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**Partners in Blessing - Cooperative Mission,
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MAY 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)

Communications Committee News

The new chair of the Communications Committee is Rev. David Martin. He is the pastor at St Paul's UCC in Spring Grove.

- Stephanie Oelrich is no longer part of this committee. She has been an integral part setting up our Facebook page and our website, and we thank her for all her work. Taking her place is our newest member, Andrew Boyer. He is currently a member of Starview UCC in Mount Wolf. He was formerly a member of St Paul UCC in Shrewsbury where his mother was the pastor. He has had experience working with St Paul UCC's website, Facebook page, and uploading services weekly to YouTube and Facebook. He is also comfortable with hardware since he built his own computer recently. He enjoys learning new types of technology. He has been regularly active in both association events as well as wider conference events and General Synod. He is looking forward to helping in this position in any way he can with the York Association committees and churches to get the word out about the magnificent work they are doing.
- Sue Barnes is continuing to do her excellent work with our newsletter. She has been the newsletter editor / coordinator for about 10 years. She attends Heidelberg UCC.
- Jaron Flickinger was involved with the committee last year and became an official member this year. She is currently a member of Shiloh UCC. She has experience with church websites, Facebook posts and streaming video for services. She is also happy to be helping in this position to encourage churches to expand their technology.

Both Andrew and I are working on the YA web site and Facebook pages. Currently there is a glitch that we are troubleshooting, our Facebook page is inaccessible. Sorry for the inconvenience.

*Submitted by:
Jaron Flickinger*

Communication is Vital –

York Association Email Addresses

We have slowly been adding email addresses for the committees and positions in the York Association. Please note that these addresses are NOT case sensitive; I've just made them easier to read.

Currently we have:

Info@YorkAssociationUCC.org	general information – Andrew Boyer uses this email account
President@YorkAssociationUCC.org	current president Lisa Young
CoM@YorkAssociationUCC.org	Committee on Ministry –forwards to Rev. Dani Neff
Nominations@YorkAssociationUCC.org	forwards to Rev. Curt Weber
Treasurer@YorkAssociationUCC.org	forwards to Charles Eisenhart
News@YorkAssociationUCC.org	is being used by Sue Barnes. Send YA newsletter information here.
Admin@YorkAssociationUCC.org	is being used by Jaron Flickinger. This account is used to create new accounts and logins for services.

If you have a committee and would like a York Association email address, please let me know. Feel free to contact us at Info@YorkAssociationUCC.org with any requests. Also, we can set up churches with an email address such as AnyChurchName@YorkAssociationUCC.org. That way you do not need to stay tied to Comcast or Verizon.

*Submitted by:
Jaron Flickinger*

PCC Office News

There is exciting news in Penn Central Conference! Our Outdoor Ministry Grant process is ready for your applications! Due to the sale of the Hartman Center property, there are now funds available to support new and existing outdoor ministry opportunities across the Conference. Applications should focus on creation-themed projects including but not limited to: camping, creation justice, retreats, speakers, special gatherings, workshops, among others (see application for more details). Grant applications are currently being accepted for the first award cycle that ends April 30. Applications are on the PCC website: <https://pccucc.org/outdoor-ministry/>

Feeling Called to authorized ministry in the church can be a fantastic and flooring scenario! Answering that call and following the UCC's Member in Discernment (MID) process can feel overwhelming at times. Come zoom with Nora and learn more about the process in Penn Central Conference. This session is open to all discernment partners and the simply curious: local pastors, church members, committee on ministry members, advisors, mentors, MIDs, potential MIDs, anyone. Registration is required, email Paul or Nora for registration link.

Submitted by:

*C. Paul Keller, Office Manager
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Volunteer at York Fresh Food Farms

As we start the 2023 growing season, we need volunteers to help us build a stronger, healthier York community.

York Fresh Food Farms is working hard to provide affordable, fresh produce to as many York City residents as possible - all year long - but we cannot do it without a lot of support, especially from volunteers who make our work to increase access to healthy fresh produce and combat food deserts possible.

Volunteers have the opportunity to get involved in the urban farm, our Mobile Produce Market or other programs and make a positive impact on our community and the lives of the families we serve.

We load our big green bus with the beautiful vegetables we harvest right here in the City of York, and we set up our Mobile Market at each location.

To volunteer call Jennifer Loeblein at 717 515 4799 or email yorkfreshproduce@gmail.com.

York Association UCC Clergy Gathering

When: Wednesday, May 10 @ 11am

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

From: Martha Boyer, Communicator,
717 858-2991, marthahboyer@hotmail.com

Around the Association

Locust Grove United Church of Christ, 1035 Locust Grove Road, York

What: Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale

When: Saturday, May 6, 2023, 11 am until 1pm or sold out, rain or shine.

Dinner Cost: \$11

Dinners include: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce, dinner roll & butter, cupcake, and a bottle of water. Dinners can be eaten 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 1pm.

New Hope (Fissel's) UCC

3426 Fissel's Church Road, Glen Rock, PA

What: Fissel's Fair & Flea Market

When: Saturday, May 13, 2023, 9am - 2pm

(Rain or Shine) Spaces: \$5 each in advance or \$10 day of Fair. For more information call the church office 717-235-2033.

Zion UCC, York (across from Penn Park)

Zion UCC is 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 10:00am plus minimal special services and/or events during the course of the year, as requested and agreed upon by both parties and short choir rehearsals before and after the Worship service. This position does not require choral directing or hymnal selection. Pianists, please feel free to apply. We will consider job-sharing and are flexible with respect to compensation. 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).

The next newsletter, June, will be emailed May 15. Please send all articles to news@yorkassociationucc.org by May 12.