



NEWS of the 26 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)

PCC Office News

This summer at Penn Central Conference we look forward to several events! First, our **61st Annual Meeting is June 9-10**, first in person since 2019. Hotel rooms are no longer available, but commuters can still register through the morning of May 30th. Learn more here: <https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/penn-central-conference-annual-meeting-2023>

The UCC also gathers nationally at the 34th General Synod. Learn more about the resolutions and events here: <https://generalsynod.org/>

Summer also means summer camp! Join our partners at Lutheran Camp Corporation for summer camping opportunities all summer long. Learn more here: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/> Volunteers from PCC are also coordinating a homecoming return to the Hartman Center property for several camping opportunities July 31 – August 5, register here:

<https://penncentralconference.regfox.com/hartman-homecoming-week>

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Ecclesiastical Councils

The York Association Committee on Ministry is pleased to share that we have an upcoming Ecclesiastical Council, and we ask that you reserve the date in your calendar so that you can attend and participate in this important Association event.

Heidelberg United Church of Christ

47 W. Philadelphia Street, York, PA 17401 is hosting the Ecclesiastical Council for

Joslin Kearse

Sunday, May 21st at 2 pm

An Ecclesiastical Council is the official action of the Association for the purpose of authorizing a candidate (a “Member in Discernment”) for ordination and ministry in the United Church of Christ. It is through this process, initiated by the York Association Committee on Ministry, that the Member in Discernment is presented to the members of the Association who determine together whether such authorization is appropriate at this time.

As a gentle reminder, for this Special Meeting of the York Association, all delegates (the authorized ministers of the York Association (who do not have exempt status) and two Lay Delegates per congregation) are called to attend. We must have a quorum. We deeply appreciate your attendance at these important occasions.

Tom Kiepert’s Ecclesiastical Council was recently held at Faith United Church of Christ (509 Pacific Avenue, York, PA 17404) on **Sunday, April 30th at 3 PM.**

It is Rainbow Time

TWO exciting events coming up; **York County Pride and Pride at the Ballpark.** Open and Affirming Faith Communities are the most frequented information tables, and this is a wonderful way to reach folks who may be seeking a loving and inclusive faith community.

York County Pride is a time to come together and celebrate the full inclusion of our wonderfully diverse community and specifically celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community in York County. **Saturday, June 10 from 10am-4pm** at the York Fairgrounds.

Pride at the Ballpark (York Revolution)
Thursday, June 15, Gates open at 5:30pm
6:00pm – 9:00 pm

Wear rainbow, bring your friends/family and help us celebrate Pride Month and show support towards the area's LGBTQIA+ Community!

Volunteer at York Fresh Food Farms

As we start the 2023 growing season, we need volunteers to help us build a stronger, healthier York community.

York Fresh Food Farms is working hard to provide affordable, fresh produce to as many York City residents as possible - all year long - but we cannot do it without a lot of support, especially from volunteers who make our work to increase access to healthy fresh produce and combat food deserts possible. Volunteers have the opportunity to get involved in the urban farm, our Mobile Produce Market or other programs and make a positive impact on our community and the lives of the families we serve.

We load our big green bus with the beautiful vegetables we harvest right here in the City of York, and we set up our Mobile Market at each location.

To volunteer call Jennifer Loeblein at 717 515 4799 or email yorkfreshproduce@gmail.com.

York Association Email Addresses

We have slowly been adding email addresses for the committees and positions in the York Association. Please note that these addresses are NOT case sensitive.

Info@YorkAssociationUCC.org general information	Andrew Boyer
President@YorkAssociationUCC.org current president	Lisa Young
CoM@YorkAssociationUCC.org committee on ministry	Rev. Dani Neff
Nominations@YorkAssociationUCC.org	Rev. Curt Weber
Treasurer@YorkAssociationUCC.org	Charles Eisenhart
News@YorkAssociationUCC.org newsletter editor	Sue Barnes
Admin@YorkAssociationUCC.org to create accounts & logins	Jaron Flickinger

York Association UCC Clergy Gathering

When: Wednesday, June 14 @ 11am
Where: Lion's Pride Restaurant
 20 Dairyland Square, Red Lion, PA
From: Martha Boyer, Communicator,
 717.858.2991
marthahboyer@hotmail.com

Climate Hope Cards

We find ourselves in the midst of ongoing climate and environmental justice crises. The future sometimes seems uncertain and even frightening. Yet as people of faith, we are called to heed prophetic voices and fight for a livable planet. It is in action that hope is found. As the Israelites confronted the challenges of their time, the prophet Jeremiah passed along God's message: Your labor is not in vain. There is hope for your future (Jeremiah 31:17).

Phase 1: Climate Hope Cards Art Contest

Hundreds of UCC churches from across the country participated in this incredible art contest. The overall winner was Mallory, age 16, from Middleburg Heights Community UCC in Cleveland, OH. Her artwork will be turned into thousands of postcards for Phase 2.



Want to see all the finalists? Check out this video:

[Climate Hope Cards Finalists Video](#)

Phase 2: Climate Hope Cards Postcard Collection

UCC congregations will collect thousands of postcards (printed with the winning art) to pressure Congress and the White House to take sufficient action to combat the ongoing climate and environmental justice crises.

Around the Association

Locust Grove United Church of Christ, 1035 Locust Grove Road, York

What: Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale
When: Saturday, June 3, 2023, 11 am until 1pm or sold out, rain or shine.

Dinner Cost: \$11
 Dinners include: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce, dinner roll & butter, cupcake, and a bottle of water. Dinners can be eat-in on site or carried out. Pre-order by calling 717-755-1318. To reserve dinners, please leave your name, phone number, and the number of dinners. All reserved dinners must be picked up by 12:30pm.

Zion UCC, York (across from Penn Park)

Zion UCC is seeking an organist and/or pianist starting July 2023. We will consider job-sharing and are flexible with respect to compensation. 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).

The next newsletter, July, will be emailed June 15. Please send all articles to news@yorkassociationucc.org by June 12.