

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)

Intentional Prayer List

The mission statement of the York Association calls us to support one another in our covenantal relationship. Keep the following sister congregations in your prayers as they journey through their time of transition:

- Salem UCC – Dover – called Rev. Ruthann Siebert as their pastor, beginning June 1, 2011. Rev. Brad Rentzel is currently serving as interim pastor.
- St. Paul's UCC (Red Run) – East Berlin – Rev. Jim Crawford is currently serving as interim pastor as the church continues to receive profiles.
- Dover UCC – Dover – Rev. Aris Fokas currently serving as interim pastor.
- Heidelberg UCC – York – Rev. Henry Korinth currently serving as interim pastor.
- Trinity UCC – Hallam

Council Appointments

- Rev. Danielle Neff – Mt. Zion York – appointed Chairperson of the Parish Life Committee. Pastor Ron Heagy will continue to serve as a member of the committee.
- Joy Gobrecht – St. Paul's Stoverstown – appointed to fulfill Conference Board of Directors term of Diane Chinault (class of 2011) and will serve as York Association Laywoman on that Board (class of 2014).
- Sue Biesecker – Shiloh York – appointment to fulfill Community Outreach Committee term of Diane Chinault (class of 2012)
- Sue Barnes – Heidelberg York – appointment to Communication Committee to complete term of Bonnie Whittier.

Lenten Music

On April 13, the choirs from the congregations from Faith, Grace, Hayshire, Locust Grove and Mt. Zion – York, will share in a night of music at Hayshire UCC at 7:00 pm. Dessert will be served following the music presentation. Members of the York Association are invited to attend and share in this evening of music and prayers.

Special Palm Sunday Concert

APRIL 17, 2011, 7:00 PM

Former Dover Renaissance '99 members Philip Warner and Christian Massa are producing an original work to be performed in Heidelberg UCC, York at 7:00 pm the evening of Palm Sunday. The work will feature a 100 voice choir accompanied by 20 instrumentalists.

Behold the Lamb is described as a "visual oratorio" combining the elements of choir, soloists, and chamber ensemble intertwined with a video/visual art installation. The work aims to draw the audience into a renewed and meaningful reflection of the Easter story.

Proceeds from this performance will benefit a mission in Bulgaria. Tickets will cost \$10. All proceeds will benefit the mission.

Another opportunity for training to be a Silent Witness at Emmanuel UCC York, Sat., April 2, 10 AM to Noon.

Silent Witness Peacekeepers Alliance (SWPA) is an organization of trained volunteers dedicated to providing a non-confrontational buffer between attendees of public events and members of hate groups who come to protest those events. **Silent Witnesses** are often present at LGBT functions (lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender), but they also serve at events that promote all kinds of diversity. The Silent Witnesses were asked to be present at the recent youth Unity March in York, for instance.

Silent Witnesses are peacekeepers, not counter-protesters. Using their distinctive rainbow umbrellas as shields, they provide protection from "street preachers" and protesters at events such as Pridefests, the showing of films like "For the Bible Tells Me So," or staging of plays such as "The Laramie Project." When necessary, Silent Witnesses intervene to prevent confrontations between protesters and event participants. They often act as friendly escorts into and out of an event for persons who attend. Where there are those who publicly promote hate, Witnesses offer a loving, supportive front opposing them – a sort of "human spiritual firewall" – a visual representation of support for those in our society who may feel marginalized. By their

presence they protect everyone's rights of free speech and religion.

Silent Witnesses receive significant training in non-confrontation techniques specially designed for the type of work they do. Only those who have received this training may participate in an event as Silent Witnesses. If you are interested in receiving this training, it will be offered at Emmanuel York on Saturday, April 2, at 10 AM. Emmanuel is located at 1059 Kelly Drive, 17404. The training session is approximately two hours long. If you would like to learn more, visit the SWPA website at www.silentwitnesspa.org, and/or contact Kay Rader (717-898-7099 or ksrader@verizon.net). It is helpful to know approximately how many persons will be attending. If you plan to come to the training, please let Kay know.

Dear Friend of Hoffman Home for Youth:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location listed below on 4/9/2011 to aid us in raising money to benefit Hoffman Home for Youth.

Print this email and present it on **4/9/2011** at Hoss's in **York West (White Street)**. Hoss's will then donate 20% of your total check paid to **Hoffman Home for Youth** *New this year: **If your group raises \$1200 or more in sales, Hoss's will donate 25%! This applies to single day, single store events only.**

Group #11270

Around the Association

Locust Grove UCC – York - chicken barbecue and bake sale on Saturday, April 2, 2011, beginning at 11:00 AM, rain or shine. The public is invited. Dinners will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, until sold out. The cost of the dinner is \$7.50. The dinner will include one-half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, dinner roll and butter, cupcake, and beverage. Dinners can be eaten on site or carried out. Our contact number for the chicken barbecue is 755-1318. To reserve dinners, please leave your name, phone number, and number of dinners.

St. Paul's UCC – Dallastown - All-You-Can-Eat Seafood Feast Saturday, April 9th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm Adult Tickets are \$20, Kids' Tickets (ages 6-12) are \$10 Menu includes: Shrimp, Oysters, Clams, Grilled and Fried Fish, Sides, Desserts and Drinks

St. Paul's UCC - Shrewsbury -Chicken barbecue dinner on Saturday, April 16, beginning at 10:30 AM. The public is invited. Dinners will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, until sold out. The cost of the dinner is \$7.50 and includes one-half chicken, baked potato, roll w/butter, dessert, (applesauce & beverage included when eaten on site). Carry-outs available. Call 235-7003 to order ahead or for more information

Starview United Church of Christ – Mt. Wolf - Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 9th and continuing each Wednesday through April 13th there will be a 6pm Soup & Bread Meal followed by a 7pm service. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will begin with a 6pm Soup and Bread meal followed by services at 7pm. On Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service @ Hoover's Cemetery 6:30am, Easter Sunrise

Breakfast – Fellowship Hall 7:15am and Easter Sunday Service 9:00am.

Trinity United Church of Christ - Hallam, Trinity Players will once again be presenting a mystery dinner theatre entitled "Murder at 29,029 Feet" on May 6, 7, 13 & 14. Curtain time will be 6:30 p.m. in the church social hall. Seating arrangements can be made beginning April 1st, by calling Melissa Falk at 817-0575.

Organist Available

Mary Denlinger will be available to serve in the position of church organist effective July 1, 2011. Please contact Mary at 717-843-9604 for further information.

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. To qualify, she must sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>

You may not know someone going through chemo, but someone on your email list might. Please forward!

May 2011 Newsletter Deadline is April 10th.
The Newsletter will be mailed on April 15th. Newsletter submissions should be addressed to:

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