



# NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

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## September 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 York Association Annual Meeting Sunday, November 13 – 12:30 pm**

New Hope Fissel's in Glen Rock has graciously agreed to host the meeting. This year's theme is "Something Old, Something New". Lunch will be served between 12:30 and 1:30. A per person love offering is requested to cover the cost of the meal. Registration runs from 1:30 to 2:00. The gathering starts at 2:00 with the business meeting following at 2:30. Communion will be served after the meeting is adjourned.

We have 29 churches in the Association; some old, some new. We hope pastors, licensed ministers, authorized ministers, and interim pastors plan to attend. We encourage each church to send a minimum of 2 lay people as delegates to represent your church members. Please mark the date on your calendar!

*Barbara Crum, YA Council President*

### **YORK ASSOCIATION OKTOBERFEST AND GERMAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION**

The Parish Life Committee invites you to this event to celebrate our German heritage of our churches. The event will be held Sunday, October 2, at the picnic grove on the grounds of Salem UCC, 2705 West Canal Road, Dover, PA. The event will cost \$6.00 per person. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a meal of pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, baked apples and assorted desserts. The beverages will include ginger, root and birch beer. After the meal we will be entertained by the Alleweil

Jung Folk Dancers and our own German band. We encourage your participation in the dancing and singing. We also invite each church to display their connection to German heritage. Reservations are due by Monday, September 19. Please have one individual from your church contact Steven Roush by emailing him at [scroush@frontier.com](mailto:scroush@frontier.com) or calling him at 717-460-2206, with the total number of reservations. Payment is due on the day of the event by providing one check from each church, made payable to the York Association.

The **Friends of Hoffman Homes** will be sponsoring a "Community Night" Fundraiser at Isaac's Famous Grilled Sandwiches in West York only, September 21, 2016, from 5 to 9 p.m. 25% of the cost of your meal will go directly to Hoffman Homes. You must have the attached form (page 3) for Hoffman to get the credit and no other coupon or discounts can be used.

### **Gift from the Work Camp Campers**

Each camper was given a quarter by group and asked to use it in a way to make a difference. The group that started the initiative was working on a house on Springdale Rd. They decided if they put their quarters together it would be \$1.50, enough to buy a meal for one person at a soup kitchen. That night they challenged other groups to join them and came up with \$145. Council approved this generous gift be given to Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen on S George Street in York, a current UCC supported mission.

## Another Group Workcamp is in the books!

Thanks go out to all 340+ campers! Our camp for 2016 EXTRAORDINARY was definitely beyond the ordinary! Thanks to the financial support from churches and the York Association, this workcamp, which helped 54 families with home improvement projects. Half of the York Association churches contributed with hands on involvement, as well. A huge thank you to members of the Community Outreach committee, who stepped up and took leadership roles, recruiting churches to help with ladders, welcome snack bags, and evening snacks.

The camp was comprised of 342 Christian youth and chaperones from Canada and across the United States, who paid their own expenses to come and serve our community.

Campers were challenged to donate canned goods and hygiene items - over 3,400 items came in - enough to fill 5 cars! – These items were donated to Heidelberg UCC, York's outreach ministry in York City, Northeastern Food Pantry (Starview UCC), The Well, (Faith UCC), Emmanuel's Closet in the Dallastown/Red Lion area, and Harvest of Hope in the Spring Grove Area. In addition, following the camp, extra food items and snacks from the week were delivered to the York Rescue Mission and Our Daily Bread.

These comments from the residents give another aspect of the benefits of this extraordinary week.

*"The kids were the greatest. I could adopt them all. My faith in children has been restored. Loved the devotions. This was a blessing to us to have this work done. The kids and leader were all nice and worked together. We enjoyed the lunches and devotions we shared with them. GOD BLESS this program. When they say a blessing comes your way I experienced that this week of July 11-15. God sent the best group of people to help re-paint and fix up my house. Thanks again, not just from the bottom, but my whole heart. I am truly appreciative of all the work you have done. The devotions were a pleasure, the team was so pleasant and kind."*

### New Hope Fissel's UCC - FREE Library



Located in a rural area our vitality team thought it would be a good idea to make a free library available to everyone. Here it is!

**A reminder for Church Treasurers and Pastors:** If you want your church's dues contribution for 2016 to be published in the advance reports for the 2016 Annual Meeting, I will need to receive the contribution by October 10. If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail, Rob [Brown73@comcast.net](mailto:Brown73@comcast.net), or by phone, 764-0091.  
Thanks, Rob Brown, Treasurer, Y.A.

## "BRIGHT IDEA"



**Over 160 new LED light bulbs** were brought by visitors and delegates to the Annual Meeting as part of a mission project called "Bright Idea." **Thank you to all who donated!** The light bulbs were given to one food bank in each of Penn Central's eight associations; in York Assoc. to Emmanuel's Closet, Dallastown. The food banks are distributing the bulbs to low income clients who are asked to replace their most used incandescent light bulb with the LED bulb received.

The first goal of this project was to help families or individuals with little discretionary income to lower their electric bill and lower their carbon. By our calculations, over 17,000 lbs. of CO2 emission are saved per year by the use of 160 LED bulbs.

The second goal was to model for Penn Central UCC churches, a simple Creation Care action which any church could replicate in its own locale. Perhaps your congregation would like to try "Bright Idea?"

## Around the Association

### St. Paul's, Dallastown, PA

- St. Paul's is **organizing a new initiative** in response to the growth of our **young adults (primarily 20s and 30s)** in the congregation that will create a new worship service aimed at this age group. The idea at this point is to begin a core group of interested people to plan a Saturday worship service once per month that would serve as a program of St. Paul's and serve the young adults who attend association UCC churches, using many of the ideas of John Dorhauer, Laurene Bowers, and Peter Rollins. The service would be explicitly ONA and experimental in nature. If you have young adults who might be interested in this, please send their contact info or have them get in touch with Chris Rodkey at [cdrodkey@yahoo.com](mailto:cdrodkey@yahoo.com). We will have an organizational summit in the fall.

### New Hope Fissel's UCC, 3426 Fissel's Church Rd, Glen Rock, PA 17327; below Susquehannock High School

- New Hope Fissel's UCC will hold their **Annual Family-Style Roast Beef Supper on Sat, Oct 15, 2016**. Serving begins at 3 pm. Tickets available at the door. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the church office at 235-2033. Everyone welcome!

### Locust Grove UCC, 1035 Locust Grove Rd, York, PA

- **Chicken Barbeque, Bake Sale and Yard Sale, Sat, Sept 3**, rain or shine; eat-in or take-out. Cost is \$9/dinner. Serving begins at 11am until sold out. You may pre-order by calling the church at 717-755-1318. Local crafters or anyone wishing to "yard sale" items may rent a space for \$10. Yard sale will be held 10am-2pm.

#### October newsletter deadline is Sept 11

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

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