

June 2025 – 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)

Servant's Work Camp

The servant's work camp will be held again this year at **Starview UCC**. We will be preparing breakfast, packing lunches, and preparing dinner. The dates are **July 22-25**, a 4-day work camp this year. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn Kreeger at 717-579-5674. Looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen or if your church would like to prepare a meal that would be an immense help. Also, if interested in volunteering and working out in the field please contact Servants. We will be accepting monetary donation also. Please mail to Starview UCC, 4832 N Sherman St extd, Mt Wolf, PA 17347.

HC Spirit Camp

As spring offers us growing grass and blooming trees and flowers, we know the warmer days will carry us toward summer! And summer brings the opportunity for CAMP!

HC Spirit 2025 will be held from **Sunday, July 27 through Saturday, August 2**, with full and half-week options available. We will again be guests at Hartman Center Campground in Milroy. This year's theme is "Another Way."

We have a website where you can register for what promises to be an amazing week together. Please go to hcspiritcamp.org. Share this website with friends and your church family to encourage them to register for HC Spirit 2025. Help us make sure your church is sharing the invitation!

We hope to hear from you soon, and to see you in late July!



63rd Annual Meeting of the Penn Central Conference "Hearts Aflame"

"Were not our hearts burning within us..." Luke 24:32
June 13 - 14, 2025

There's still time to register for this year's annual meeting!

This year Penn Central Conference's Annual Meeting will be our final one before the creation of the Keystone Conference. We will be meeting at the Downtown Harrisburg Hilton at One N 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

Virtual sessions will also be available via Zoom.

Our special guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear, Vice President, Chief Relationship Officer of Cornerstone Fund.

Excitement is mounting as our appointed Synod delegates and guests plan travel to the **35th General Synod in Kansas City , Missouri , July 11-15th**.

This year's theme is: "Into the Deep," Luke 5:4 ("When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.") As per President and General Minister, Rev. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, this will be a time of deepening and strengthening relationships and connections, with each other and our ecumenical, global, and interfaith partners, and with God. This is also a special and historic time as our Conference seeks approval from the National setting to merge with three Pennsylvania conferences to form the "Keystone Conference."

Save the Date – July 31

Meet the new VP, Christian Rice, for Lancaster and Moravian Seminaries on July 31 from 11:00am -1:00pm at Zion UCC in York.

Use the Maple Street parking area in the back of the Church. More info to come.

Submitted: Rev. R. L. Snyder of the LTS Alumni Council

Around the Association

Shiloh UCC

2251 Willow Rd, York PA

What: Vendor/Craft and Yard Sale

When: Saturday, June 21, 8:00am - 2:00pm

This event is rain or shine, food will be available for purchase.

Locust Grove UCC,

1035 Locust Grove Road, York

will have a **Chicken BBQ Dinner and Bake Sale on Saturday, Aug 2, 2025, at 11am.** Dinner consists of ½ BBQ chicken, a baked potato, applesauce, roll & butter, cupcake, and a bottle of water. Dinners are served downstairs from the Social Hall, and we have a chair lift. Dinners may be Eaten In or Carried Out. Cost is \$12. You may pre-order by calling 717-755-1318, please leave your name, phone number, and the number of dinners you wish to purchase. **SERVING UNTIL 1PM OR SOLD OUT. RAIN OR SHINE.** Our last Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, September 6.

Zion UCC, 100 Lafayette Street, Downtown York,

Missions at Zion - Alive and Supporting

Zion UCC is again sponsoring two programs in Penn Park. The average attendance, for these two programs, is forty neighborhood children who will benefit from the new pavilions funded by Zion and the City of York.

- **Tennis for Kids** – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday beginning June 10 through July 10th in Penn Park for ages 7-16. Registration required, tennisforkidsyork.org
- **Art in the Parks** – held in Penn Park by Creative York, Inc. Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning July 11th, ages 3-12. For complete info, check 'Art in the Parks' at info@creativeyork.org.

For information, contact Zion UCC (717-854-1184, ext. 1).

Zion UCC is searching for a Permanent, Part-Time Pastor

commencing July 1, 2025. This position will include conducting all Worship services, special services and providing pastoral care, as requested, for members. Please contact Zion's church office at 717-854-1184, ext. 2 or Barb Neiman, Worship Chair, at 717-792-1658 or via e-mail to can@gte.net for details and to arrange a meeting to discuss the position further.



Join St. John's UCC for Vacation Bible School!

Live It Out VBS takes the spirit of camp – the camaraderie, the daily activities, the immersive nature – with meaningful Bible stories, fun worship songs, and engaging small group activities that teach kids how to live out their faith through the best VBS ever!

When: Sunday, July 20th - Thursday, July 24th, 6:00pm-8:30pm

Where: St. John's UCC, 161 North Main Street, Red Lion, PA

VBS is open to children ages 4 (potty-trained) through Grade 5 (completed). Registration opens May 1st. Call 717-244-5031 or visit www.stjohns-ucc.com for more information.

CoM - SAVE THE DATES PLEASE

The York Association Council on Ministry requests that churches in the Association reserve the following Sunday afternoon for possible Ecclesiastical Council: **September 14**. Thank you!

York Association Council Meetings are Open

Anyone in the York Association UCC is welcome to listen to the York Association Council meetings. If you have an idea for strengthening our Association, and would like to put it on the agenda, at least one week prior to a scheduled meeting contact the Council President, Rev. Dave Martin, at pastorstpaulsstoverstown@comcast.net. The 2025 meetings are on, **July 22, September 16, and October 21 at 6:30 pm** at St. Paul's UCC (Stoverstown). A Zoom link will be published the month of each meeting.

Attn: York Association UCC Clergy and MIDs

York Association Clergy and MIDs will meet on **Wednesday, June 11, at 11 am** for brunch at Lion's Pride Restaurant in Red Lion.

The next newsletter, JULY, will be emailed June 20.

*Please send articles to
news@yorkassociationucc.org*

by June 18.

Thank You!