

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)

Service of Ordination for David G. Butz

Sunday, August 14th at 3:00pm
Trinity UCC
200 East Market Street
Hallam, PA 17406

David graduated from Lancaster Seminary and has received a call to be the Pastor at Salem (Magely) United Church of Christ, Decatur Indiana. He will begin to serve as their teacher and preacher August 1, 2011. Now is the time for rejoicing and anointing this servant of God as he follows God's calling! Come; celebrate alongside David, and his family, as he is ordained in to the mission and ministry of the United Church of Christ. Trinity UCC is honored to have this service for their member and friend.

Clergy are invited to process with robe and red stole. After the service, a reception will be held in David's honor.

Please come and show your support and love for David as he continues his journey to serve God and the World.

Miracles Happen Again and Again!

In June, the York Association established its 17th Trust Bank with Opportunity International. Seven churches in the York Association contributed to our newest bank. Each church had a vote in determining the location of our new bank and the majority selected KENYA.

Recently with the contributions received from St. Paul's Stoverstown and Emmanuel-Freysville plus the matching funds available. We are almost half-way toward our 18th bank!

Navigating Life's Last Stages

Emmanuel United Church of Christ of York invites all interested persons to attend a four-session program entitled "Navigating Life's Last Stages: What Do I Need to Know and Why?" Most of us enter unknown territory when an illness or situation arises that creates the need to make difficult decisions concerning care surrounding imminent death. Confronting these issues not only helps to clarify matters for the one facing death, but gives much needed direction to family and loved ones who may not know what that person's

wishes may be. Preparing advanced directives and providing the opportunity to share personal wishes with one's family can enrich the last stages of life. The program will offer the following:

Facing the Difficult Questions - Sunday, August 28, 2011 – 2:00PM

Session one will explore the reasons why we find it difficult to face these questions, why it is important to do so, and the ethical questions concerning advanced care planning. Presented by **Rhoda Hartmann**, BSN, RN, CT, CHPCA, Palliative Care/Bereavement Services at York Hospital.

Funeral Arrangements - Sunday, September 18, 2011 – 2:00PM

Mr. Mark Harris, author of *Grave Matters: A Journey Through the Modern Funeral Industry*. In addition to the traditional choices, more recent alternatives such as "Green Burials" will be explained.

Advanced Directives - Sunday, October 23, 2011 – 2:00PM

Many people believe the assistance of an attorney is necessary to prepare Advanced Directives. This is not the case. **Diane Gerhart**, the Education Coordinator from the Palliative Care Department at York Hospital/WellSpan Health will explain these directives and the options they present. Forms will be available and assistance provided for those interested in completing them.

Support Systems and End-of-Life Care - Sunday, November 13, 2011 – 2:00PM

Dr. Dominic Glorioso, Jr. DO. will offer guidance in how to bridge the gap between the medical community and Hospice. What are the different facets of palliative care? How do we begin family conversations during this difficult time? How do we cope with role reversals?

All sessions will be held at the Yorktown Community Center located at 1059 Kelly Drive, York, PA 17404. Pre-registration is not required; however, knowing how many plan to attend will be helpful in preparing the amount of materials needed. Please email eucc_york@yahoo.com or call Emmanuel UCC at 717-801-1082 to express interest in attending any or all of the sessions. Visit our website for directions. <http://www.emmanuelnyork.org>.

SAFE SANCTUARY: A Faith Based Discussion

Saturday, October 22, 2011

9:00AM-12:00 NOON

Free to Attend

Refreshments provided

HAYSHIRE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

100 Haybrook Drive, York, PA 17406

FOCUS: "Safe Sanctuary" is designed to make our church a safer place by being very intentional about protecting children, and other vulnerable persons from all forms of abuse--sexual, verbal, mental

Presenter: Laura Bair, Pastor at Starview UCC

Register via e-mail to Joyce Mummert @comcast.net or call 717-792-0681

Planned and sponsored by the Disaster Preparedness Committee of the York Association

Wanted: Five Caring Individuals

Are you a caring listener who enjoys serving others? Stephen Ministers undergo 50 hours of training to provide Christian care to individuals dealing with a major life change. Upon completion of the training, Stephen Ministers are assigned to a care receiver who they visit weekly. Stephen Ministers are also required to participate in monthly continuing education sessions.

Lutheran Social Services is looking for five men or women who are interested in this program. Training will be provided in the fall of 2011 for individuals who complete a Stephen Ministry application, a background check, and provide three references; one reference is required to be a pastor. If you are interested in this program, contact Danita Hanna at 854-4313 (dhanna@lutheranscp.org) or Jane Kapp at 845-9438 (jkapp@lutheranscp.org).

Vacation Bible School

Hayshire UCC – York July 31 – August 4 from 6:30 – 8:45pm

On **Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street**, kids will be drawn into stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. But His stories were anything but ordinary! Jesus turned lives upside down and hearts inside out through parables that challenged people to look at themselves and others in new and unexpected ways. Kids will learn of Gratitude, Compassion, Forgiveness, Grace and Faithfulness as they join Heidi Clare-sleuth extraordinaire, Chef Pierre Mon Frere and bus driver Justin Time. Kids will visit Parable Productions – Firehouse Fitness – Sidewalk Celebration – Fun Factory – Brown Bag Bistro along their journey. So come join us on Main Street for an inside-out, upside-down experience like no other...and let Jesus make a difference in YOU!

Around the Association

Locust Grove UCC – York – Chicken barbecue and bake sale on Saturday, August 6th beginning at 11:00 AM, rain or shine. The public is invited. Dinners will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, until sold out. The cost of the dinner is \$7.50. The dinner will include one-half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, dinner roll and butter, cupcake, and beverage. Dinners can be eaten on site or carried out.

Our contact number for the chicken barbecue is 755-1318. To reserve dinners, please leave your name, phone number, and number of dinners. When picking up your dinners, please give your name.

Outdoor Worship and Picnic Brunch – Sunday, August 21st at 9:15am – The Keystone State Quartet will provide the morning's service as a ministry in song. Bring your lawn chairs and a bunch/lunch item to share.

Senior Excursions on the Rail Trail

The York County Department of Parks and Recreation is again sponsoring Senior Excursions in the parks. These rides are designed to transport senior citizens through the parks to see the natural beauty and hear about local history. The "People Mover" trailer is pulled by a pickup truck. Each ride is narrated by Parks Program Coordinator Jeri Jones. Dress for the weather. In the event of rain, the Parks will cancel the trip. The scheduled rides, times, cost and ride duration are as follows:

August 16 – Rail Trail County Park, Seven Valleys Fire Department – Departure at 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Duration is 100 minutes.

September 20 – Rail Trail County Park, New Freedom Train Station – Departures at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Duration is 75 minutes.

October 11 – Spring Valley County Park, Animal Activity Area – Departures at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Duration is 75 minutes.

For more information or to register, call York County Parks at (717) 840-7440.

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy,

please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. To qualify, she must sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along. <http://www.cleaningforareason.org/>. You may not know someone going through chemo, but someone on your email list might. Please forward!

September 2011 Newsletter Deadline is August 10th. The Newsletter will be mailed on August 15th. Newsletter submissions should be addressed to:

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Or

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