



**Partners in Blessing - Cooperative Mission,
Cooperative Ministry**

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OCTOBER 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)

Worship in Motion

We are thrilled to invite you to **Worship in Motion**, a dynamic, spirit-filled initiative exploring the vitality of worship in the 21st century. Sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and facilitated by Rev. Dr. Dominique Denman, Director of Christian Education and Community Outreach at Trinity United Church of Christ – York, this project brings together the sacred and the cinematic.

Through a series of film screenings, community discussions, interviews, filming, and interfaith engagement, **Worship in Motion** offers an opportunity for reflection, connection, and creative expression.

This journey will culminate in a documentary film, capturing our shared insights, hopes, and experiences as we imagine what vibrant, transformative worship looks like today and for generations to come.

Location:

Trinity United Church of Christ – York

32 W. Market Street, York, PA 17401

Event Dates:

Sundays, September 21 at 2:30pm, October 19 at 2:30pm, November 16 at 2:30pm and Friday December 5th at 6:30pm Documentary Screening.

We warmly encourage pastors, ministry teams, youth leaders, creatives, and seekers from all walks of life to join us in this bold exploration of faith and story. Your voice matters, and your presence is welcome.

Let us put **Worship in Motion—together.**

For questions and additional information contact

Dr. Dominique at outreachandeducation@trinityucc-york.org



**St. Peter's Lischey's
United Church of Christ**

275th Anniversary

1750-2025

with Special Guest, Rev. Dr. Doyle Luckenbaugh

St. Peter's Lischey's continues its yearlong celebration of 275 years of faith, fellowship, and service. As part of this milestone, the congregation was honored to welcome Rev. Dr. Doyle Luckenbaugh as guest pastor to lead worship and deliver a heartfelt sermon.

The service was joyfully attended by members, relatives, and guests, many of whom took the opportunity to reconnect and rekindle old friendships. Following worship, a celebratory luncheon brought the community together in warm fellowship, adding to the spirit of thanksgiving and renewal.



Rev. Dr. Luckenbaugh brought with him not only the wisdom of years in ministry but also a lifetime of service. Born and raised near Spring Grove, he first served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps before devoting his life to pastoral leadership in Pennsylvania and Ohio. His ministry has been marked by a steadfast commitment to civil rights, social justice, and advocacy for those in need—work that continues today through his volunteer service.

St. Peter's Lischey's UCC extends heartfelt thanks to Rev. Dr. Luckenbaugh for sharing his gifts of faith and leadership with the congregation. His presence was a true blessing, reminding all in attendance of the enduring call to serve God and neighbor with courage, compassion, and joy.

Beyond Sunday – 2025 Partners in Building Virtual Conference

Thursday, September 25, 2025, and
Friday, September 26, 2025

11:00am – 3:15pm

St. John's UCC

161 North Main Street

Red Lion, PA 17356

The UCC Building & Lead Fund is sponsoring a virtual workshop entitled "Beyond Sunday – 2025 Partners in Building Virtual Conference." It is described as an immersive experience designed to equip you with some tools and inspiration to extend your impact beyond Sunday. The agenda for gathering is included below for your review.

Join the Gathering Community Team, of the York Association, in a viewing party of this virtual conference. This gathering is offered as a gift from the York Association, however, a free-will offering will be accepted for lunch.

Please respond to Lisa Young –
itsaboutme0503@comcast.net or 717-870-7279, by
September 23, 2025, to register.

AGENDA

Beyond Sundays –

Thursday, September 25 – 11:00am-3:15pm

Welcome & Vision Casting: The Power of Partnership

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

Keynote: Prayer: A Unified Blessing

Rev. Rachel Pryor, SCN

Morning Reflection: Anchoring Our Purpose

Rev. Dr. Patrick Duggan

From Pulpit to Pavement: Unleashing Community Potential

Rev. Hodari Williams, Pastor, New Life Presbyterian Church

Panel: Innovators' Showcase

Adese Church: Pioneering New Pathways

Panelists: Carla Leon, Sandra Acosta, and Rev. Dr. Greg Smith
Q&A

LUNCH BREAK

WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS IMPACT HUB Q&A

Charge: "Go Forth and Transform"

Rev. Dr. Jamesetta Ferguson

ADJOURNMENT

Friday, September 26 – 11:00am-3:15pm

Welcome & Vision Casting: Charting our Collective Future

Rev. Terrill Murff, Interim IL Conf Minister

Morning Reflection: Anchoring Our Purpose

Rev. Dr. Patrick Duggan

Prayer: A Unified Blessing

Rev. Dr. Patrick Duggan

KEYNOTES

The Dual Engine of Growth: Community Engagement & Capital Fundraising

Rev. Staci Marrese-Wheeler, Common Grace

Rev. James Pennington, Back Bay Mission

LUNCH BREAK

KEYNOTE IMPACT HUB Q&A

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Emily Reece, Jill White, Jim Keat

