

### 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)

#### Churches in Transition

Please keep these congregations in your prayers during their time of transition.

- Dover UCC, Dover, Aris Fokas, Interim
- Trinity UCC, Hallam, Bill LaSalle, Interim
- Zion UCC, York, Phil Nace, Stated Supply
- St. Paul's UCC, Dallastown, Pat Mullen, Interim
- St. Stephen's UCC, West York, Arthur Grahe, Contracted Pastor
- Heidelberg UCC, York, Amy Schultz, Interim

#### New Pastor at St. Paul's, Red Run

The Rev. Sheresa Simpson Rice began her ministry at St. Paul's on November 20. She is a graduate of Lancaster Seminary and recently served Mt. Olivet in Gettysburg Association. Look for an installation date in 2012. Welcome Sheresa to the York Association.

#### Annual Meeting Date

In response to a request at the 2011 York Association Annual Meeting, the Executive Council has changed the 2012 Annual Meeting to November 11, 2012 at Starview UCC.

#### YORKASSOCIATIONUCC.ORG

Check out the York Association Web-site. Bob Henry, a member of St. Paul's UCC, Stoverstown, has assumed the duties of web-master and has recently updated the site.

Check out the site for Association and Penn Central Conference events on the calendar. Check out your church information on the church list. The past editions of newsletters are there as well as the Association list of committee members.

Help keep the site up to date by emailing Bob at [henry8@comcast.net](mailto:henry8@comcast.net) with dates and changes.

#### Church World Service: It's More Than Just Blanket Sunday!

On Sunday, January 29, 2012, The Committee on Community Outreach of the York Association will host a showing of the movie Crossing Midnight at 6:00 p.m at Faith UCC, 509 Pacific Avenue, York, PA. Following the movie showing, we will have a presentation from Laura Beltle, Sponsorship Developer from Church World Service Lancaster. Ms. Beltle will provide information on Refugee Resettlement, with specific attention to the work of Church World Service in Lancaster.

Crossing Midnight is about the community of refugees from Burma on the border of Thailand. To view the trailer for this brief film, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-f63-n0RRos>.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Rev. Sarah Rentzel Jones at [srentzjones@gmail.com](mailto:srentzjones@gmail.com) or by phone at 717-225-3932.

#### SAFE SANCTUARY A Faith Based Discussion

Saturday, January 14, 2012  
(inclement weather date January 28)

9:00AM-12:00 NOON

RSVP BY January 7

Free to Attend

Refreshments provided

STARVIEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4832 N. Sherman Street Ext'd

Mt. Wolf, Pa. 17347

FOCUS: "Safe Sanctuary" is designed to make our church a safer place by being very intentional about protecting children, and other vulnerable persons from all forms of abuse--sexual, verbal, mental

Presenter: Laura Bair, Pastor at Starview UCC

Register via e-mail to Joyce Mummert @comcast.net or call 717-792-0681

### **PCC Associate Conference Minister Named**

The Penn Central Conference Board of Directors called the **Rev. Dr. Thomas Webster** as the new Conference Associate Minister for Pastoral Leadership and Discernment on Saturday, December 10 at a special board meeting. In this position, Thom will coordinate the work of the Church and Ministry Commission of the conference and support the eight associations' committees on ministry. He will oversee the search and call process for our conference churches and provide leadership and training to our interim/transitional clergy.

He will begin February 15. You will be able to reach Thom at the conference office 717-652-1560 or by e-mail [twebster@pccucc.org](mailto:twebster@pccucc.org).

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### **Calling all Youth Group Leaders**

30 Hour Famine  
February 24 and 25, 2012  
Heidelberg UCC, York, PA

Jim Sheets of HUCC is in the process of planning the next 30 Hr Famine to be held February 24 & 25. During this time the youth are entertained by Captive Free on Friday night and Saturday is dedicated to various service projects within the city of York. As always the pledge money we collect goes to World Vision to help the needy of the world.

What is the Famine? - The 30 hr Famine is an event to raise money for World Vision and to raise awareness of the terrible hunger and poverty that they help to alleviate. Participants stop eating from 1 pm on Friday till 7pm on Saturday at which time they are rewarded with a feast. (There are special provisions for children under 12 years of age.) Participants get family and friends to help sponsor their efforts. As the fast goes on they get to experience, in a small way, what many people in the world live with every day. Contact Jim Sheets ([sheetsfamily1@yahoo.com](mailto:sheetsfamily1@yahoo.com)) for additional information.

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### **Annual York Association Leadership Banquet**

The Parish Life Committee would like to invite you to the Annual York Association Leadership Banquet scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2012. This banquet is for all Church Leaders and those who serve the Church faithfully regardless of whether they hold an official "leadership" position in your congregation. We truly want to honor the clergy and devoted lay persons within our midst!. This year we will be encouraging participation by subsidizing the banquet and only charging attendees for the cost of their meal. Additional expenses including speaker honorariums, service charges and other expenses will be covered by the York Association Parish Life Team. Please mark your calendars and consider attending - additional information including menu choices and cost will be sent in the coming month. Thanks!!

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### **Shiloh U.C.C. "Lend a Hand" at Heidelberg U.C.C. Community Breakfast**

Four youth and eight adults had the privilege of participating in Heidelberg U.C.C.'s community breakfast on November 26, 2011. The youth thought feeding the hungry was a great way to express our Christian faith. They were surprised to see other children and youth as guests at the breakfast. They thought that it was cool that guests were able to pick out clothing and blankets to take with them. They found the guests generally friendly and thankful for the food and clean clothes. Those in the kitchen enjoyed making large bubbles out of the dish soap and described the experience as "fun." We plan to join with Heidelberg again on Christmas eve.

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### **Ring in the New Year**

@ Heidelberg UCC, 47 W. Philadelphia St. Heidelberg UCC was awarded a \$500 grant from the city of York to host entertainment on New Year's Eve for their New Year's Eve celebration from 6:45 to 11:00 pm. The *Stray Catechisms* will perform classic rock and seasonal favorites. You can learn more about Heidelberg United Church of Christ and the Stray Catechisms by visiting our Facebook page: **Heidelberg UCC, York PA** or by following the 'Heidelblog' at <http://heidelblogucc.blogspot.com>.

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**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!

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### **February 2012 Newsletter Deadline is January 5th. The Newsletter will be mailed on January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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