



NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

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**Partners in Blessing - Cooperative Mission,
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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)

From the President

The green paraments are on the altar, choirs will be wearing their green stoles. Green is the color for this season. It is associated with spring, life, growth, and hope. The church is going through "Ordinary Time". This is one of two ordinary times in the church year. There are 33 or 34 Ordinary Time weeks which occur between Christmastide and Lent, and later in the year that links Pentecost and Advent. "Ordinary Time" could sound pretty dull, uninteresting and commonplace. But is it?

Another name for Ordinary Time could be "Sundays of the Year." The special focus of this six month period is the celebration of life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ: grappling with its mystery and how to live it in our daily lives. As this is what every Sunday is really about, Ordinary Time gives us a long period of reflection and a chance to establish good habits.

Lived well, Ordinary Time can help us to be open to God's goodness, blessings and riches within, in the family, church and society. In that way, we can experience the really extraordinary in the ordinary. How will you make your ordinary time extraordinary?

Submitted by: Barb Crum, YA President

Building Centennial to be Celebrated @ Zion UCC during October

Zion UCC, on the south side of Penn Park in the City of York, will celebrate the centennial of its building. The church building, the fourth in the congregation's 273 year history, was opened for use in 1915. Guests are welcome at all of the following special events:

On October 4, during the 10:00 AM worship service, information will be shared about the building of this new church from 1913 to 1915. Pastor Emeritus Rev. Robert L. Anderson, will officiate.

On October 11, during the 10:00 AM worship service, various readers will take those in attendance on a 'seated tour' of the features of the sanctuary.

On October 17, noon - 4:00 PM, Zion will be open for visitors wishing to look at the 252 Rudy Brothers stained glass windows. The event is sponsored by Historic York.

On October 18, during the 10:00 AM worship service, those in attendance will reenact the very first worship service held in the new church on October 17, 1915. A reception will be held following the service, to which all are invited.

On October 25, during the 10:00 AM worship service, you will learn about the changes made to the sanctuary after 1915

Y.E.S. EVENT

(York Engaged in Sharing)

AN ADVENT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE EVENT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015

ST. PAUL'S UCC, 205 W. MAIN ST. DALLASTOWN

6:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

The parish life committee has invited Byron Borger, the owner of *Hearts and Minds bookstore*, Dallastown, to present books and other educational resources for the advent season. The event will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and your table setting. The committee will provide beverages and dessert. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Roush at scroush@frontier.com.

Hartman Center Fall Festival

Saturday, October 17 – 10-3pm

Highway 322, Milroy, PA

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.

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 or at can@gte.net.

Fall is a great time to add some native plants to your home or church landscaping. Native perennial plants come back every year, require less water and care than annuals, survive well in our Pennsylvania soil and provide food and habitat for birds, butterflies, moths, and bees. Some York County favorites are black-eyed-susan, coneflower, milkweed, cardinal flower, joe-pye weed, bee balm, spice bush and viburnum.

Below are some links for learning more.

- <http://www.panativeplantsociety.org>
- <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/plants/nativeplant>
- <http://extension.psu.edu/plants/gardening/factsheets/perennial-garden/pa-native-plants-for-the-perennial-garden>

From the Penn Central Green Justice Team/ Libby Loser and Lee Ann Strine

Around the Association

Trinity UCC, 200 E. Market St, Hallam

- Trinity UCC is having its first annual **Health Fair** on Saturday, October 24th. The fair will be for all ages and for the whole community. We're going to have local dentists, medical staff, and health organizations as well as healthy snacks and fellowship.

New Hope Fissel's UCC

3426 Fissel's Church Rd, 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. Handicapped Accessible & additional information may be obtained by contacting the church office at 235-2033. Everyone welcome!

Heidelberg UCC – 47 W. Philadelphia St, York

- **Indoor Yard Sale** – Friday, Oct 9, 8am-6pm, & Saturday, Oct 10, 8 am-noon. Food items available for eat-in or take out plus a Bake Sale. Parking behind the church.

Starview UCC – 4832 N Sherman St Ext, 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. Our 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

- Is holding a **Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale** on Saturday, October 3, 2015, beginning at 11:00 AM, rain or shine. The public is invited. Dinner cost is \$8. Direct questions for the chicken barbecue to 755-1318.

St. Paul UCC, 161 South Main St, Shrewsbury

- Invites the community to "**Elvis' Songs of Love and Thanksgiving**", Friday, October 2 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10 and seating is limited. A short video of Elvis' life followed by Elvis Impersonator, Joe Forrester. Included are free light refreshments. For tickets and more information, please call Pastor Martha Boyer at 717 858-2991.
- Launches "**Messy Church**", Friday, October 9 from 6-7:30, a light supper is included. Messy Church is a fun new way of "doing church" for the whole family. Our doors open at 5:30pm and the mess begins at 6:00pm till 7:30 pm. Please preregister by October 2 by phoning Pastor Martha Boyer at 717 858-2991 or emailing; st.paulucc@verizon.net

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!



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 approximate cost for a 1 pound package of pecan halves is \$13 and they will be available at the end of October. Contact Emmanuel UCC if you would like to purchase pecans @ 717-801-1084 or email emmanuelucc@gmail.com. Dina Sande, student from Mercy Homes, says it best, "I take my humble time to thank Emmanuel Church for the support upon my education. I was to go nowhere but at least am placed somewhere in my future. Showers of blessings to you."

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

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