



# NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

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

## March 2016 - 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

What a celebration there was on Sunday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. No, I'm not talking about the Super Bowl. I'm talking about **Dover United Church of Christ** being filled to the brim ALL seats were filled waiting for the installation of Rev. Eva O'Diam as their Pastor.

Musical Preludes from the organ and "A-Pealing Praise" the bell choir from Penbrook UCC. Clergy and choir processed to, "Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers". You couldn't help but get caught up in the excitement of the day. The message was given by Rev. Cindy Garis, the Exec. Director for Oasis Ministries, formerly of Metropolitan Community Church of the Spirit where Eva previously attended. The message title, "Some Potent Breath" was truly inspirational referencing scripture text from Ezekiel 37; the valley of dry bones until the Lord breathed on them bringing them back from the dead physically and spiritually. "We aren't dead yet".

Combined choirs from Hayshire, Penbrook, and Dover filled the room with sounds of "Joy Overflowing" followed by the Installation of Rev. O'Diam. The closing Hymn "In the Midst of New Dimensions" says it all for the future of Eva and Dover UCC.

*"We are man and we are woman, all persuasions,  
old and young. Each a gift in your creation,  
each a love song to be sung.*

*God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar  
We your people ours the journey now and ever,  
now and ever, now and evermore"*

Submitted by: Barbara Crum, YA President

### York Association Church Rotation

#### Wednesday Services During Lent

#### Theme: Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength

For the third straight year, York Association Churches are participating in a Lenten "rotation" in which the worshipers all move to different churches. This year eight churches are participating in two separate rotations. If your church is not offering Lenten services on Wednesday evenings, feel free to join any of these services.

Each evening begins with a 6:00 p.m. supper of soup/sandwich/salad followed by a 7:00 pm worship service.

#### Group A Rotation:

- Feb. 17 - Dover UCC/Brenda Marin
- Feb. 24 - Locust Grove UCC/Ron Oelrich
- March 2 - Hayshire UCC/Kent Rhodehamel
- March 9 - Faith UCC/Eva O'Diam

#### Group B Rotation:

- Feb. 17 - Trinity (Hallam) UCC/Pete Seiler
- Feb. 24 - Grace UCC/Kelly Shiflett
- March 2 - Shiloh UCC/Tom Caruso
- March 9 - Zion (York) UCC/Sue D'Heedene

On **March 16**, all eight congregations will join together for a 7:00 pm choral worship at St. Johns UCC – Red Lion.

Submitted by: Rev. David Tietje

**2016 York Association Social Justice Forum**  
**"You Are A Resource!"**

**Sat. April 23, 2016**

**9 am – Noon**

**Shiloh UCC, 2251 Willow Rd.; York, PA**

Workshops 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 and where to find answers.
- How to begin conversations with aging adults/parents.
- Opportunities to make the most of life ~ life long learning, volunteering, travel, the joy of grandparenting, 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

The reservation material will be emailed to each church in early February. Churches who want to display a special mission/project, please contact LeeAnn Strine at [lr574@aol.com](mailto:lr574@aol.com).

The dinner cost is \$20 per person with the following selections:

1. Stacked Meatloaf with Gravy, Lumpy Red Skin Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Peas OR
2. Roasted Vegetable Ravioli, Tender Pasta Pillows Filled with Roasted Vegetables Tossed with Balsamic Marinara Nested On Wilted Spinach and Topped with Fresh Mozzarella OR
3. Roast Turkey, Traditional Filling, Pan Gravy and Cranberry Sauce, Whipped Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans Laced with Applewood Smoked Bacon

Please join your fellow York Association members for an afternoon of enjoyable food and entertainment.

*Submitted by: Steven Roush, Sec Parish Life Committee*

**Around the Association**

**St. Paul UCC, 161 S. Main St., Shrewsbury**

- Orders are now being taken for homemade **Easter candy** until Wed, March 9. Choose from Raisin clusters, peanut clusters, peanut butter marshmallow, peanut butter balls, coconut creams and assorted in both dark and milk chocolate. Also toffee pretzel bark (mixed dark & milk chocolate). Cost is \$9.50/lb. and \$5.00 half-pound. Pickup at the church will be Friday, March 18 from 6-8 pm. To order or for more information, please call: (717) 818.5548 or (717) 235.5732.

**New Hope Fissel's UCC,  
 3426 Fissel's Church Rd., Glen Rock**

- Our Annual **Family-Style Ham Supper and Bake Sale** will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Serving begins at 3 pm. Tickets are available at the door. Handicapped Accessible. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the church office at (717) 235-2033. All are welcome!

**Reminder: Join Us on Facebook**

Please like and follow the **YA News & Views** group to keep up-to-date on what is happening in your Association. ALL members of ALL congregations are encouraged to join our group page! As of today we have 110 members following our group! Let's set a goal to double that number! Please invite your friends and families to join us!

**April newsletter deadline is March 8.**

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

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