



# NEWS of the 26 Churches of the York Association

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## February 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)

*Happy Epiphany!*  
*Epiphany can be as "a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality of something initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience." Where will you experience your Epiphany this season?*  
 Lisa Young  
 York Association President

figures is very important for the denomination, as well as the conference and associations. Even if you do not have time or volunteers to complete all of the requested information for the Yearbook, please submit at least that much. Deadline to submit via DateHub is March 1<sup>st</sup>, but Paul can enter your information for a few weeks after so feel free to send it to him if you run out of time. Contact Paul at [pkeller@pccucc.org](mailto:pkeller@pccucc.org) for more information.

### PCC Office News

- 2023 promises to be another busy year for PCC! Rev. Nora Foust has prepared a full slate of Ministerial Excellence Forums and is working hard to plan Boundary Trainings for the spring, be sure to register by going to <https://pccucc.org/register-for-an-event/>  
 Rev. Rick Luciotti has been working with a team to put together a retired ministers convocation on May 9-11 at the Doubletree Convention Center, Willow Street, PA. Contact Rick at [rluciotti@pccucc.org](mailto:rluciotti@pccucc.org) to let him know if you are interested, registration link coming soon. A team of volunteers from all the Pennsylvania conferences is putting together a Clergy Convocation for May 2-3, details to come. Finally, Penn Central Conference’s 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting will be returning to an in person event on June 9-10. We will also offer online access to workshops and plenaries. More information and registration link coming soon!
- Yearbook reporting has begun! Reporting your congregation’s attendance and membership

### York Association UCC Clergy Gathering

**When:** Wednesday, February 8 @ 11 am  
**Where:** Lion’s Pride Restaurant  
 20 Dairyland Square  
 Red Lion, PA  
**Why:** “How good & pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity.”  
**Format:** Conversation around Tables, Breakfast and Lunch Menu available  
**From:** Martha Boyer, Communicator,  
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*The MARCH newsletter will be emailed on Feb 22. Please send all articles to [news@yorkassociationucc.org](mailto:news@yorkassociationucc.org) by Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. What’s happening in your congregation in March? Thank You!*

## Around the Association

### Zion UCC, York (across from Penn Park)

**Seeking an organist and/or pianist starting July 2023.** Zion's organ is an Allen Digital with three keyboards. The individual filling this position will be responsible for providing music for our one-hour Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. plus minimal special services and/or events during the course of the year, as requested and agreed upon by both parties. Zion's Chancel Choir is a small, dedicated group of individuals who provide a special musical selection every other Sunday except during Lent and Advent when they sing weekly. When the choir is singing, there will be a short warm-up session immediately before each Sunday service and a fifteen-minute choir rehearsal immediately following the Sunday service. This position does not require choral directing or hymnal selection which is decided by the Worship Chair. Pianists ... please feel free to apply. Interested individuals should contact Mrs. Barbara Neiman, Zion Worship Committee Chair, by phone (717-792-1658); cell/text: (717-880-7458) or e-mail ([can@gte.net](mailto:can@gte.net)).

**Zion United Church of Christ has supported several projects involving Penn Park**, e.g., Penn Park Project, Bring on Play, etc. Charles Neiman, Mission Chair at Zion UCC, recently announced that Zion has been awarded a \$15,000 Marcellus Shale Legacy Grant for the renovation / replacement of the pavilions, creating a picnic area, and restoration of the historic Gardener's Shed in Penn Park. The grant was approved by the York County Open Space and Land Preservation Committee and the Commissioners of York County on December 7, 2022. The project will be coordinated with the York City Parks Department with possible additional funding and public financial support through the York City Parks Conservancy. Anyone interested in the project may contact Mr. Neiman at 717-792-1658, cell/text 717-309-0190, or e-mail [can@gte.net](mailto:can@gte.net) (Preferred) or Zion UCC's church office, 717-854-1184, e-mail [zionuccyork@comcast.net](mailto:zionuccyork@comcast.net).

This webinar is part of a special series of Thursdays for the Soul webinars focused on twelve Just World Covenant programs in the United Church of Christ. On the third Thursday of each month, one of these programs will be featured. Learn more at: [www.ucc.org/just\\_world\\_covenants](http://www.ucc.org/just_world_covenants)

**FEBRUARY 16 @ 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

### **Be A Global Mission Church**

#### *Via Zoom*

The Global Mission Church initiative celebrates, affirms, and challenges your church to grow in global mission! Reach out beyond national boundaries and engage in God's transforming mission with the international community. Your congregation can be propelled into new global relationships.

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### 2023 York Association Council

<b>Lisa Young</b>	president
<b>Rev. David Martin</b>	vice-president
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<b>Rev. Kelly Shiflett</b>	member at large
<b>Joann Kreeger</b>	member at large
<b>Rev. Martha Boyer</b>	member at large

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