



# NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

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## August 2017 - 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)

### A Delegate's 2017 Synod Reflections



Thank you to the York Association for supporting delegates to each biennial Synod gathering. And

thank you to my home church, St. Paul's UCC, Stoverstown for supporting Darlene and me.

This year, Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer as General Minister and President of the UCC provided many reflections on his first two years. Central to his messages to us are priorities that we can, and should, embrace; "Love Unites; Love Children, Love Neighbor, Love Creation". These Great Loves that, if used as a starting point in our deliberations, can point us in the right direction. Even more basic and important--**"A Just World for All"**.

Our 2017 Synod experience began with an opening worship and what proved to be a recurring image throughout the five days of our gatherings, both business and worship, a wheelbarrow. There is an engaging story about this garden accessory that Traci Blackmon recounted from a June 30, 1859 feat by Charles Blondin (you might want to look it up by googling ('wheelbarrow over Niagara Falls') – the rally cry used many times over the course of Synod was "get in the wheelbarrow".

This 31<sup>st</sup> General Synod of 2017 was comprised of, 737 registered delegates and 1,931 guests. A main reason for Synod meetings is to give voice to

members of the United Church of Christ as opposed to having the Board of Directors be the only decision-making group. We had nearly 20 resolutions to review, to edit, and to vote upon. Youth of the Synod were active in all aspects of the event and had voice during deliberations over the various resolutions that were before the body. Two such business items stick in my mind in these days after those votes. The first of these centered on the issue of *Rights of Adoptees to Access Birth Certificates*. The debate on the floor was pretty even, pro and con, the myriad of concerns lifted up and debated. The vote was close and the resolution failed to pass. The second had to do with gun violence and *On Recognizing and Studying Gun Violence as a Public Health Emergency*. The resolution passed. What was an eye-opener was the presentation by several youth who recounted "bullets whizzing by", "fear of leaving my home", and somewhat terrifying "ALICE" (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) trainings in some Ohio schools. These trainings, to the sounds of simulated gunshots, take a proactive approach to intruder situations.

*Submitted by: Chip Hoover, Synod Delegate*  
Check out the updated UCC logo:



**More Synod Reflections will continue next month.**

## SUPPORT EQUALITY FEST - 2017

**Sunday, August 6 - 12 - 6 pm**

St. Paul's UCC Dallastown, Dover UCC, and Heidelberg UCC York will be participating in Equality Fest being held this year in Penn Park (College Ave), York. They will be passing out literature celebrating diversity and hope you will stop by and say "hello!". Dover UCC is also organizing the interfaith service at 12 noon. There will be entertainment all day, a children's area and vendors.

### **"Go Green" Sunday ~ August 13, 2017 FREE Family Event 2 – 4 pm at Shiloh UCC**

Individuals, families and groups are also encouraged to participate in the "Recycled Art" Contest. Entries may be taken to Shiloh UCC, August 7th through Wednesday August 9th,

St. Paul's UCC Dallastown is ready to show the children how to "shoot marshmallows" and make other toys out of recycled materials. It will be a lot of fun and they will interact with the kids to make toy-making a blast!

### **York Association Annual Mtg – Nov 12 Speaker - Mark Lutz, Author of UnPoverty**

Have You Made Plans? Faith UCC has utilized the resources sent to pastors for the book *UnPoverty* in worship during the month of July. Mark Lutz will be our speaker at the annual meeting. Has your congregation made plans to review this book?

Copies of the book and the book study are available for you to borrow by contacting Rev. Cathy Sherry ([CathyLHS19@comcast.net](mailto:CathyLHS19@comcast.net)). Copies of the book can also be obtained from Amazon.

## **Around the Association**

### **New Hope (Fissel's) UCC**

**3426 Fissel's Church Rd, Glen Rock, PA 17327**

- will hold their **50'S FLASHBACK** on Sat, Aug 5, (Rain or Shine) 1:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Enjoy Classic Cars & Drive-in Food. Call the church office 717-235-2033 for additional information.
- A **Make-it and Take-it Craft event** is being held on Oct 21, 8-3 pm. Make Fall, Winter and Christmas decorations and gifts. For more information call Pam 717-521-4259 or the church office 717-235-2033

### **Zion UCC, 100 Lafayette St. York, PA**

- has **two (2) classrooms** in their Education wing available for non-profit educational, religious or social use. The space includes restroom facilities and parking. Additional kitchen and meeting space

will be available upon request and approval. Rent is "mission-based" and negotiable. Interested parties or referrals should be directed to Charles 'Chub' Neiman, Property Co-Chair, at 717-843-0521 or via e-mail ([can@gte.net](mailto:can@gte.net)).

### **Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Dr., York, PA**

- Join us for an **outdoor concert** on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and help us welcome our special musical guests, **Diane King Susek & Buddy King**. Diane and Buddy now frequently perform together. Their performances usually include both worship music, as well as songs that people know from Buddy's early pop days with The Magnificent Men. Bring your lawn chairs and gather together for great entertainment and fellowship. Don't miss this powerful event!

### **St Paul's UCC – 205 W. Main St. Dallastown, PA**

- **TGIF at St. Paul's UCC this Summer!** Every Friday during June and July for kids at 10:30 AM. There is one more Friday event. Distinguished members of the community were invited to read a book on diversity, handed picked weekly by Hearts and Minds Bookstore in Dallastown. After the book reading, the children enjoy a light snack and then off to a Yoga class held in the Church's fellowship hall. The Mayor of Dallastown, Terry L. Meyers, Sr., will be our reader for the day! For more details, contact the Church Office, 717-244-2090.
- **Aug 7, 8 and Aug 10 - Adult VBBS -- Vacation Beer & Bible School - 6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
St. Paul's UCC is holding 3-evening "VBBS" classes and participants will be using a guide for discussion, a book, written by Rob Bell, entitled "**What Is the Bible?**". We will review the content of the book during class. Books may be purchased through St. Paul's at a discounted price of \$20. At class, participants will be able to elect to sample a different "craft beer" each evening or they may bring a beverage of their choice. Please let us know of your intent to join the group by calling the Church Office at 717-244-2090.

- **Dallastown's National Night Out - Aug 8th**  
Dallastown Community Park 5--8PM. The York Area Regional Police Department gives a theme each year for the event, and St. Paul's Church responds by setting up a station to support that theme.

### **September newsletter deadline is Aug 11**

This newsletter (Aug) will be emailed July 13.

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