



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)

From the President

Holy week is fast approaching. Our churches will go through the cycle of Maundy Thursday services observing the last night Jesus spent communing with his disciples before his death. Good Friday remembering Jesus on the cross, and Easter Sunday when Christ rose from the dead.

Prior to this week, 8 churches participated in a pulpit and church rotation Wednesday evenings. The theme this year was "You Shall Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength". This church rotation has grown since it was first initiated. The services have been very well attended and I want to THANK everyone who has travelled to another church to participate. This is yet another encouraging display of our YA churches eager to share fellowship with one another.

Even if your church was not part of the Wed. Lenten rotation, I would like to encourage you to join together **March 16 @ 7:00 pm** for the final Choral worship at **St Johns UCC in Red Lion**. There will be single choirs presenting their anthems as well as a combined anthem. It is always an evening to remember as we enter this Easter Season.

Submitted by: Barbara Crum, YA President

PS - Please like and follow the **YA News & Views** Facebook group to keep up-to-date on what is happening in your Association.

2016 York Association Social Justice Forum

"YOU Are A Resource!"

Sat. April 23, 2016

9 – 11:30 am

Shiloh UCC, 2251 Willow Rd.; York, PA

Workshops open to the community & to help your congregation be a resource to older adults:

- Life on Their Own Terms ~ What are the living options and where can older adults find help?
- What Questions to Ask, Where to find answers.
- How to begin conversations with aging parents.
- Opportunities to make the most of life ~ life long learning, volunteering, travel, the joy of grand parenting, honoring the gifts of older adults in the church.
- Health ~ Medicare basics, Hospice – What it is and what it isn't - Healthy Lifestyles.

Submitted by: Rev. Cathy Sherry, Community Outreach Committee

YORK ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION BANQUET

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Wyndham Garden Hotel

12:00 -12:30 pm	Registration, Social Time
12:45 pm	Dinner
1:45 pm	Mr. Seth Knorr, Christian Comedian/Entertainer
2:45 pm	Adjournment

Submitted by: Steven Roush, Sec Parish Life Committee

YA Committee on Ministry News

Your York Association Committee on Ministry is the body you have elected to act on your behalf in the area of authorizing and supporting ordained and licensed ministers and congregations. To improve our effectiveness in this, the Committee is now going to be in regular communication with pastors and lay leaders of the 29 churches of the York Association. Similar to the "liaison" system for communicating with churches in transition, this new approach is intended to keep the lines of communication open and to support all the churches and pastors. Churches and pastors can expect to hear from a representative of the Committee on Ministry in the coming months.

Additionally, the Committee on Ministry is assigning their representatives to specific "areas" of the York Association. Churches are grouped into geographical areas. They are as follows: Northwest (Salem/Dover, Dover/Dover, St. Paul's/Red Run, Shiloh/York, St. Stephen's/West York); Northeast (Starview/Mount Wolf, Hayshire/York, Mt. Zion/York, Emmanuel/York, Trinity/Hallam); York City (Faith/York, Grace/York, Heidelberg/York, Trinity/York, Zion/York); Southwest (St. Jacob's/York New Salem, Trinity Roth's/Spring Grove, St. Paul's/Stoverstown, Mt. Zion/Spring Grove, St. Peter's Lischey's/Spring Grove); Southeast (Locust Grove/York, Emmanuel/Freysville, St. John's Blymire's/Dallastown, St. Paul's/Dallastown, St. John's/Red Lion); Southern (Salem/Jacobus, Trinity/Glen Rock, New Hope Fissel's/Glen Rock, St. Paul/Shrewsbury).

Your Committee on Ministry: Rev. Dr. Chris Anderson, Mary Arnold, Nan Frost, Rev. Pat Mullen, Rev. Dr. Kay Rader, Jim Smith, Jean Weidler and Rev. Dr. Ron Oelrich (chair)

St. Paul's Stoverstown UCC Installation Service

The installation of Rev. David Martin will take place April 24 at 3 pm, with a reception to follow. Pastor Martin graduated from Andover-Newton Theological School in Newton, Massachusetts in 2001. Pastor Martin began his service with St. Paul's on October 1, 2015. He and his wife have relocated to our area from Williamsville, New York. His daughter just graduated from college and has plans to continue on with her education. His son is a student at Clarkson University. We hope you will be able to join us on April 24 for this celebration.



Celebrate Earth Sunday - Learn more at: http://www.ucc.org/keep_it_in_the_ground_preach_it_teach_it_do_it

Around the Association

Faith UCC, 509 Pacific Avenue, York, PA

- The Women's Guild of Faith UCC will be hosting the **Church Women United (CWU) meeting** on Friday, May 6. Women of all faiths are invited to attend with registration at the church at 2:15 pm followed by the program & refreshments. Elva Hurst is a professional artist from Lancaster County who is reviving the old art of **chalk talk**. Her sketches are an experience you will not forget! Hope you can join us! For info please contact Sheryl Smith @ lessjs1@verizon.net, call 717-792-1111.

St Stephen's UCC, 1569 W. Market St, York PA

- Starting on May 9, St. Stephen's has a ministry opening for an **Organist-Choir Director** (part time position). For inquiries call (717) 854-6736.

New Hope Fissel's UCC,

3426 Fissel's Church Road, Glen Rock, PA

New Hope UCC is located below Susquehannock High School.

- We will be holding a "**Flea Market**" on Saturday, May 7, (Rain or Shine) 9:00 to 3:00 pm. Spaces are \$5.00 in advance or \$10.00 day of fair (non-refundable). Call the church office 717-235-2033 (Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9 to 2 pm) for additional information or to sign up for a space/s.
- "**Freedom Quartet**" a Southern Gospel group from Sevierville, TN will present a concert on Friday, April 22, at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided. A Love Offering will be taken. All are welcome to this "**special music event**"! Call the church office for more information - 717-235-2033

Blymire's UCC, Dallastown, PA

- On Sunday, Jan. 17, we had a special celebration for the 25th Anniversary of Ordination for **Pastor Curt Weber**. During the service, Curt was named Pastor Emeritus for Blymire's church. If you would like more information, please contact Lou Ann Jones, Interim Pastor -- church - 244-0655 or cell - 332-7997.

Starview UCC,

4832 North Sherman Street Ext, Mt. Wolf, PA

- On Saturday, April 2, from 3:30 – 6:30 pm, Starview UCC will host its **Annual Spring Oyster and Roast Beef Dinner**. You may select a dinner featuring fried oysters, roast beef with filling, or a combination of both. Combo dinner, extra oysters, carry-out dinners & carry-out oyster stew are available. For pricing information or to place a carry-out order, contact the church office at 266-4248.

May newsletter deadline is April 8.

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