

MAY 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)

HC Spirit Camp

As spring offers us growing grass and blooming trees and flowers, we know the warmer days will carry us toward summer! And summer brings the opportunity for CAMP!

HC Spirit 2025 will be held from **Sunday, July 27 through Saturday, August 2**, with full and half-week options available. We will again be guests at Hartman Center Campground in Milroy. This year's theme is "Another Way."

We have a website where you can register for what promises to be an amazing week together. Please go to hcspiritcamp.org. Share this website with friends and your church family to encourage them to register for HC Spirit 2025. Help us make sure your church is sharing the invitation!

We hope to hear from you soon, and to see you in late July!

Interested in starting a handbell choir at your church but do not know where to start?



Elaine Mann, Zion Lutheran's handbell choir director, and Laine Knaub, music director at Hayshire UCC and Zion Lutheran will be offering a FREE 4-class course on the basics of starting a handbell choir and handbell ringing!

Whether you are a music director, church council or staff, church member, or enthusiast looking to start a handbell choir, Elaine and Laine will provide you with essential information on how to organize a group, develop fundamental ringing techniques, where to find resources, and implement practical strategies for success.

Pre-registration is required. There is a maximum enrollment for forty people in the class. We encourage you to register as early as possible to help guarantee your attendance.

Classes will be held at Hayshire United Church of Christ (100 Haybrook Drive, York, PA 17406) from 7-8pm on: **May 12, May 15, May 19, and May 22, 2025.**

To register, please call, text, or email Laine Knaub at: lbeachley@gmail.com (717) 781-5602 and you will be sent a link to register online. Starting a handbell choir can be a rewarding experience that fosters teamwork and musical growth. With dedication and practice, your new group can create beautiful music and bring joy to congregations and audiences.

We hope to see you there!

Around the Association

Locust Grove UCC, 1035 Locust Grove Road, York

will have a **Chicken BBQ Dinner and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 11am.** Dinner consists of ½ BBQ chicken, a baked potato, applesauce, roll & butter, cupcake, and a bottle of water. Dinners are served downstairs from the Social Hall, and we have a chair lift. Dinners may be Eaten In or Carried Out. Cost is \$12. You may pre-order by calling 717-755-1318, please leave your name, phone number, and the number of dinners you wish to purchase. **SERVING UNTIL 1PM OR SOLD OUT. RAIN OR SHINE.**

Our next Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, August 2nd and our last Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, September 6.

New Hope Fissel's UCC 3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock, Free Coffee and A Prayer

Fissel's Drive-Thru with FREE Coffee and A Prayer each Friday morning is returning on **Friday, April 4th through Friday, May 9th from 7:00 AM - 8:00 am.** Setup time is 6:45 AM. Two volunteers are needed each Friday. Please contact Don or Connie Markle 717-235-3316 or donconni44@gmail.com to volunteer and pick your date. Thank you!

Hayshire UCC - 100 Haybrook Dr – York

River City Singers

Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00pm

Join the River City Singers for their 2025 Spring Concert, "When all else fails, PERHAPS LOVE". Admission is free with a reception to follow. A free-will offering will be taken. Harrisburg's River City Singers is a community chorus, coming together to sing songs of hope and love.

"Our mission is to serve our community by sharing choral music through high quality performances; to welcome volunteer singers and instrumentalists from all ages, faiths, ethnicities, and gender identities; to dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of musical excellence. We strive to be: - open and accepting to any who wish to share our journey; - a group that members want to be part of, not only for making music, but because of the need to be a voice for the voiceless, the need to create community, and the need to have fun together"

Heidelberg UCC, 47 W. Philadelphia St, York

Friday, May 2, 2025 – 6:00pm

Plan to stop by and spend York's First Friday at the Heidelberg Coffee House. TAFE (Theater Arts for Everyone) will host a variety show, fund raiser for Give Back Local York, at 6:30pm, Dick Frey, organist, will be playing the Austin pipe organ in the sanctuary.

Zion UCC, 100 Lafayette Street, Downtown York,

Missions at Zion - Alive and Supporting

Zion UCC is again sponsoring two programs in Penn Park. The average attendance, for these two programs, is forty neighborhood children who will benefit from the new pavilions funded by Zion and the City of York.

