



NEWS of the 24 Churches of the York Association

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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)

Discounted Technology

Usually, when we hear about discounted (or free) technology, it is something that has been donated and is old. Rarely is it current. However, new software at discount prices is available at Tech Soup. They also offer hardware discounts on computers and routers, but I have not looked into any of those. The discounts that I am familiar with are the discounts on software – such as Microsoft 365, Quickbooks, Google Small Business Accounts and WIX websites. Their link is <https://www.techsoup.org/>

The discounts can be substantial. For example, the WIX discount is almost 70%. From their website: TechSoup supports nonprofits, charities, and libraries by providing access to donations and discounts on software, hardware, and services from major brands. If you want to use Tech Soup, you will need to create a login. To do that, you need to provide your federal non-profit number. If you do not have one, you can get a membership using the Penn Central Conference’s umbrella. Anyone needing help setting up an account, feel free to contact me at admin@YorkAssociationUCC.org. Once you get an account, you would need to find the software (or hardware) that you want to purchase, and Tech Soup sells you a coupon. The coupon either pays for the entire purchase (as it did a few years ago when we purchased Microsoft Office), or it is a discount coupon (for \$40 I purchased a 70% off coupon for WIX.) You then have to navigate through the product’s website to

purchase the software with your coupon (Microsoft continues to be...difficult.) This is a handy way to receive discounted NEW software. Check it out!

Submitted by: Jaron Flickinger

Around the Association

St. Paul UCC Yard Sale
September 22 & 23, 9am-5pm
in the Fellowship Hall
161 South Main St, Shrewsbury

As St. Paul UCC closes its doors, it is holding a yard sale on September 22 and 23 from 9am to 5pm. Small altars, various altar crosses, advent candles and banners are among the religious items that will be available for purchase. Furniture and equipment items include several desks, desk chairs, file cabinets, a copier/printer, a scanner, TVs and TV carts, folding tables/chairs, vintage children's chairs/tables, adult wood and metal chairs, and bookshelves. St. Paul was known in the local community for its annual craft fairs so there will also be a wide selection of craft items and supplies for making crafts.

Hayshire UCC
100 Haybrook Dr, York, PA

What: Monthly Prayer Vigils

When: 2nd Wed of the month, 6pm

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6pm for our new Prayer Vigil ministry as we gather around our new “Prayer Pit”. During this time, we will lift up in prayer the people and situations that are on our hearts,

mixed with moments of silence for our own internal prayers. Don't forget to bring a comfy chair.

New Hope Fissel's UCC

3426 Fissel's Church Road, Glen Rock, PA

What: Sub & Pretzel Sandwich Sale

When: Pick up orders on Saturday, September 16 from 10am until 12pm Noon or on Sunday, September 17 immediately following worship

The deadline for all orders is Tuesday, September 5. Subs & pretzel sandwiches are provided by R&K Subs. Please contact the church office at 717-235-2033 or newhopefissels@gmail.com to place your order and for more details.

Locust Grove UCC,

1035 Locust Grove Road, York

What: Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale

When: Saturday, October 7, 11am till 1pm or sold out, rain or shine.

Dinner Cost: \$11

Dinners include one-half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, dinner roll & butter, cupcake, and a bottle of water. Dinners can be eat-in on site or carried out. Pre-order by calling 717-755-1318. To reserve dinners, please leave your name, phone number, and the number of dinners. All reserved dinners must be picked up by 12:30pm.

St. John's Blymire UCC

1009 Blymire Road, Dallastown

What: Outdoor concerts, pavilion behind church

When: Sundays - 2pm – 4pm.

September 3 - First Capital Brass Ensemble

What: Sticky Bun Sale

When: NOW until September 17

The cost is \$20.00 for a six pack or \$4.00 per single. Please call the church to order and for pickup instructions - 717-244-0655.

The next newsletter, October, will be emailed September 15. Please send all articles to news@yorkassociationucc.org by September 12.

Heidelberg UCC

47 W Philadelphia St, York

What: First Friday – Heidelbean Coffee House

When: Friday, Sept 1, 6-8:30pm

Plan to spend York's First Friday at the Heidelbean Coffee House. Musicians, West & Ward will be on the auditorium stage from 6:30-8:30pm and Dick Frey, organist, will be playing the Austin pipe organ in the sanctuary.

What: Sexton Needed @ Heidelberg UCC

Work Hours: Part-Time 15 hours per week. Monday and Thursday required hours. May include some Sundays and First Friday of each month.

Position Overview: The Sexton performs weekly and monthly custodial duties; troubleshoots and performs minor repairs; implements setups and takedown for a variety of church and community events, works closely with church leadership to meet the custodial / maintenance needs.

Anyone interested should email their contact information with a short resume to the church office, heidelbergUCC@aol.com

Cam & Stephanie

Welcome to Heidelberg, we're so excited to have you both! *Cam Richesson* is our newest Member in Discernment (MiD), and *Stephanie Oelrich* has been accepted as our first Lancaster Theological Seminary intern who will be joining us in September. We're so glad you're both with us and are looking forward to your insights and contributions.

York Association UCC Clergy Gathering

When: Wednesday, September 13 @ 11am

Where: Lion's Pride Restaurant, Red Lion, PA

From: Martha Boyer, Communicator, 717.858.2991
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Facebook Reminder

Andew Boyer is trying to keep the York Association Facebook page as current as possible. Please help him by emailing items that you would like posted. He is doing an excellent job posting events, photos, and information that interests everyone in the Association. Reach out to him via Facebook or email.

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