



NEWS of the 22 Churches of the York Association

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MAY 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)

Around the Association

Locust Grove UCC

1035 Locust Grove Road, York, PA ,

Saturday, May 2, at 11am – 1pm, Chicken BBQ & Bake Sale.

Dinners include: ½ BBQ chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll & butter, a cupcake, and a bottle of water. Rain or shine, Eat-In or Carry-out. You may reserve your dinners by calling the church office at 717.755.1318 and leave your name, phone, and the number of dinners you would like to purchase.

New Hope Fissel’s UCC

3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock

Upcoming Events

- **Coffee & A Prayer** 7am until 8am in the parking lot. Friday mornings, **May 1 through May 22.**
- Please join us for worship on **Sunday, May 3rd**, here at New Hope Fissel’s as we welcome Handbell Soloist, Ron Bellamy. Handbell Prelude begins at 9:45 a.m. *Everyone is Welcome!*
- Spirit of Hope is hosting a **sub and pretzel sandwich sale.** The deadline to place orders is **May 5.** Call the church office to order at 717-235-2033.
- **Vocal Soloist, Tom Wakeland,** will join us for worship on **May 10, 2026** (Mother's Day) at New Hope Fissel's UCC There will be a "Special" presentation for all the women attending this service. *Everyone is welcome!*
- On Election Day, **May 19,** the church will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. Soup, baked goods, and R&K sandwiches will be available for sale.
- **VBS** at New Hope Fissel's will be **June 15-19**

Mt. Zion UCC

1054 Ridgewood Road, York

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ is excited to announce that the **New Song Community Choir** will be performing a selection of gospel music at our church on **Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 PM.** This program is free to the public, and a love offering will be accepted. There will be a reception to follow.

The New Song Community choir has been singing praise to God for the past fifteen years and has between thirty-five to forty-five members from among twenty churches in the area – including our own Michael Gibbs. They perform patriotic concerts in November, a cantata for the Christmas season in December, and gospel concerts during the Easter season and into May. We welcome the New Song Community Choir to our church, and we look forward to enjoying *their gift of music!*

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. 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.**

- **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 three entire sessions as they monitor and honor their personal grief journey.

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



A Mother's Day
Breakfast for All
at Faith Church
509 Pacific Avenue
York, PA 17404



Bring your mom (or mom-figure, dad, or anyone)
to a yummy breakfast on
Saturday May 9 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
This is a great way to say "I / We Love You"
and have a great breakfast!

All proceeds help our Faith Church activities, and we'll
have a great breakfast with some upscale choices ☺ for:

- \$15 per member of Faith Church
- \$10 per non-member
- \$10 for a member who brings a non-member
- \$5 for kids 10 and under.

So that we can make enough food, please email Larry
Bean (larrybean@aol.com) with questions or the
number attending.

Tour for York Association Church Members
Emmanuel UCC invites York Association UCC Church
Members to tour

[Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education](#)

We still have space for more people. Experience this York
County Gem, "Where Food, Land, and Community Grow
Together" and see Earth-friendly gardening, growing, and land
stewardship practices up close.

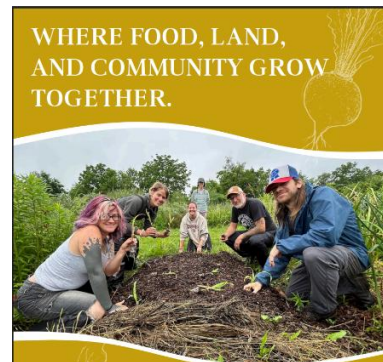
Date: Saturday, May 9th

Time: 10:30 am - Noon

Location: [4945 Horn Road, York, PA 17406](#)

You can choose a leisurely 1-mile walking tour of the whole
farm, or a modified guided tour with less walking and level
grass paths. If you want to bring a sack lunch, they have space
for us to gather in the farmhouse, from noon to 12:30.

Extensive info about this tour can be found on the Emmanuel
UCC Website: <http://www.emmanuel-york.org/news.html>



For more INFO or To register by phone call Libby at 717-887-
6633 and leave a message and we will return your call or
email lloser11411@comcast.net with Horn Farm in the
subject line.

*This tour is FREE for you thanks to a Penn Central Conference
UCC Outdoor Ministry Grant.*

Horn Farm Center Website: <https://hornfarmcenter.org/>

Ecclesiastical Council

Please keep **September 27 @ 2pm** on your calendars.
Location to be determined.

**Attention: York Association
Authorized Ministers and MIDs**

Our next brunch meeting will be **Wednesday, May 13, at
11am** 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.

*The next newsletter, JUNE,
will be emailed May 20. Please send articles to
news@yorkassociationucc.org by May 18.*

Thank You!



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JEN HEASLEY
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HEIDELBERG UCC
FOR THE

PROGRAM
LAUNCH

OF



THE
Purple
PANTRY

Transforming the kitchen into spaces of empowerment, healing, and possibility.

MAY 2, 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
HEIDELBERG UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
47 W. PHILADELPHIA STREET YORK, PA 17401

We warmly invite survivors, advocates, case managers, and community partners who work with survivors of domestic violence to join us for this meaningful event and learn how Purple Pantry can become a resource for those rebuilding their lives.

The Purple Pantry is an initiative designed to help survivors of domestic violence transform their kitchens into spaces of empowerment, healing, and possibility. Jen believes that cooking and sharing meals can replace painful memories with moments of joy, connection, and stability.

QUESTIONS

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