

## APRIL 2024 – 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)

### News from Penn Central Conference

- For the first time, all four Pennsylvania conferences of the UCC will be gathering for a **shared Annual Meeting on June 7-9, 2024**, at The Penn Stater in State College, PA. We will have shared worship, workshops, meals, and meetings as well as each conference's separate business meeting. The theme is: *"Together We Are Stronger"* with the centering scripture Matthew 14: 18 – 21.
- We will be joined by General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, who will be preaching during closing worship on Sunday. All four conferences will be hosting a reception with her on Saturday evening as well.
- Registration is now open – register [here](https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/keystone-conferences-annual-gathering). (<https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/keystone-conferences-annual-gathering>). You can learn more in [this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rzue8IoCa5k) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rzue8IoCa5k>) featuring all four conference ministers, plus a tentative schedule is posted to the registration page. If the cost of attending annual meetings is prohibitive, financial assistance may be available! Please contact Paul at [pkeller@pccucc.org](mailto:pkeller@pccucc.org)
- Hartman Center Homecoming Camp 2024 registration is open! Various camps are scheduled for July 28 - August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Milroy, PA. Check out the full list of camping experiences for all ages and register here: <https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hartman-homecoming-week-2024>

*Blessings,*  
C. Paul Keller, Office Manager

### Join the Tree Tenders

At Emmanuel UCC, York we have been TREE TENDING at Nixon County Park for 11 years. We go to the park as a group to a small area in the wetlands between the creek and the road that leads to the Nature Center. We check on the trees which we have planted over the years, straighten the cages, make sure the stakes are sturdy in the ground, and pull invasive weeds in the area. We all love being out in nature and enjoying creation. Birds appear often, sometimes Deer, and a Great White Heron a couple of times.



As "Many Hands Make Light Work," we would love it if a couple more people from the York Association could join us. **Our first Tree Tending will be Saturday, April 13th from 9 to 11am weather permitting.** In May and the following months, we are planning on the first Saturday of the Month at Nixon County Park from 9 to 11am during the growing season, weather permitting. For details about parking and any date changes, call Libby 717-887-6633 and leave a message or message us on the church's Facebook page: Emmanuel York UCC.

## Climate Hope 2024 Art Contest

There will be this year a Vote for Climate Hope 2024 Art Contest for children and youth that would be good to advertise to our churches. Here's the link to register: <https://www.ucc.org/vote-for-climate-hope-2024-art-contest/>



The UCC Environmental Ministries is conducting a Vote for Climate Hope Art Contest. UCC children and youth are invited to draw, paint, or color the world and the environment in which they want to live. What are their hopes for the world? What is it that they value and want to have protected? What is it that adults should remember and take to heart when they vote this year? **We'll accept art submissions from March 1 to April 16.** An online award ceremony for finalists will be held on May 4, and the winning art will be featured on "Climate Hope Voter Pledge Cards" that church members throughout the UCC will collect during the summer and fall before Election Day.

### Registrants will receive:

1. A printable "Vote for Climate Hope" art template.
2. A link to a video promoting the art contest.
3. Regular updates and resources about the "Vote for Climate Hope" campaign.

## Images and Pictures – Part 1

This topic is one that catches many groups – you can't just use random pictures off of the Internet. It is illegal. Pulling pictures from Google or Pinterest and using them in your PowerPoints, flyers, website, or bulletins is, technically, not legal. There are some ways to check to see if the image you have found is legal and allowed to be used. Sometimes you have to give attribution (i.e. – name, location, website) to use it. It doesn't matter if you are non-profit – you are breaking copyright law.

Churches now have an Internet presence. In the past, you have gotten away with using someone's work without giving them credit (or paying for it) because the newsletter/handout/PowerPoint never went beyond the walls of your church. Now you are posting your newsletter to your website, you are advertising your activities on your main page, and you are posting your service – which includes the PowerPoint images you used.

Points to remember:

- Anything that you create is copyrighted as soon as you create it. If you post a picture or write an article, it is copyrighted once it is completed.
- You must be given permission to use articles or images that were created by someone else.
- Fair use allows very limited use of someone else's work. (See <https://bit.ly/3UMfv1v> or search for Fair Use.) Just because you are a non-profit, doesn't mean that Fair Use applies.

When I ask people where they got the image, they often answer, Google images or Pinterest. This is similar to using a quote and saying that it came from a book from the library.

What you need to use are non-copyrighted images. The images can be in the Public Domain because the creator has chosen to make them available. There are also images that have a Creative Common's license (there are several versions of the CC license.)

In the May newsletter, we will share some sources of images that are FREE to use. Stay tuned...

*Submitted by: Jaron Flickinger*

## Around the Association

### New Hope Fissel's UCC

3426 Fissel's Church Rd, Glen Rock

**What:** FRIDAY Morning Drive-Thru Coffee & Prayer

**When:** Friday, April 5 thru Friday, May 10

**Time:** 7:00am till 8:00am

See you in the parking lot!

**What:** Easter Bunny Egg Hunt, (in the pavilion)

**When:** Saturday, March 30, 10:00am

**Who:** Children ages 12 and under

**What:** Fissel's Fair, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual & FINAL Flea Market

**When:** Saturday, May 11, 9:00am till 2:00pm

Rain or shine. Call the church office, 717.235.2033, to reserve a space and for more information.

### Attn: York Association UCC Clergy

The next meeting is April 10, at 11am, at Lion's Pride Restaurant, Red Lion, PA.

*The next newsletter, MAY, will be emailed April 17, 2024.*

*Please send articles to*

[news@yorkassociationucc.org](mailto:news@yorkassociationucc.org)

*by April 15. Thank You!*