



# NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

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## December 2016 - 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)

### **From the President**

This will be my last letter for the Newsletter. As my term as President comes to a close, I want to thank all the people that have helped me through these past 2 years. Being a lay person President surrounded by pastors could be an intimidating experience but they have displayed grace and understanding when I didn't quite understand how certain things worked. I grew as a person and got to know a lot of people in the Association.

I keep hearing that we have one of the strongest Associations in the Conference with a lot of great things happening. My thanks goes out to the committees and individual churches. I know you will continue your good work.

Blessings to you all!

*Submitted by: Barbara Crum, YA Council President*

### **York Association Annual Meeting RECAP**

The Annual Meeting of the York Association was held Sunday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at New Hope Fissel's UCC in Glen Rock PA with this year's theme being **"Something Old, Something New"**. A delicious light luncheon of pulled pork, chicken corn soup and fruit was served prior to the meeting.

President Barbara Crum offered greetings followed by singing the *Old Rugged Cross* and a scripture reading from Micah 6:8. New Hope showed slides of their newly constructed book sharing "house" and beautiful new labyrinth.

The business meeting was called to order by President Barbara Crum. The secretary, Rev. Kathy Seiler reported a quorum in attendance. Reports were reviewed and accepted as submitted. Treasurer Rob Brown presented the 2017 budget and the increase to \$1.75 in the Member church per capita support. The slate of officers and committee members presented by the Nominating committee was approved. Due to the lack of a quorum at the Ecclesiastical Council for Kent Rhodehamel from Locust Grove UCC, the Association voted to approve Kent for ordained ministry with a 63 Yes to 2 No vote.

Presentations were made by Chip Hoover on the 2016 Work Camp, Lisa and Glenn Young on their trip to the Dakota Reservation for Partners In Peace, Dr. Laurene Bowers gave an update on the Conference, and Rev. Dr. Ron Oelrich introduced Lee Ann Strine and Ron Heagy as approved licensed ministers with sacramental privileges in the York Association. Officers and committee members were installed and commissioned by Dr. Laurene Bowers.

The afternoon was closed with scripture, singing *Come On In*, a homily by Rev. Julian Hall, communion and Benediction.

*Submitted by: Barbara Crum, President  
Rev. Kelly Shiflett, Vice President  
Rev. Katherine Seiler, Secretary  
Rev. Robert Brown, Treasurer*

## Implementing no-cost/low-cost energy efficiency upgrades in your worship facility:

### Saving money with small investments

The ENERGY STAR Congregations team understands that congregations often lack adequate funding and personnel to implement major energy efficiency upgrades. However, it can be easy to start improving the energy (and water) efficiency of your worship facility with little expertise or money. There are many reliable, low-risk actions that your congregation can take, most of which are relatively simple. We call these “Sure Energy Savers” —basic low- or no-cost actions you can make for energy and water savings. The Sure Energy Savers section in Chapter 4 of the *ENERGY STAR Action Workbook for Congregations pages 17 thru 29* (available for free download at [www.energystar.gov/congregations](http://www.energystar.gov/congregations)) covers these actions and strategies for energy savings through lighting, HVAC, office equipment, kitchen/food service, building envelope (windows, walls, and roof), and specific water-saving strategies. We encourage you to start now and ask the ENERGY STAR team for guidance if you need it by emailing us, [atenergystarcongregations@energyandsecurity.com](mailto:atenergystarcongregations@energyandsecurity.com)

## Help Us Share the News

### York Association Facebook Page

Joe Kirkenir, the new Communications and Social Media Manager, for the York Association of the United Church of Christ has been hard at work. He has created a York Association page and asks everyone to: “like it”.

If your church has any news, events or photos to share, please message Joe via Facebook or email Joe at [kirkenir@gmail.com](mailto:kirkenir@gmail.com).

Here is a link to the York Association page:

<https://www.facebook.com/yorkucc/>

### January newsletter deadline is December 11

This newsletter (December) will be emailed on November 15 by the Association President, Barbara Crum.

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## Around the Association

### Starview UCC

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- Starview United Church of Christ is inviting you to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun at their **Gift Card BINGO** held on Sunday, November 20th at the Eagle Fire Co. located at 54 Center Street Ext., Mt. Wolf, PA. Doors open at 1:00pm with food and drink available for purchase and the BINGO begins at 3:00pm. Bingo tickets are \$15.00 per person at the door but can also be purchased in advance for a discounted cost of \$12.00 by contacting the church office at 266-4248. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Penn State/Hershey Medical Center Children's Oncology Unit.

### Emmanuel UCC, York

#### Pecans for Holiday Baking and for Just Eating!

- Emmanuel UCC, York, is **selling pecans** to benefit their Kenya Education Fund for the education of girls from Mercy Homes Orphanage in Luanda, Kenya. The approximate cost for a 1 pound package of pecan halves is \$13. Contact Emmanuel UCC, York if you would like to purchase pecans. Phone 717-801-1084 or email [emmanuelucc@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelucc@gmail.com) to place an order.

### Heidelberg UCC

#### 47 W. Philadelphia St, York

Christmas Gifts Needed for Our City Neighbors

- Each year at our December Community Breakfast, we distribute hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to our neighbors who need them in the cold winter months. This year that breakfast will be on Christmas Eve Day, a wonderful day to distribute gifts. We have plenty of scarves, but we welcome your gifts of hats, mittens and gloves for men, women and children. Please bring them to the church during December and we'll make sure they find a good home. We thank you in advance!
- Join us downtown York for “First Friday”, Dec 2, for our HeidelBean Coffee House. The doors to the coffee house open at 6 PM and we're there with music, coffee, free Wi-Fi and table games until 9 PM.