

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

York Association Ascension Day Service

Thursday, June 2nd at
Salem UCC, Dover
2705 W. Canal Street
Dover, PA 17315

A light supper will be served at 6 PM
(RSVP requested by May 25th – music996@verizon.net)

Worship at 7 PM.

The service will focus on the theme of "witness" and will feature guest preacher,
Rev. Dr. Marja Coons-Torn

2011 Relay for Life – Join Team UCC

It's almost time for this year's 2011 Relay for Life for York County! We have formed a team for all of the UCC Churches in York County, TEAM UCC!

The event is being held June 17th and 18th at York Vo Tech High School from 1pm Friday to 1pm Saturday!

We are really excited for this year's relay, and we'd like to get as many UCCers involved as we can! In your bulletins you will find an insert and flyers will be posted around your church with information regarding relay! There are many

ways that you can help. You could become a member of our team, donate to the team, sponsor a Luminaria, or participate in the Survivor/Caregiver lap is applicable!

Just as a heads up! Team members do not need to stay the whole 24 hours of the event, so don't let that scare you away from not joining our team!

Our fundraising goal for this year is \$5,000. If we reach this, Brian Percy) and Ron Oelrich (Sr. Pastor at Faith UCC/York) have decided they will shave their hair into Mohawks and dye them purple! And, they must keep them like this for at least a week! So, let's get fundraising!!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact myself, Jessica Doudrick 717-891-8122 or Brian Percy 603-304-3187. We really hope that you will join us in this walk for a cure!

Jesus Didn't Turn Anyone Away – Neither Do We

The above statement is not a new one to most of us in the UCC, however, to the attendees at the Olde York Street Fair, our message was clear.

For the 12th year, members of the York Association hosted a stand at the Annual Street Fair on Mother's Day in York to promote the good news of Jesus' love and acceptance of all. God Loves Me was the message conveyed to the little ones who were lucky enough to get a coloring book and crayons. God Is Still Speaking wrist bands were worn by many visitors to the Street Fair this year. Many were able to store their stuff from the Street Fair in their "all creatures great and small" totes bags this year. UCC identity items were the focus this year and we were able to get the Still Speaking word out on the street.

We were visited by many that appreciated our gifts but more importantly appreciated our presence, in light of our location one half block away from the Society of Non-Believers. Our location alone certainly was cause for discussion and visits from the passerby's.

There was a special young lady who touched my heart on that day – no names were exchanged but she spoke from the heart – "Marriage is hard" she said, being a newlywed of one year. She went on to say the she and her husband went through all of the obligatory stuff required by the church prior to marriage but no one ever coached them on what would happen once life really took over. She had an idea and it made sense to me. She went on to say there are mentor programs around for all occasions and there also should be a mentor

program for newlyweds. She has observed many married couples who have lasted through the years and wished she could have a couple be her mentor to get through the initial rough stuff. Her question to us – did we know of any churches that provided this type of ministry to their newly married couples? We responded not yet – but, maybe.....

Our conversations were authentic that day and our mission was clear – God is Still Speaking through the York Association in York County and many are yearning to hear.

Lisa Young – Communication Committee

GOOD LISTENERS WANTED!

On behalf of the York Association, the Committee on Ministry offers Situational Support Consultations to congregations in our Association that are in situations of transition, or occasionally of conflict. The major work is done by "listening teams" made up of volunteer women and men, both lay and clergy. The purpose of this work is to help congregations share and clarify their strengths and weakness, their challenges and their hopes.

Here's a testimonial about the value of this process from Mary Arnold of Salem UCC, Dover: "The York Association Listening Team members held situational support meetings with members of Salem UCC in April 2009 after our pastor resigned. They were scheduled every hour of the day and evening and over a weekend to make it convenient for everyone to attend. A letter explaining the importance of this process was sent to all members, asking them to sign up for an appointment. 47 out of the 65-70 who attend every Sunday participated. Following that weekend, Cathy Sherry, then chair of the Committee on Ministry, shared the findings with members of our Consistory. Salem found this information was valuable when writing our congregational profile. We found that the congregation works well together, has talented members, and has a sense of heritage in Salem's long history. We celebrated our 250th anniversary a couple of years ago."

It's a big job! So we need more trained listeners. Please consider becoming trained during the training session at **Thursday, June 16 at Hayshire UCC.**

To sign up, or for more information, contact Committee on Ministry chair Larry Smith at LBS004@hotmail.com, or call 717-542-3402. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

Faith Church June 12-16, 2011 - 6:00– 8:30 p.m - ages 3-12

Grab a cab and head to the Big Apple Adventure™! Amid the exciting sights and sounds of the city, kids will learn that they can connect faith and life through a relationship with Jesus. During their day in the city, kids will visit Worship at Times Square and Bible Study at Battery Park. While touring the city they will also visit: • Midtown Snacks • Missions Central • Playground 1017 • and the Crafts District.

to pre-register, call the church office at 843-8991 or email pastoramy@faithuccyork.org or come early and register on June 12th

Hayshire UCC – York July 31 – August 4 from 6:30 – 8:45pm

On **Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street**, kids will be drawn into stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. But His stories were anything but ordinary! Jesus turned lives upside down and hearts inside out through parables that challenged people to look at themselves and

others in new and unexpected ways. Kids will learn of Gratitude, Compassion, Forgiveness, Grace and Faithfulness as they join Heidi Clare-sleuth extraordinaire, Chef Pierre Mon Frere and bus driver Justin Time. Kids will visit Parable Productions – Firehouse Fitness – Sidewalk Celebration – Fun Factory – Brown Bag Bistro along their journey. So come join us on Main Street for an inside-out, upside-down experience like no other...and let Jesus make a difference in YOU!

Around the Association

Locust Grove UCC – York - chicken barbecue and bake sale on Saturday, June 4, 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. In addition, there will be a yard sale beginning at 8:00am.

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC - Spring

Annual Chicken BBQ, Bake and Yard Sale on Saturday, June 4th 2011, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, rain or shine. Tickets are on sale now for BBQ chicken dinners. The price is \$7.00 for 1/2 chicken, baked potato, and applesauce. Breakfast, lunch, and baked goods will be sold by the Ladies of Lischey's. Please call the church office at 717-225-3932 for more information

Senior Excursions on the Rail Trail

The York County Department of Parks and Recreation is again sponsoring Senior Excursions in the parks. These rides are designed to transport senior citizens through the parks to see the natural beauty and hear about local history. The "People Mover" trailer is pulled by a pickup truck. Each ride is narrated by Parks Program Coordinator Jeri Jones. Dress for the weather. In the event of rain, the Parks will cancel the trip. The scheduled rides, times, cost and ride duration are as follows:

June 22 – High Point Scenic Vista and Recreation Area – Departures at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Ride duration 45 minutes.

July 26 – Rail Trail County Park, Hanover Junction Train Station – Departures at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Duration is 75 minutes.

August 16 – Rail Trail County Park, Seven Valleys Fire Department – Departure at 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Duration is 100 minutes.

September 20 – Rail Trail County Park, New Freedom Train Station – Departures at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Duration is 75 minutes.

October 11 – Spring Valley County Park, Animal Activity Area – Departures at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Duration is 75 minutes.

For more information or to register, call York County Parks at (717) 840-7440.

Part Time Secretary Needed

Starview United Church of Christ is seeking a part-time secretary. 12 hours a week, \$9.00/hr. Computer skills essential. Forward resume to: starviewucc@verizon.net

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!

July 2011 Newsletter Deadline is June10th.

The Newsletter will be mailed on June15th. Newsletter submissions should be addressed to:

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