

# NEWS of the 24 Churches of the York Association

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## MAY 2024 – 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)

### News from Penn Central Conference

- For the first time, all four Pennsylvania conferences of the UCC will be gathering for a **shared Annual Meeting on June 7-9, 2024**. The theme is: *"Together We Are Stronger"* with the centering scripture Matthew 14: 18 – 21. We will be joined by General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson. Registration is now open – register [here](#). (<https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/keystone-conferences-annual-gathering>).
- Hartman Center Homecoming Camp 2024 registration is open! Various camps are scheduled for July 28 - August 3<sup>rd</sup> in Milroy, PA. Check out the full list of camping experiences for all ages and register here: <https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hartman-homecoming-week-2024>

*Blessings,*  
C. Paul Keller, Office Manager

### Welcome Cam Richesson



This photo was taken on September 18, 2023, after Cam was hired as the bridge pastor for Dover UCC. On April 7 it became official. In Cam’s own words, *“I am now the settled pastor of this wonderful, loving, and affirming congregation. I am beyond thrilled to partner with them as we continue to do the work God has called us to do. Love you all!*

### Organ Concert By Anna Elise Smith at Zion UCC

100 Lafayette Street, York, PA



**DATE: Sunday, June 23, 2024**  
**TIME: 2:00 p.m.**

Anna’s organ concert will include a Baroque and Romantic repertoire by composers: Joseph Bonnet, J.S. Bach, Florence Price, Charles-Marie Widor, Leon Boellman, etc.

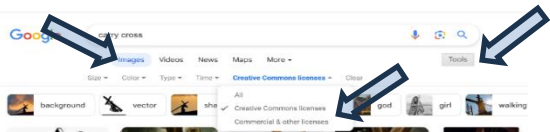
Anna Smith is currently studying organ and harp at the Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester, VA. She served as the organist at Zion UCC from 2021-2023, where she first began studying the instrument under the direction of Mr. Richard Frey. At the Conservatory, Anna now studies under the direction of Dr. Wayne Wold, learning an expansive repertoire in Baroque, romantic and modern day compositions. **(Concert is free and open to the public.)** Please direct any questions to the church office at 717-854-1184.

*The next newsletter, JUNE, will be emailed May 20, 2024. Please send articles to [news@yorkassociationucc.org](mailto:news@yorkassociationucc.org) by May 18. Thank You!*

## Images and Pictures – Part 2

Here are some free sources of images that don't necessarily need to be cited (although, it is a good habit to still cite them).

- <https://media.tithely.com/>
  - We use Tithely for online giving (there is no annual fee – you are only charged if people use it for giving, which our people generally do not.) They have a really wide selection of free images for churches. I recommend checking them out first since these images tend to follow a church theme.
- Free-to-use images on Google –
  - This one is a little trickier. Go to a Google search and type in your topic, then choose **Images**. To the right you'll see an option that says **Tools**. This opens yet another menu. This is a handy menu – you can choose the size of the search picture, the color, etc. What we are interested in here is the **Usage Rights** option. Click on it and choose **Creative Commons Licenses**. Many images will now disappear, but you should be left with images that you can use. Some will need to be cited.



- You can also use a Stock image site such as Pexels.com, Unsplash.com (this is what I tend to use when Tithely fails me) and Pixabay.com. Some of them also sell images. They do appreciate attribution.
- Part of the Wikipedia group, commons.wikimedia.org also contains images and videos. You will find paintings from the 1500s here as well as images from NASA. All of these images are in the public domain.
- Flickr is still around. Some of the images require attribution and some are for sale. I have found some lovely images of churches from around the world.
- A site that I have never used but found while researching this article, is the Library of Congress - <https://www.loc.gov/>. Again, these are more of the newsworthy type of images or are very old.
- Some museums have available images. For example – the Smithsonian, the National Gallery of Art, and the New York Public Library.
- The people who created the Creative Commons licensing have also created a site – [openverse.org](https://openverse.org). This site is fairly new.

I would avoid using Pinterest for images unless you have the ORIGINAL owner's permission. The problem with Pinterest is that sometimes an image is reposted by so many people, it is hard to find the original owner.

Now you have sources that will help you find all of the royalty free, legal images you need!

*Submitted by: Jaron Flickinger*

## Around the Association

### New Hope Fissel's UCC

3426 Fissel's Church Rd, Glen Rock

**What:** FRIDAY Morning Drive-Thru Coffee & Prayer

**When:** Friday, April 5 thru Friday, May 10

**Time:** 7:00am till 8:00am

See you in the parking lot!

**What:** Fissel's Fair, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual & FINAL Flea Market

**When:** Saturday, May 11, 9:00am till 2:00pm

Rain or shine. Call the church office, 717.235.2033, to reserve a space and for more information.

### Locust Grove UCC, 1035 Locust Grove Rd, York

**What:** Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale

**When:** Saturday, May 4

**Time:** 11am until sold out

Our dinners will include: ½ chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll & butter, cupcake, and a bottle of water for a cost of \$11.00. We will offer eat-in or carry-out. You may pre-order by calling 717.755.1318 and leaving a message including your name, phone number and the number of dinners. All ordered dinners must be picked up by 1pm.

**POSITION:** Organist/Pianist/Accompanist  
**CHURCH:** Zion United Church of Christ  
**JOB TYPE:** Part-Time  
**LOCATION:** 100 Lafayette Street, York  
**SALARY:** Negotiable

Zion UCC is seeking a part-time organist and/or pianist starting September 1, 2024. This individual will be responsible for providing the music for our one-hour Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. and special events, as appropriate. The musician will accompany Zion's Chancel Choir during the Worship service with a thirty (30) minute warm-up session immediately before each Sunday service.

This position does not require choral directing or hymnal selection. Zion's organ is an Allen Digital with three keyboards and one hundred stops. Pianists ... please feel free to apply. Job-sharing will be considered.

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)).

### St. John's Blymire's UCC

1009 Blymire Rd. Dallastown

**What:** "MESSY CHURCH"

**When:** Fri, May 17 6:00 PM

**Theme:** PATRIOTIC

Bring the whole family for a night of story & prayer, a meal, crafts & games. All are invited.

### Attn: York Association UCC Clergy

The next meeting is on May 8, at 11am, at Lion's Pride Restaurant, Red Lion, PA.