



NEWS of the 24 Churches of the York Association

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NOVEMBER 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)

Penn Central Conference Special Fall (Keystone Vote) Meeting

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 9:30AM - 12:30PM

The special fall meeting of the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held on **Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 9:30 am EST**. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary of St. Thomas United Church of Christ, 6490 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17112, and remote participation will be available via ZOOM. Church delegates (usually two per church) and authorized UCC clergy in the four Pennsylvania Conferences can vote.

Our York Association will also be hosting a remote gathering at St. Paul’s UCC, 2173 Stoverstown Rd, Spring Grove to allow collective participation in the meeting via ZOOM.

There are three items of business on the agenda for this meeting.

1. Presentation and approval of the proposed 2025 Penn Central Conference budget
2. Presentation and consideration for recognition of the STAR (Small Town and Rural Churches) Coalition as a self-created group within the United Church of Christ
3. Consideration and voting on a motion to create the Keystone Conference out of the four present Conferences of Penn Central, Penn Northeast, Penn West, and Pennsylvania Southeast.

The motion to create the Keystone Conference may not be amended. All four (4) Conferences are required to vote on the same motion. All four Conferences must have a 2/3 (66.67%) affirmative vote in order for the motion to pass. If the motion is approved, it would come before the 35th General Synod of the United Church of Christ in July 2025. The vote on the motion to create the Keystone Conference is scheduled to occur at 11:30 am by each of the Conferences. The tallying of votes and the reporting of the vote within Penn Central Conference will be shared.

York Association Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00PM

Our York Association Annual Meeting will be held on *Sunday, November 10, at 2:00 pm*. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary of Faith UCC, 509 Pacific Ave, in York. Registration begins at 1:00 pm, and Faith UCC is also hosting a lunch beginning at 12:30 pm. Church representatives (usually two per church) and authorized UCC clergy in the York Association can vote. ZOOM participation will also be available. Details TBD.

Our program will be “Association Covenants in the UCC” led by the Rev. Dr. Carrie Call.

The items on business on the agenda for this meeting include:

1. Ratification of the actions of the York Association Council from November 2023 to October 2024.

2. Acceptance of the President's and Committee's reports.
3. Acceptance of the Treasurer's preliminary and final reports.
4. Presentation and approval of the proposed 2025 York Association budget
5. Election of officers and committee members
6. Installation of officers and committee members

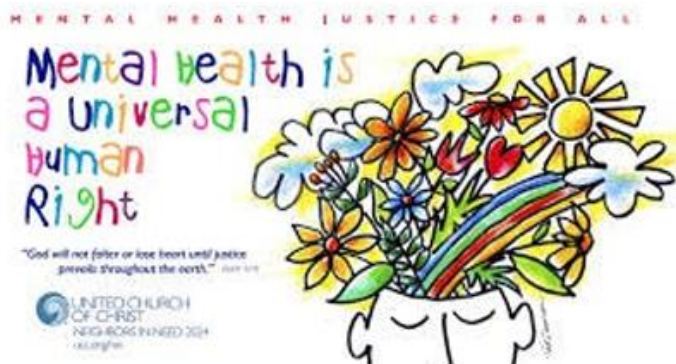
Neighbors In Need (NIN) Offering Information

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is **"Mental Health Justice for All!"** In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

A just world for all is a world where the human right and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.ucc.org/neighbors-in-need-special-mission-offering/>

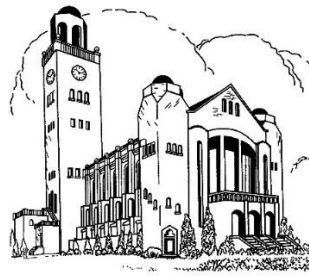


Attn: York Association UCC Clergy and MID's
York Association Clergy and MID's will meet on **Wednesday, November 13, at 11 am** for brunch at Lion's Pride Restaurant in Red Lion.

The next newsletter, DECEMBER, will be emailed November 20, 2024.

Please send articles to news@yorkassociationucc.org by November 18. Thank You!

Around the Association



ZION UCC ZION WOMEN'S 'GIVEAWAY'

DATE: Saturday, October 26, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: 100 Lafayette Street, York
Zion's Downstairs Social Room
(Maple Street Entrance ... Park in Maple Street Lot)**

'Giveaway' items, which are FREE, will include but not be limited to clothing, linens, lighting, small appliances, cleaning supplies, accessories, books, etc. All items are on a 'first-come' basis. Refer any questions to our church office at 717-854-1184.

Starview UCC's Gift Card Bingo

Starview UCC is inviting you to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun at their gift card BINGO held on **Saturday, November 17th** at the **Union Fire Company, Manchester located at, 201 York Street, Manchester, PA 17345**. Doors open at 12:00pm with food and drink available for purchase and the BINGO begins at 2:00pm. Door prizes and drawings will take place during this time.

Bingo tickets are \$25.00 per person at the door but can also be purchased in advance for a discounted cost of \$20.00 by contacting the church office at 717-266-4248 or by email at starviewucc@comcast.net. Proceeds will benefit the Capital Campaign of Starview UCC.

Heidelberg UCC, 47 W Philadelphia St, York

**What: First Friday – Heidelbean Coffee House
When: Friday, November 1, 6pm - 8:30pm**

Plan to stop by & spend York's First Friday at the Heidelbean Coffee House. Musicians, *Cross Roads Connected 2*, will be on the auditorium stage at 6:30pm and Dick Frey, organist, will be playing the Austin pipe organ in the sanctuary.