



NEWS of the 24 Churches of the York Association

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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)

Lenten Services for the York Association

“How Is God Reshaping the Church?” is the theme for mid-week Lenten Services about a dozen York Association churches are teaming up to offer for the whole church! Leadership is provided by a group of persons who are currently Members in Discernment (MIDs), are serving in numerous ways among us right now, and could be described as

“The Next Generation of Pastors”...

Date	Host	Location	Assisting	Worship Theme	Testimony given by
Thurs Feb. 22	Starview	4832 N Sherman St Ext, Mt Wolf		Traditional	Stephanie Oelrich
Thurs Feb. 29	Hayshire	100 Haybrook Dr., York	Emmanuel	Taizé Music	Spring Davidson
Thurs March 7	Trinity	32 W Market St., York	Faith	Spoken Word	Joslin Kearse Carla Christopher
Thurs March 14	Heidelberg	47 W Philadelphia St., York	Dover	Prayer	Cam Richesson
Thurs March 21	St. John Blymire’s	1009 Blymire Rd., Dallastown	Locust Grove	Music & Art	Kellie Turner Kara Young
Tues, March 26	Restaurant to be determined		Communion		Equilla Curry

Thursday afternoons, 1:00-2:30 pm: at the churches listed, we will have LUNCH followed by the service. Simple meal of soup and bread.

Thursday evenings, 6:45-7:30 pm: at Faith, 509 Pacific Ave., York, SUPPER while viewing the service. Simple meal of soup and bread.

Recordings of the Services: will also be posted on the York Association Facebook page.

Submitted by: Ron Oelrich

News from Penn Central Conference

- Summer will be here before we know it and Penn Central Conference has many spring and summer events already scheduled.
- The 4 PA UCC Conference Ministers and UCC Staff Members will lead weekly prayer gatherings during Lent on Wednesdays from 12:00-12:30pm. Register for the zoom link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4-ucc-pa-conference-noontime-lenten-prayer-gatherings-tickets-796429330567?aff=oddtcreator>
- Associate Conference Minister Nora Foust has a slate of boundary training available this spring, check <https://pccucc.org/lifelong-learning/> to register.
- Mark your calendar for our joint annual meeting with the other Keystone state conferences, June 7-9 in State College, PA. Registration link will be going out very soon!

- Hartman Center Homecoming Camp 2024 registration is open! Various camps are scheduled for July 28 - August 3rd 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*

Google Workspace (Part 2)

This is a continuation of the discussion of Google Workspace. The first part is in the February Newsletter. Our association has a free Google Small Business Workspace account that we received from working with Tech Soup. We use it primarily for email accounts. I am hoping to use it for a York Association Directory next. Our church has been using our Google Workspace since COVID. We were able to run our consistory meetings using the free Google Meet instead of paying for Zoom.

There are several advantages to Google Docs: you can edit them from any device (phone, tablet, computer), you can share it so multiple people can edit the documents at the same time, and you can see past history of the editing (in case something was erased or changed that should be.) There is a storage area called Google Drive where you can create folders for your documents and share either the document or the entire drive (the people you share drives with must have a gmail account.)

Our church was motivated into learning Docs because of COVID. We shared a Google folder with everyone who had a Gmail account. Those who did not have a Gmail account, got rights via a link. Using the shared document, each person filled out the information on their committee report before the meeting (instead of sending it to the church secretary to compile.) During the meeting some of us would be adding to reports (questions, new data) and when the consistory secretary went to write the minutes, she had all the notes we had entered during the meeting (less – I thought I heard this...) For those of us who enter all the words for the songs to be shown on screens, we shared a drive so once a song was typed up, it did not need to be typed again.

We have a shared spreadsheet showing recurring costs – many tech costs are hidden in the product, and they certainly do not send invoices! Sometimes we share the document so anyone can edit it, and sometimes we share it view only if they don't need to edit it.

If there is a document that several people have to use over the year, sharing it online and updating it there has many benefits, especially if it changes frequently – this way there is one copy, and you aren't trying to decide which copy is the most recent.

If you want to see a clear video of how this works, search YouTube for "Google Docs in Plain English."

Submitted by: Jaron Flickinger

Around the Association

St. John's Blymire's UCC

1009 Blymire Road, Dallastown

What: "Messy Church"

When: Friday, March 15, 6:00 pm

Theme: Spring & Easter

The night includes an egg hunt for the children. Free meal and fun crafts for the whole family.

Attn: York Association UCC Clergy

The next meeting is March 13, at 11am, at Lion's Pride Restaurant.

The next newsletter, APRIL, will be emailed March 15, 2024.

Please send articles to news@yorkassociationucc.org by March 12. Thank You!