

# NEWS of the 24 Churches of the York Association

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## JULY 2023 – 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)

### PCC Office News

- PCC staff was delighted to see the turnout for the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Lancaster, June 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>! We had over 175 in person delegates, clergy, and guests in person plus another 40 online. It was a joy to see people in person again and to do the business of the church.
- Two bylaws' changes were voted through. One established the Church Futures Commission which will foster collaboration and coordination with the Associations within Penn Central Conference regarding opportunities for churches and associations to discern and implement plans for their futures. The other amended section VI of the bylaws to say, "The Board of Directors shall prepare the conference budget for approval by the Conference at a meeting of the Conference each fall held no later than November 15."
- We were blessed to hear from our keynote speaker, author Jane Fidler Hoffman as well as PCC Conference Minister Carrie Call, PSEC Conference Minister Bill Worley, Dean Vanessa Lovelace from Lancaster Theological Seminary and Heather Vacek from Moravian Seminary over the weekend. There were also a variety of workshops, some of which will be available to view on our YouTube channel later this month. A discussion was held on the Keystone Project as part of the plenaries as well as two workshops.

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Please contact JoAnn Kreeger 717-579-5674 or email [joannkreeger06@gmail.com](mailto:joannkreeger06@gmail.com) two weeks before the work camp so meals may be finalized.

**Diving Into Summer Work Camps**

Calling all work camp volunteers! The summer season is quickly approaching and Servants is excited for you to serve your neighbors in the York community again! Servants' summer work camps are week-long mission opportunities in York County that focus on residential home repair for people in need. Projects range from painting and yard work to bathroom modifications and wheelchair ramps. More importantly, participants spend the week serving Christ through serving others; building relationships with our homeowners and each other, transforming lives through meeting physical, spiritual, and emotional needs, and providing hope to the community. Read on for more info about the work camps and how you can sign up to volunteer!

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

<p><b>Faith Beyond the Pews</b></p> <p>June 4 - June 9, 2023 Faith Beyond the Pews serves the southeastern area of York County. <b>Hosted at Chapel Church</b> 3050 Cape Horn Rd, Red Lion</p>	<p><b>RENEW YORK WORK CAMP</b></p> <p>June 25 - June 30, 2023 York City Work Camp serves in York City and surrounding areas. <b>Hosted at Zion UMC</b> 1030 Carlisle Ave, York</p>	<p><b>HOME HELPS NORTH EAST</b></p> <p>July 23 - July 28, 2023 Home Helps North East serves the northeastern area of York County. <b>Hosted at Starview UCC</b> 4832 N Sherman St Ext, Mt Wolf</p>
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**ALL ARE INVITED TO SERVE**

Work camps are a fantastic opportunity for anybody to serve — retirees, youth groups, small groups, and families... even businesses looking to engage the community! We truly believe that anyone can serve — regardless of age, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or skill level! We work hard to match volunteers with projects where they will feel comfortable and provide skilled team leaders to guide them. It is our job to make serving easy for you!

**FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE**

Work camps are flexible — you can serve for the entire week or select the days/times that best fit your schedule! There is a mandatory orientation meeting at 6:30pm on Sunday evening before the camp starts. This meeting is held at the host site. Meals are provided each day of work camp — breakfast and dinner are served at the host site, and bagged lunches are packed in the morning and taken along to the work site.

**WORKDAY SCHEDULE**

7:00 - Breakfast and devotion @ host site  
8:00 - depart for work sites  
12:00 - lunch break  
1:00 - clean up & return to host site  
5:00 - dinner

**SERVANTS**  
100 Redco Ave. - Suite C-0  
Red Lion, PA 17356-1436  
717-378-0336

Workcamp registration is open now! You can scan the QR code or visit [www.servants.org/workcamps](http://www.servants.org/workcamps) to complete an application. The registration deadline is 3 weeks before each work camp. We look forward to serving with you this summer!

### Servant Work Camps – Meals Needed at Starview

We are looking for churches to donate or prepare breakfast or dinner for the volunteers Monday through Thursday (July 23-27). Friday is our celebration where we invite the homeowners to join us for a meal and to share their experience they had with our volunteers and servants work camp.

Here is the link for volunteers to sign up.

<https://www.servants.org/workcamps>

## Opportunity International Micro-Lending Update

Thank you for supporting Opportunity International! The York Association of the Penn Central Conference, with your faithful contributions has created our 56<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, 58<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> Trust Banks in Colombia. Your generosity is giving entrepreneurial people dignity through microfinance loans for their small businesses so that they can earn a steady income and provide for their family's needs and education.

Your generosity helping others in need!

<https://opportunity.org/>

Submitted by: George W. DE MERS

## How Many Postcards Can Your Congregation Collect?



The great postcard collection race has begun! It is not too late to join the UCC Climate Hope Cards drive to collect as many postcards as possible to address life and death matters of pollution and climate change by advocating for strengthened Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) protections. [Download cards](#), get a [toolkit](#), and [register](#) your congregation to get updates. This is an excellent (and relatively painless) way to effectively advocate for the environment and the life of all - the whole ecosystem of which we as humans are a part. I will collect your postcards at the end of July, and they will be mailed along with others from York Association to our Washington D.C. UCC Office of Policy and Advocacy and then delivered to President Biden and the Director of the EPA.

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## Around the Association

### Locust Grove UCC, 1035 Locust Grove Road, York

**What:** Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale

**When:** Saturday, August 5, 2023, 11 am until 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.

*The next newsletter, August, will be emailed July 15. Please send all articles to [news@yorkassociationucc.org](mailto:news@yorkassociationucc.org) by July 12.*

## St. John's Blymire UCC 1009 Blymire Road, Dallastown

**What:** Outdoor concerts, pavilion behind church

**When:** Sundays - 2pm – 4pm.

**June 25** - Spring Garden Band  
(Patriotic music)

**July 23** - Timeless  
(50' s and 60's rock & roll)

**August 6** - The Red Lion Felton Band  
(Traditional band music)

**September 3** - First Capital Brass  
(Brass Ensemble)

A Free Will offering will be taken. Snacks and beverages can be purchased. Our BOOK ROOM will also be open for the sale of \$1 hardbacks and \$.50 paperback books.  
Hope to see you there!

## York Association UCC Clergy Gathering

**When:** Wednesday, July 12 @ 11am

**Where:** Lion's Pride Restaurant  
20 Dairyland Square, Red Lion, PA

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## St Paul UCC Shrewsbury



*Well done good and faithful servants!  
Blessings as they celebrated their final service on June 11, 2023, in their church after 200 years of faithful ministry.  
Thanks to New Hope UCC for welcoming in the remaining believers from St Paul.*