

# NEWS of the 24 Churches of the York Association

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## APRIL 2025 – 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 Community Lenten Services with Lunch,  
Thursdays: Lunch beginning at noon,  
Service at 1 pm**

**“Dreaming God’s  
Dream...  
from Genesis to  
Revelation”**



**March 27:** at St. John's Blymire's UCC,  
1009 Blymire Rd, Dallastown, PA,  
Rev. Rick Pulling , 1 Samuel 13

**April 3:** at Hayshire UCC, 100 Haybrook Dr, York, PA  
Jamie Gruber, Rev. Brenda Marin, Peter in Acts 10

**April 10:** at Trinity UCC, 32 W Market St, York, PA  
17401, Rev. Kellie Turner, Rev. Dr. Dominique  
Denman, Revelation 21 and 7:9-10

**Interested in starting a handbell choir at  
your church but don’t know where to start?**



Elaine Mann, Zion Lutheran’s handbell choir director, and Laine Knaub, music director at Hayshire UCC and Zion Lutheran will be offering a FREE 4-class course on the basics of starting a handbell choir and handbell ringing!

Whether you are a music director, church council or staff, church member, or enthusiast looking to start a handbell choir, Elaine and Laine will provide you with essential information on how to organize a group, develop fundamental ringing techniques, where to find resources, and implement practical strategies for success.

Pre-registration is required. There is a maximum enrollment for 40 people in the class. We encourage you to register as early as possible to help guarantee your attendance.

**Classes will be held at Hayshire United Church of Christ (100 Haybrook Drive, York, PA 17406) from 7-8pm on: May 12, May 15, May 19, and May 22, 2025.**

To register, please call, text, or email Laine Knaub at: [lbeachley@gmail.com](mailto:lbeachley@gmail.com) (717) 781-5602 and you will be sent a link to register online.

Starting a handbell choir can be a rewarding experience that fosters teamwork and musical growth. With dedication and practice, your new group can create beautiful music and bring joy to congregations and audiences.

We hope to see you there!



### Lenten Season 2025 Community Services & Meal Schedule

Order of Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00 PM- Soup-Supper</li> <li>• 7:00 PM- Worship</li> </ul>
Ash Wednesday March 5 <sup>th</sup>	St. Paul’s UCC, Stoverstown
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Lutheran, Jefferson
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. Paul Ziegler’s Lutheran, Seven Valleys
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Peter’s Lischey’s UCC, Spring Grove
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Paul’s Lutheran, Stoverstown
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Roth’s UCC, Spring Grove
Maundy Thursday April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bethlehem UMC, Jefferson
Good Friday April 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No meal. Start time- 7:00 PM</b> St. Paul’s UCC, Stoverstown

## Around the Association

Trinity UCC & LOGOS Academy present  
**Fame Jr. – March 29, 2:30pm & 7:00pm**

For info please call 717.848.1775

**Locust Grove UCC,  
1035 Locust Grove Road, York**

will have a **Chicken BBQ Dinner and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 11am.** Dinner consists of ½ BBQ chicken, a baked potato, applesauce, roll & butter, cupcake, and a bottle of water. Dinners are served downstairs from the Social Hall; they may be Eaten In or Carried Out. Cost is \$12. You may pre-order by calling 717-755-1318, please leave your name, phone number, and the number of dinners you wish to purchase. SERVING UNTIL 2PM OR SOLD OUT. RAIN OR SHINE.

Our next Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 11am.

**New Hope Fissel's UCC  
3426 Fissels Church Rd, Glen Rock,  
Free Coffee and A Prayer**

Fissel's Drive-Thru with FREE Coffee and A Prayer each Friday morning is returning on **Friday, April 4th through Friday, May 9th from 7:00 AM - 8:00 am.** Setup time is 6:45 AM. Two volunteers are needed each Friday. Please contact Don or Connie Markle 717-235-3316 or donconni44@gmail.com to volunteer and pick your date. Thank you!

**New Hope Fissel's UCC  
Easter Bunny Egg Hunt**

Please invite your family & friends to our Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny on **Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 am** for children ages 12 & under. Look for the Easter Bunny at the Pavilion!



### CoM - SAVE THE DATES PLEASE

The York Association Council on Ministry requests that churches in the Association reserve the following Sunday afternoons for possible Ecclesiastical Councils: **May 18 and September 14.** Thank you!

**Hayshire UCC - 100 Haybrook Dr – York  
River City Singers**

**Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00pm**

Join the **River City Singers** for their 2025 Spring Concert, "When all else fails, PERHAPS LOVE". Admission is free with a reception to follow. A free-will offering will be taken. Harrisburg's River City Singers is a community chorus, coming together to sing songs of hope and love.

*"Our mission is to serve our community by sharing choral music through high quality performances; to welcome volunteer singers and instrumentalists from all ages, faiths, ethnicities, and gender identities; to dedicate ourselves to the pursuit of musical excellence. We strive to be: - open and accepting to any who wish to share our journey; - a group that members want to be part of, not only for making music, but because of the need to be a voice for the voiceless, the need to create community, and the need to have fun together"*

**Heidelberg UCC, 47 W. Philadelphia St, York  
Friday, April 4, 2025 – 6:00pm**

Plan to stop by and spend York's First Friday at the Heidelberg Coffee House. Musicians, Soji & Ian will be on the auditorium stage at 6:30pm and Dick Frey, organist, will be playing the Austin pipe organ in the sanctuary.

### York Association Council Meetings are Open

Anyone in the York Association UCC is welcome to listen to the York Association Council meetings. If you have an idea for strengthening our Association, and would like to put it on the agenda, at least one week prior to a scheduled meeting contact the Council President, Rev. Dave Martin, at [pastorstpaulsstoverstown@comcast.net](mailto:pastorstpaulsstoverstown@comcast.net). The 2025 meetings are on **Tuesday, May 13, July 22, September 16, and October 21 at 6:30 pm** at St. Paul's UCC (Stoverstown). A Zoom link will be published the month of each meeting.

### Attn: York Association UCC Clergy and MIDs

York Association Clergy and MIDs will meet on **Wednesday, April 9, at 11 am** for brunch at Lion's Pride Restaurant in Red Lion.

*The next newsletter, MAY, will be  
emailed April 20.*

*Please send articles to  
[news@yorkassociationucc.org](mailto:news@yorkassociationucc.org)*

*by April 18.*

*Thank You!*