



# NEWS of the 26 Churches of the York Association

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## March 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)

### Stockpiling the Caregiver’s Toolbox

The York Association is sponsoring FREE training classes for family members and caregivers of individuals with Dementia/Alzheimer’s. The training is scheduled Tuesdays, April - June 2023 from 2 - 4:30pm hosted at Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Dr, York. Seating is limited. Please register and direct any questions to Hayshire church office - [hayshirechurch@gmail.com](mailto:hayshirechurch@gmail.com) or call 717.848.4007.

### Classes (Effective Tools for YOUR Toolbox):

<b><i>Building Blocks of Dementia</i></b>	April 25
<b><i>Behavior &amp; Communication</i></b>	May 2
<b><i>Helping Skills &amp; Activities of Daily Living</i></b>	May 16
<b><i>Activities &amp; Engagement in Your Home &amp; Community</i></b>	May 23
<b><i>Safety in Your Home</i></b>	June 6
<b><i>Taking Care of YOU</i></b>	June 13

### Community Outreach Activities

As our churches begin the season of Lent, we are reminded of our connection with God's creation and the call to care for it. Ash Wednesday marks the start of a period of reflection, repentance, and renewal, a time to turn our hearts and minds towards God and to consider our impact on the world around us. At the same time, we are called to examine our relationship with creation and to take action to restore and protect it. With this in mind, the Community Outreach Committee needs your help in planning and

promoting an “initiative” that began “in our own backyard”. Along with this, are specific events with community partners that your church members can participate in the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. Other activities are also being considered.

In order to properly launch this initiative, we are asking each pastor to encourage one spokesperson from your church to attend a **community zoom meeting on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @7pm.**

Contact [vizmas57@comcast.net](mailto:vizmas57@comcast.net) for email link OR Manually enter this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88303796542>  
[\[us02web.zoom.us\]](https://us02web.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 883 0379 6542

### Habitat Action Team @ Nixon Park

Celebrate & improve habitats on these nature walks where we’ll be removing invasive species and/or planting native plants.

Pre-registration will be required.

**Saturday, April 22, 9-11am & 1-3pm:**

Earth Day Habitat Improvement Walk

**Sunday, April 23, 9-11am:**

Earth Day Habitat Improvement Walk

**Saturday, April 29, 9-11am & 1-3pm:**

Arbor Day Tree Planting

**Sunday, April 30, 9-11am:**

Arbor Day Tree Planting

### Lower Susquehanna Riverkeepers Association

- Clean Up Day on 4/22 (Earth Day) - with the location TBD.
- Greener Codorus Initiative Kick off on 4/12
- Work crew volunteers needed every Monday morning and Wednesday evening in York City. (April)

**CRDC -The Bag That Builds Program Initiative,  
Challenge and Celebration Event**



How much plastic can you collect in a week?

Submitted by:

Glenn Young, Co-chairperson

George DeMers, Co-chairperson

**PCC Office News**

- Contact Paul at [pkeller@pccucc.org](mailto:pkeller@pccucc.org) for more information.

**York Association UCC Clergy Gathering**

**When:** Wednesday, March 8 @ 11 am

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

**Why:** "How good & pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity."

**Format:** Conversation around Tables, Breakfast and Lunch Menu available

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**Around the Association**

**St John's Blymire's UCC  
1009 Blymire Rd, Dallastown**

**What:** Ladies' Luncheon

**When:** April 15, 11:30 to 3pm

**Entitled "Be Our Guest, Pull up a Chair".**

You are invited to join us. Cost per person, \$15, we will provide a lunch, some activities, and fellowship centering around hospitality. Our fall luncheon "Once Upon an Apron" was very well received and attended. Please contact Peggie Free, [pabutterfly11@gmail.com](mailto:pabutterfly11@gmail.com) for more information.

**Zion UCC, York (across from Penn Park)**

**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 10:00 a.m. plus minimal special services and/or events during the course of the year, as requested and agreed upon by both parties. Zion's Chancel Choir is a small, dedicated group of individuals who provide a special musical selection every other Sunday except during Lent and Advent when they sing weekly. When the choir is singing, there will be a short warm-up session immediately before each Sunday service and a fifteen-minute choir rehearsal immediately following the Sunday service. This position does not require choral directing or hymnal selection which is decided by the Worship Chair. Pianists ... please feel free to apply. 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)).

**2023 York Association Council**

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**The next newsletter, April, will be emailed March 15. Please send all articles to [news@yorkassociationucc.org](mailto:news@yorkassociationucc.org) by March 12.**