

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)

Churches in Transition

Please keep these congregations in your prayers during their time of transition.

- Dover UCC, Dover, Aris Fokas, Interim
- Trinity UCC, Hallam, Bill LaSalle, Interim
- Zion UCC, York, Phil Nace, Stated Supply
- St. Paul's UCC, Dallastown, Pat Mullen, Interim
- St. Paul's UCC, Shrewsbury, Elmer Scofield, Bridge Pastor
- St. Stephen's UCC, West York, Arthur Grahe, Contracted Pastor
- Heidelberg UCC, York, Amy Schultz, Interim

Annual Meeting Date

In response to a request at the 2011 York Association Annual Meeting, the Executive Council has changed the 2012 Annual Meeting to November 11, 2012 at Starview UCC.

The Pulse of Mission: St. John's Heartbeat Is Going Global!

We live in a "global village" where "globalization," "global warming," and "global human rights" are frequent topics at political and economic conferences and summits. Contemporary business models that fail to consider the impact of globalization are doomed to failure right from the outset. And rare is the large manufacturing or shipping business that isn't global.

Having a heartbeat for global mission is essential for contemporary churches, YES, even for the churches of the York Association! But this is nothing new, for the church of Jesus Christ has been going global ever since the Apostle Paul crossed the Aegean Sea and started preaching about Christ in Macedonia. And over a century ago, in 1910, Christians from around the world gathered in Edinburgh, Scotland to strategize about foreign missions. Since then this gathering has

morphed into the World Council of Churches and its many and varied committees and task forces. Christianity has been a global faith since its inception.

On Sunday, January 15, 2012 St. John's United Church of Christ in Red Lion observed a Global Missions Sunday. The service had a two-fold focus on Our Churches Wider Mission through the United Church of Christ, and St. John's strong and growing partnership with the Emuhaya Group of the Disabled in the Luanda region of Kenya. Last year two members from St. John's travelled to our mission partners for a "needs assessment" visit. A future medical outreach has been planned!

The lectionary scriptures (John 1: 43-51) reminded us of the time when Jesus called some disciples to follow him... something the "still speaking God" is doing today! St. John's has begun a special six week prayer emphasis for their planned Kenya Medical Mission to be undertaken in February of 2013. Most of the money has already been raised for this mission: over \$25,000! The trip would have been undertaken this February, except for a strong advisory against travelling to Kenya, issued by the United States Dept. of State on November 4, 2011.

We believe this delay can be used by God! Is your **heart racing** as you hear about this medical mission? Perhaps you have a medical background – dentistry, physician, nurse or therapist – and **you are feeling the pulse of God** to be a part of a global outreach! Then contact Rev. David Tietje, Pastor of St. John's UCC for more information about St. John's Kenya Medical Mission. He can be reached at revdavidtietje@aol.com or by phone 717-515-5731. There is a detailed mission and purpose statement for the project and a tentative itinerary already prepared. Participants will be required to contribute toward the cost of this 2 week mission experience.

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Check out the York Association Web-site. Bob Henry, a member of St. Paul's UCC, Stoverstown, has assumed the duties of web-master and has recently updated the site.

Check out the site for Association and Penn Central Conference events on the calendar. Check out your church information on the church list. The past editions of newsletters are there as well as the Association list of committee members.

Help keep the site up to date by emailing Bob at henry8@comcast.net with dates and changes.

PCC Associate Conference Minister Named

The Penn Central Conference Board of Directors called the **Rev. Dr. Thomas Webster** as the new Conference Associate Minister for Pastoral Leadership and Discernment on Saturday, December 10 at a special board meeting. In this position, Thom will coordinate the work of the Church and Ministry Commission of the conference and support the eight associations' committees on ministry. He will oversee the search and call process for our conference churches and provide leadership and training to our interim/transitional clergy.

He will begin February 15. You will be able to reach Thom at the conference office 717-652-1560 or by e-mail twebster@pccucc.org.

Calling all Youth Group Leaders

30 Hour Famine
February 24 and 25, 2012
Heidelberg UCC, York, PA

Jim Sheets of HUCC is in the process of planning the next 30 Hr Famine to be held February 24 & 25. During this time the youth are entertained by Captive Free on Friday night and Saturday is dedicated to various service projects within the city of York. As always the pledge money we collect goes to World Vision to help the needy of the world.

What is the Famine?- The 30 hr Famine is an event to raise money for World Vision and to raise awareness of the terrible hunger and poverty that they help to alleviate. Participants stop eating from 1 pm on Friday till 7pm on Saturday at which time they are rewarded with a feast. (There are special provisions for children under 12 years of age.) Participants get family and friends to help sponsor their efforts. As the fast goes on they get to experience, in a small way, what many people in the world live with every day. Contact Jim Sheets (sheetsfamily1@yahoo.com) for additional information.

Annual York Association Leadership Banquet

The Parish Life Committee would like to invite you to the Annual York Association Leadership Banquet scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2012. This banquet is for all Church Leaders and those who serve the Church faithfully regardless of whether they hold an official "leadership" position in your congregation. We truly want to honor the clergy and devoted lay persons within our midst!. This year we will be encouraging participation by subsidizing the banquet and only charging attendees for the cost of their meal. Additional expenses including speaker honorariums, service charges and other expenses will be covered by the York Association Parish Life Team. Please mark your calendars and consider attending - additional information including menu choices and cost will be sent in the coming month. Thanks!!

Around the Association

New Hope Fissel's UCC, Glen Rock - Annual Family-Style Ham Supper will hold their Annual Family-Style Ham Supper and Bake Sale on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Serving begins at 3 pm. Tickets are available at the door.. Handicapped Accessible. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the church office at 235-2033. All are welcome!

St. Paul's Red Run , East Berlin - Youth Fun night - February 3 at 6 PM? Open to the community and from 6 PM to 8 PM. Please RSVP to Pastor Sheresa at (717) 318-6865 or the church line (717) 292-3722 by Jan 27th. Target ages are 5-12 years of age. We will be making english muffin pizzas and enjoying some fun games.

March 2012 Newsletter Deadline is February 5th. The Newsletter will be mailed on February 15th. Newsletter submissions should be addressed to:

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