

NEWS of the 22 Churches of the York Association

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MARCH 2026 – 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)

Lenten Services Around the Association

**HEIDELBERG, TRINITY & ZION
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Community Holy Week 2026

Holy Communion Foot & Washing

April 2, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
Heidelberg UCC
47 W. PHILADELPHIA STREET,
YORK, PA 17401

April 3, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
Trinity UCC
32 W MARKET STREET,
YORK, PA 17401

Host Pastors:
Rev. D. Marie Tribble
Rev. Dr. Kelli Turner
Rev. Rick Pulling

Good Friday

Spring Grove Area Mid-Week Lenten Services

Bethlehem UMC in Jefferson, Christ (Codorus) UCC in Jefferson, St. Paul’s Lutheran in Stoverstown, St. Paul’s UCC in Stoverstown, St. Peter’s Lischey’s UCC, Trinity Lutheran in Jefferson, Mt. Zion UCC, Trinity Roths UCC and Ziegler’s Lutheran in Seven Valleys will be offering community mid-week Lenten services this year. Our theme is drawn from the book, *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through 10 Objects* by Jill Duffield. Each week we will explore a different aspect of Lent through material items such as dust, bread, coins, shoes, oil, towels, etc. **Host churches will offer a simple soup supper at 6:00 pm (except Good Friday), and worship at 7:00 pm.** Each preacher will be from a different host church. Many of the services will also feature a joint choir. Offerings for the purpose of helping those in our area in need will be determined by each hosting congregation. (In the past offerings have been given to support the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry.)

Date	Host Church	Focus topic
Feb. 18	Trinity Lutheran (Jefferson)	Dust
Feb. 25	St. Paul’s Lutheran (Stoverstown)	Bread
Mar. 4	St. Peter’s Lischeys UCC (Spring Grove)	Cross
Mar. 11	St. Paul’s UCC (Stoverstown)	Coins
Mar. 18	Zeigler’s Lutheran (Seven Valleys)	Shoes
Mar. 25	Trinity Roths UCC (Spring Grove)	Oil
Apr. 2	Bethlehem UMC (Jefferson)	Towels
Apr. 3	St. Peter’s Lischeys UCC (Spring Grove)	Thorns

Joint Lenten Services
St. John’s UCC-Red Lion & Grace Lutheran Church

The Beauty of Lent

ASH Wednesday

February 18, 2026
7:00pm

Location: St. John’s UCC
161 North Main St. Red Lion PA

JOINT LENTEN SERVICES

St. John's UCC & Grace Lutheran Church - Red Lion

JESUS AT THE TABLE

EVERY
WEDNESDAY
DURING LENT



SOUP SUPPER
6:00PM



SERVICE
7:00PM

25
February

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

220 N. Charles St. Red Lion PA

4
March

ST. JOHN'S UCC - RED LION

161 N. Main St. Red Lion PA

11
March

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

220 N. Charles St. Red Lion PA

18
March

ST. JOHN'S UCC - RED LION

161 N. Main St. Red Lion PA

25
March

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

220 N. Charles St. Red Lion PA

1
April

ST. JOHN'S UCC - RED LION

161 N. Main St. Red Lion PA

Starview UCC - LENT-EASTER WORSHIP SERIES: THE ANIMALS TELL THE STORY

This Lent and Easter season, we will journey through Scripture by listening closely to the animals who appear in the biblical story - creatures who witness God's covenant, vulnerability, provision, and new life. From wilderness encounters to resurrection mornings, these companions help us see familiar texts with fresh eyes and deeper wonder as we walk the path from ashes to alleluias.

Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday at 6 PM

Feb 22 - 1st Sunday in Lent w/Holy Communion at 9:45 AM

Mar 29 - Palm Sunday at 9:45 AM

April 2 - Maundy Thursday at 6 PM

April 5

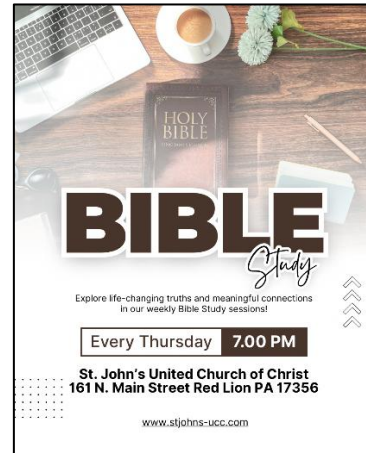
- Easter Sunrise at 6:30 AM, Hoover Cemetery (Corner of Codorus Furnace and Jerusalem School Roads)
- Easter Breakfast, 7:15 AM Starview UCC Fellowship Hall (Food provided)
- Easter Service with Holy Communion, 9 AM, Sanctuary

April 12 - Dinner Church at 6 PM (NO Sunday morning worship service). The scripture reading places us in a locked room with the disciples. The dinner church theme is *Peace at the Table* - a theme centered on Christ entering locked rooms, fearful hearts, and gathered communities to bring peace.

