

NEWS of the 22 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)

Lenten Services Around the Association

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

Community Holy Week 2026

Holy Communion Foot & Washing

April 2, 2026
6:00 PM Zion UCC
100 LAFAYETTE STREET,
YORK, PA 17401
6:00 PM Trinity UCC
32 W MARKET STREET,
YORK, PA 17401

April 3, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
Trinity UCC - 7 Last Words
32 W MARKET STREET,
YORK, PA 17401

7 Last Words Preachers
Rev. Joan Maruskin
Rev. Dr. Kellie Turner
Rev. Dr. Rick Pulling
Rev. Dr. Dominique Denman
Rev. Claire Twoomey
Rev. D. Marie Tribble
Dr. Michael Evans, PhD

Good Friday

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

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.**

Date	Host Church	Focus topic
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 & 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

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April

ST. JOHN’S UCC - RED LION

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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

**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.

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 **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

Ecclesiastical Councils:

We will not have an association Ecclesiastical Council on May 31 as originally planned. Association delegates and attendees from congregations: you may take that date and occasion off your calendar. Please keep September 27 at 2:00 PM (location to be determined) still on your calendar for an Ecclesiastical Council **Sunday, May 31, 2:00 PM – CANCELLED**

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

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Rick Pulling, CoM Chair

**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. Our next brunch meeting will be **Wednesday, April 8, 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

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.

Around the Association

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!**



New Hope Fissel's UCC Upcoming Events

- ****Maundy Thursday Meal of Soup & Bread with Communion****
Join us at 5:30 PM. Please call the office at 717-235-2033 and leave a message if you plan to attend.
- ****Good Friday Meditation****
The sanctuary will be open for quiet meditation and prayer from Noon to 3 PM.
- ****Good Friday Service****
Join Pastor Lou Ann Jones at 7 PM for a special service featuring music by vocalists Denise Zelinski and Troy Winemiller, along with the New Hope Adult Choir.
- ****Easter Egg Hunt****
Join us outside at the pavilion on Saturday, April 4th at 10 AM. Look out for the Easter Bunny! (Event limited to children ages 12 and under).
- ****Easter Service with Holy Communion****
Worship led by Pastor Art Grahe at 10 AM. Enjoy music from vocalist Steve Mummert, the New Hope Fissel's UCC Adult Choir, vocalist Troy D. Winemiller, and special guest National Christian Recording Artist Diane Susek.
- ****Holy Hilarity Sunday****
Join us on April 12th at 10 AM for worship led by Pastor Rodger Snyder. Spring caroling for our homebound members will take place at 1 PM.
- ****Coffee & A Prayer****
Join us in the parking lot on April 17th from 7 to 8 AM.

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

**The next newsletter, MAY,
will be emailed April 20. Please send articles to
news@yorkassociationucc.org by April 18.
Thank You!**



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.**

- 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.**

- 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
 - Sessions are 2 hours in length.
 - Location: Upstairs, Church Parlor, no cost to attend
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Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education
Tour for York Association Church Members



Do you have or hope to have a Church or Home Garden? Are you curious about how to create fertile soil without pesticides and fertilizer? Do you love the outdoors? Are you interested in the history of Horn Farm in York County and their future? **A Tour of Horn Farm is just for you on Sat. May 9, 2026, 10:30 - noon!**

Emmanuel UCC, York was awarded a grant from Penn Central Conference in December 2025 to cover the cost of a Tour of Horn Farm for thirty people from Emmanuel and other interested York Association Churches. Our hope is that a couple of people from many of our York UCC churches will join us in experiencing nature and learning about regenerative agriculture.



The tour of the Horn Farm will explore land stewardship at the intersection of agriculture and ecological restoration. We'll visit key parts of the Horn Farm's educational landscape, including community

gardens, their demonstration field, a multifunctional riparian buffer, and recovering wild spaces. Topics covered will include sustainable gardening and agroforestry, ecological restoration, foraging and wildcrafting, and the Horn Farm's mission and organizational history.

An adjusted tour route will be offered for participants with limited mobility. And for those who want to bring a sack lunch, there will be space for us in the farmhouse from noon to 12:30 to eat our lunch.

Learn more and meet your tour guides at www.emmanuel.york.org and then click on the News tab.

If, after reading the info, you want to register, please email Emmanuel UCC, York at emmanuelucc@gmail.com and leave your name, phone number, church name, and whether you prefer the regular tour or the modified tour. If you have any questions, call Libby at 717-887-6633 and leave a message. We have room for thirty people on the tour, so please register soon. The cost of your tour is covered by the Penn Central Grant, but you may make a donation to Horn Farm if you wish at <https://hornfarmcenter.org/>.