



# NEWS of the 28 Churches of the York Association

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## December 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)

### York Association Web Page

Be sure to visit our "new & improved" York Association Web Page:

(<https://www.yorkassociationucc.org/>).

We have switched hosts to Wix which we expect to be more user friendly. We are still developing the pages, and consulting with Association Council as to what information should be on the site. We ask & encourage you to please check out the list of member churches and send any suggested changes and photos of your church to Joe at [goodworksjoe@gmail.com](mailto:goodworksjoe@gmail.com). We have quite a bit planned for the site, so visit us often to see how the site is developing. We are always open to suggestions about what you would like to see on the association web site.

### Mid-Winter Clergy Convocation Plan Now!

The theme for the Mid-Winter Clergy Convocation will be Proclaiming the Good News Today: How We Embody Jesus to the World. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Emily C. Heath, Senior Pastor and Teacher at the UCC Congregational Church in Exeter, NH. In her book, *Glorify*, she asks what the next "big thing" is for our denomination. We are already at the front line of many social justice issues...but what is the next big issue we need to confront? She believes it is discipleship. We need to name it and claim it and get radical—"not about

our politics or our policies, but about our faith...It's time to remember what, and whom, we worship, and to develop the language of faith." We will gather to remember who Jesus is to us and to look at how we embody Jesus to the world!

The date is January 30 to February 1. The place is the Double Tree Resort by Hilton in Lancaster, PA. Registration varies, depending on what accommodations you desire...a single is \$440 with meals, a double is \$335 with meals, commuting with meals is \$265, and commuting without meals is \$125. You can follow this link to the details <https://www.regonline.com/registration/checkin.aspx?MethodId=0&EventSessionId=5ce7f0b6719947779811bd5b07f25ac1&EventId=2052418> or call 717-652-1560 to register.

### Calling ALL York Association Churches

We are hoping for 90% of our York Association Churches to have someone in their congregation fill out this super short survey linked below.



The PCC Green Justice Ministry Team is interested in what our PCC churches are doing around Creation Care and Environmental Stewardship. If you haven't already, please take the time to fill out this survey about your Congregation's green activities. Thank YOU!  
<http://survey.constantcontact.com/.../a07eepkfoj8lybq.../start>

**Your congregation can become a UCC Creation Justice church!** This is a new national designation for UCC churches. It asks churches to covenant to take Six Steps for environmental justice and creation care in their locale; to raise their awareness of justice issues at home and around the world; and to choose actions to take. Check it out at [www.ucc.org/creation\\_justice\\_churches](http://www.ucc.org/creation_justice_churches)

If becoming a UCC Creation Justice Church interests your congregation, please join in. For info contact Libby at [lloser11411@comcast.net](mailto:lloser11411@comcast.net).

## Around the Association

### Heidelberg UCC

**47 W. Philadelphia St., York, PA**

- When all the world is telling you that life is happy and full of light and joy, but you're sad for any of a dozen reasons, Christmas can be a difficult season. Join us on the day of the **winter solstice, Thursday, December 21, at 6:30 pm** to honor the longest night of the year, the power of the dark to heal, and the importance of quiet reflection. We gather for an evening of prayer, silence, gentle music and candlelight. It's a powerful time. Please invite your friends to join us.
- The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus will be performing, for the public, in our auditorium on **Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm** to delight us with their version of **A Dickens Christmas**.

### Dover UCC

**45 W Canal St, Spring Grove, PA**

- Dover UCC will host a music concert to begin the Christmas season on **Sunday, December 3 at 6 pm**. **Renaissance**, the select chorus from Dover Area High School, will present the music with a reception following. There is no cost to this event. A free will offering will be received for the chorus. Come celebrate the Advent of Christ!

### St. Paul's UCC, Stoverstown

**2173 Stoverstown Rd, Spring Grove, PA**

- is hosting an Advent event, **A "Venty" Merry Puppet & Story Christmas**, on **Dec. 17 -- 5 pm** meal, 6 pm puppet show. BBQ, hot dogs, and drinks provided. Fun for the whole family! Please RSVP to (Chip Hoover - [chip08@aol.com](mailto:chip08@aol.com) or 717-792-3153) for the 5pm meal.

### Emmanuel UCC, York, PA

#### Pecan and Peanut Fundraiser

- Koinonia Farm Pecans / Peanuts - 100% of the profit from our sale will go to fund high school education for young women at Mercy Home Orphanage in Kenya. **One-pound bags of Pecan Halves - \$13.50. One-pound bags of Fried Peanuts - \$6.50.** The nuts are biologically grown, no insecticides, pesticides, fungicides, or unnatural fertilizer used in their orchards.



Email questions to [emmanuelucc@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelucc@gmail.com) or call us at 717-801-1084 and leave a message. Send orders with a check to Emmanuel UCC, P.O. Box 20698 York, PA 17402. If needed, we will deliver in York County.

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

- has **two (2) classrooms** in their Education wing available for non-profit educational, religious or social use. Rent is "mission-based" and negotiable. Interested parties 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).
- **Zion's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Finale – Sat, Dec 2, 2:00 pm** in Zion's sanctuary. Featuring Richard "Dick" Frey, organist. Please plan to join us and enjoy hearing Zion's Allen organ come alive for an afternoon concert of varied music; e.g. holiday, classical, baroque, etc. There is no charge. A free-will offering will be received and donated to Mr. Frey's favorite charity. Reception to follow.

### Starview UCC

**4832 N. Sherman St Ext., Mount Wolf, PA 17347**

- Starview UCC is looking to hire a **part time Minister of Music**, responsible for choirs, piano and/or organ skills required. Send resume to: [starviewucc@comcast.net](mailto:starviewucc@comcast.net)



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