Lenten Service Schedule

for the Glen Rock Community Churches

- o **2/18/26** Ash Wednesday @ Christ Shrewsbury
- o **2/25/26** Midweek at Zion Lutheran
- o **3/4/26** Midweek at Immanuel UMC
- o **3/11/26** Midweek at Zion Lutheran
- o **3/18/26** Midweek at Trinity UCC
- o **3/25/26** Midweek at New Hope Fissel's UCC
- o **4/02/26** Maundy Thursday Meal at New Hope Fissel's UCC 5:30 pm
- o **04/03/26** Good Friday Meditation from 12 Noon until 3:00 PM at New Hope Fissel's UCC
- o **4/3/26** Good Friday at New Hope Fissel's UCC, 7 pm
- o **4/5/26** Easter Sunrise at Zion Lutheran, 6:45 am
- o **4/5/26** Easter Sunday & Communion, New Hope UCC, 10 am



The theme for our fourth annual Climate Hope Art Contest is "A Future with Hope." Children and youth are invited to draw, paint, or color works of art that bring this theme to life. We'll accept art submissions from February 6th to March 20th. We will have winners for different age groups and an overall winner who will receive an all-expense paid trip to visit Washington, DC with a parent or guardian. [Register your congregation now to participate.](#)

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Potential Ecclesiastical Councils:

All Authorized Ministers, Lay Delegates, and Other Lay Folks: Please keep the following dates open for our York Association Ecclesiastical Councils where we as an association gather to listen to and ask questions of Members in Discernment (MIDs) who desire ordination in the United Church of Christ.

Sunday, May 31, 2:00 PM – Location to be determined

Sunday, September 27, 2:00 PM – Location to be determined.

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Rick Pulling

Attention: York Association Authorized

Ministers and MIDs:

The York Association Authorized Ministers and MIDs group will go back to meeting the second Wednesday of the month, starting in March. So, our next brunch meeting will be **Wednesday, March 11, at 11:00 AM** at Lion's Pride Restaurant in Red Lion. This is a time of fellowship and sharing as we continue our UCC covenant with each other. For questions, please contact Rev. Chris Anderson or Rev. Susan Emmons.
Submitted by Rev. Dr. Rick Pulling

Around the Association

New Hope Fissel's UCC

Join us for a **Make-it & Take-it Craft Day on February 28th from 9-2 pm** at New Hope Fissel's UCC

Hayshire UCC Seeking

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher's Assistant

Hayshire UCC Preschool is searching for a morning Teacher's Assistant for their 5-day Pre-Kindergarten class. If you love working with little learners and want to be part of a fun, caring team, Hayshire UCC Preschool would love to hear from you! The position runs from September through May, starting September 2026. Contact Preschool Director, Jackie Bailey at 717.852.8607 for more information.

Starview UCC

PUB, GRUB, AND GOD – a relaxed, family-friendly gathering where faith and everyday life meet around the table. Held in local restaurants, this ministry invites honest conversation, good food, and meaningful connection in a welcoming, low-pressure setting. **All gatherings begin at 6pm.**

February 17th ~ Sign of the Horse, East York

March 17th ~ Parma Pizza, Manchester

April 21st ~ Olive Garden, West York

May 19th ~ TBD

SHADOWS TO SUNSHINE (Mental Health Support Group) - a compassionate, faith-based support ministry offering space for reflection, honesty, and hope. Through gentle grounding practices, guided conversation, and spiritual care, participants are reminded they are not alone - and that light is present even in seasons of shadow. **Join us from 6pm – 7pm.**

February 9th and 23rd

March 9th and 23rd

April 6th and 20th

May 4th and 18th

GRIEFSHARE - A Christ-centered support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Based on the nationally recognized GriefShare program, participants may join at any point in the 13-week cycle and are invited to participate in up to 3 entire sessions as they monitor and honor their personal grief journey.

- Mondays at 3:00 PM • Beginning February 16, 2026
- Sessions are 2 hours in length.
- Location: Upstairs, Church Parlor, no cost to attend

Dover UCC

Annual Polar Plunge

2026 Special Olympics Annual Polar Plunge will be held on **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, at Gifford Pinchot State Park (the Conewago Day use area). The Plunge itself typically begins at noon. Michael and The Beach Boys & Friends will again be plunging in order to help his fellow York County athletes. York County services over 300 athletes with intellectual disabilities in 15 different sports programs. You may help Michael by donating cash or giving Michael a check made out to York County Special Olympics, or registering on – [Capital Area - Special Olympics Pennsylvania - Polar Plunge](#)—Thanks everyone for your continued support – it means a lot to Michael.

The next newsletter, APRIL, will be emailed March 18. Please send articles to news@yorkassociationucc.org by March 16.

Thank You!

HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. D. Marie Tribble, Pastor

SPRING FUNDRAISER

PLANTING HOPE

“One Birdhouse at a Time”

MARCH 28TH
2PM - 6PM

CRAFTING
EGG HUNT
SNACKS
FAMILY FUN

LIMITED TICKETS
Don't Wait

\$25 Adults
\$10 Kids

47 W. PHILADELPHIA STREET,
YORK, PA 17402

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