- **Tennis for Kids** – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday beginning June 10 through July 10th in Penn Park for ages 7-16. Registration required, tennisforkidsyork.org
- **Art in the Parks** – held in Penn Park by Creative York, Inc. Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning July 11th, ages 3-12. For complete info, check 'Art in the Parks' at info@creativeyork.org.

For information, contact Zion UCC (717-854-1184, ext. 1).

Zion UCC is searching for a Permanent, Part-Time Pastor commencing July 1, 2025. This position will include conducting all Worship services, special services and providing pastoral care, as requested, for members. Please contact Zion's church office at 717-854-1184, ext. 2 or Barb Neiman, Worship Chair, at 717-792-1658 or via e-mail to can@gte.net for details and to arrange a meeting to discuss the position further.



Join St. John's UCC for Vacation Bible School!

Live It Out VBS takes the spirit of camp – the camaraderie, the daily activities, the immersive nature – with meaningful Bible stories, fun worship songs, and engaging small group activities that teach kids how to live out their faith through the best VBS ever!

When: Sunday, July 20th - Thursday, July 24th, 6:00pm-8:30pm
Where: St. John's UCC, 161 North Main Street, Red Lion, PA

VBS is open to children ages 4 (potty-trained) through Grade 5 (completed). Registration opens May 1st. Call 717-244-5031 or visit www.stjohns-ucc.com for more information.

CoM - SAVE THE DATES PLEASE

The York Association Council on Ministry requests that churches in the Association reserve the following Sunday afternoons for possible Ecclesiastical Councils:

May 18 and September 14. Thank you!

York Association Council Meetings are Open

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 2025 meetings are on **Tuesday, May 13, July 22, September 16, and October 21 at 6:30 pm** at St. Paul's UCC (Stoverstown). A Zoom link will be published the month of each meeting.

Attn: York Association UCC Clergy and MIDs

York Association Clergy and MIDs will meet on **Wednesday, May 14, at 11 am** for brunch at Lion's Pride Restaurant in Red Lion.

FREE Epsom Printer Ink - brand new - Compatible 522; five pack (black and color); models ET 2720 and ET 4800; expires 9/25.

Please e-mail Willie Scofield if interested:
longbeachwillie@hotmail.com

The next newsletter, JUNE, will be emailed May 20.

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



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
Save the date for Penn
Central Conference
Annual Meeting,
scheduled for June 13-14th at
 the Harrisburg Hilton
 (One North 2nd Street,
 Harrisburg, PA 17101)
 Overnight accommodations

will be available at the Crowne Plaza Harrisburg
 (23 South 2nd Street, Harrisburg, 17101) This
 year's theme will be "Hearts Aflame", Luke
 24:32 "Were not our hearts burning within us
 while he was talking to us on the road, while he
 was opening the scriptures to us?"

Part of our Annual Meeting will be a
 celebration of significant anniversaries for our
 clergy and churches.

We are celebrating clergy anniversaries in
 multiples of 5 years starting at 25 years, plus 10-
 and 20-year anniversaries. We are
 celebrating church anniversaries in multiples of
 25 years up through 250 years, then in multiples
 of 5 years after that.

295th Bethany UCC	Ephrata PA
275th Salem Walmers UCC	Annville PA
260th Emmanuel UCC	Hanover PA
260 th Maytown Reformed UCC	Maytown PA
260 th Saint Paul's UCC	Schaefferstown PA
260th Trinity Roths UCC	Spring Grove PA
225th Zion UCC	Blain PA
200th Faith UCC	Grantville PA
200 th Trinity UCC	Turbotville PA

175th Saint Matthew's UCC	Carlisle PA
175th Saint Peter's UCC	State College PA
150th Saint Luke's UCC	Lock Haven PA
125th Saint Paul's UCC	Lewisburg PA
50th Church of the Apostles UCC	Lancaster PA



Excitement is mounting as our appointed
 Synod delegates and guests plan travel to
 the **35th General Synod in Kansas City ,
 Missouri , July 11-15th**. This year's theme is
 "Into the Deep", Luke 5:4 ("When he had
 finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out
 into the deep water, and let down the nets for
 a catch.") As per President and General
 Minister, Rev. Karen Georgia A. Thompson, this
 will be a time of deepening and strengthening
 relationships and connections, with each other
 and our ecumenical, global, and interfaith
 partners, and with God. This is also a special
 and historic time as our Conference seeks
 approval from the National setting to merge
 with three Pennsylvania conferences to form
 the "Keystone Conference."

Exciting times are ahead!