, Kenya. The pecans, raised organically and sustainably, are from Koinonia Farms in Georgia, a faith based community that began Habitat for Humanity and many other peacemaking social justice organizations. The cost for a 1 pound package of pecan halves is \$12.75 and they are available now. Contact Emmanuel UCC if you would like to purchase pecans. Phone 717-801-1084 E-mail, [emmanuelucc@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelucc@gmail.com).

*Submitted by: Nancy Wise*

### Let's All Communicate via Facebook

Due to space limitations, we are unable to send out your beautiful flyers about local congregational events with this newsletter. We are happy to condense them to a few sentences for inclusion in this 2-page newsletter. The good news is we are announcing that these flyers may be posted in their entirety on the *York Association News & Views* Facebook page.

We prefer that you post your flyer, but we will post them if you get them to Mike Loser, [mikelos51@gmail.com](mailto:mikelos51@gmail.com) or Sue Barnes, Newsletter Editor. JPG's work best in the news feed, but PDF's are easier to view and to work with as files to be downloaded and reproduced. PDF's can be posted under the Files Tab at the top of the page. JPG's can be posted to the main page.

Please like and follow the **YA News & Views** group to keep up-to-date on what is happening in our Association. All pastors and lay members are encouraged to join our group page! Invite ALL!

### DECEMBER newsletter deadline is Nov 9.

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

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