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ADJOURNMENT

News from Committee on Ministry (CoM)

- Congratulations to the **Rev. Martha Boyer** on her call to serve as part-time Pastor at St. Paul's (Dub's) Union Church in Hanover! We will miss her energetic and enthusiastic presence in our York Association.
- Congratulations to the **Rev. Dr. Dominique Denman** on her call to serve as part-time Designated Pastor at First Reformed UCC in Lancaster! Dominique will also continue to serve Trinity (York) UCC part-time.

Save the Date - York Association Annual Meeting!

The 63rd Annual Meeting of our York Association is planned for **Sunday, November 9, 2025**, at St. Paul's UCC in Spring Grove (Stoverstown) at 2:00 pm.

Authorized ministers in our Association, save the date!
Lay Representatives of ALL 23 local churches, save the date!

"Your Piece Matters, because We're Stronger Together."

Church life has changed in recent years; we are not what we were, but by God's grace, we are becoming the interconnected churches that God intends, where each of us has a role to play in supporting one another, and in strengthening our collective ministry to our neighbors together. Let us grieve our losses together, give thanks to God for the many gifts God still is blessing us with, and embrace God's call to serve our neighbors with love.

More details about our York Association Annual Meeting to follow.

Submitted by: Rev David Martin, President York Association

Around the Association

Locust Grove UCC,

1035 Locust Grove Rd, York

Come join us at Locust Grove UCC! We are sponsoring a **Trunk or Treat Evening** on **Friday, October 24, 2025, 5:00 - 6:30pm** in the church parking lot at 1035 Locust Grove Rd.

Join us for games and treats from decorated car trunks! Children under age twelve must be accompanied by an adult.

New Hope Fissel's UCC

3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock

Sharing upcoming events:

- On Sunday, **September 28, 2025, at 10 am** the worship service will feature the *Brodbecks Band* as we celebrate Rally Day. A covered dish meal will follow the service.
- **Crop Walk Sunday, Oct. 12th.** Walkers will meet at the Glen Rock Library at 1 pm.
- **Saturday, October 18th from 9 am to 2 pm Make-It & Take It Craft Day** (proceeds benefit Relay for Life & H.O.P.E.)
- **Subs & Pretzel Sandwich Sale** provided by R&K Subs. Deadline to order is Oct. 21st. Call 717-235-2033 or email newhopefissels@gmail.com to order.
- **Trunk or Treat, Saturday, Oct. 25th from 11 am to 1 pm** in the church parking lot .

St. Paul's UCC

2173 Stoverstown Road, Spring Grove

is having a **Soup Sale on Saturday September 27.** There will be ham and bean soup, chicken corn and gluten free chicken corn soup available.

Pre orders are due by September 20 by calling 717-225-4497 and leave a message. Soup can be picked up at the church from 10am to 12pm. Please contact Maryann Brenneman 717-515-6359 or email Mbrenneman61@comcast.net. if you have any questions.

York Association Council Meetings

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 next meeting is on, **October 21 at 6:30 pm** at St. Paul's UCC (Stoverstown). A Zoom link will be published the month of each meeting.

YA Church and Leadership Directory

A York Association Church and Leadership Directory is currently being distributed. You are welcome to make more copies for more people.

Attn: York Association UCC Clergy & MIDs

The York Association Clergy and MIDs will meet on **Wednesday, October 8.** We will have our normal brunch at 11am at Lion's Pride, in Red Lion.

New American Welcome Center UPDATE

At the New American Welcome Center, we are still standing firmly with and for our newest neighbors. This year has been a constantly shifting, often confusing one to date, but we continue to find ways to help and to accompany our clients in their experience of navigating life in their new community.

More than two hundred of our clients lost the right to work when their legally obtained Work Authorization cards were revoked and given an arbitrarily backdated end date of April 25th. **In response, so many community members, volunteers, and churches stepped up in donating staple food items: rice, beans, oil, etc. along with an influx of constantly needed toiletry items like soap, toothpaste and feminine products.** Although we can often not do anything to change the immigration experience these people are living, we can express the understanding and concern of this community when we can give them a bag of necessary items when they come by the office. Thank you to all the churches in the York Association who have helped in this way! It has been and continues to be an encouragement and a breath of hope to many.

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***The next newsletter, NOVEMBER,
will be emailed Oct 21.***

***Please send articles to
news@yorkassociationucc.org by Oct 19.***

Thank You!